

Bramerton Parish Council held on 17th November 2014
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present :Mr R Bennett (Chairman), Mr. D.Blake, Mrs J Coles, Dr A Darwood,
Mr G.Shaw, and Mr B Ansell (Clerk),
Apologies for absence Mrs B.Hawes & Mr R.Smith
Also present Councillor S Thomson. and three parishioners.

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4.64 Declaration of Interests –Planning appeal – R Bennett (near neighbour).

14.65 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th September 2014 which had been circulated, were approved .

Matters arising

14.66 Collection of waste from The Common.

The Chairman welcomed District Councillor from SNDC to the meeting and expressed the Council's gratitude for SNDC assistance in managing this problem which had arisen following the withdrawal of collections by the Broads Authority at the end of March.

The Chairman outlined the options which had been discussed at the previous meeting. It had been hoped that the Officers from SNDC would again attend to present their proposals to the Parish Council.

The parishioners present expressed their concerns that doubling the size of the store and bins could exacerbate the problems with all saying that without their involvement , monitoring and ensuring the litter was placed in bins (the refuse staff would only take away the rubbish in the bins – not left adjacent to the bins) the situation would have been much worse. General cleanliness of the site was being undertaken by parishioners.

Keith Wheeldon stated that he would take legal advice if the store was enlarged. At the very least, the Bins should be fitted with lids and access needed to be kept clear for users and for emptying by SNDC. The parking area allocated for Holly Cottage should be moved to ensure the doors can be opened.

SNDC had previously explained that they had tried to combine the weekly collection into the current schedule although problems had arisen on alternate weeks as all vehicles in our area were covering “recycling” which necessitated a vehicle from the west coming across to empty the bins. The Bins had progressively grown in size and currently a 1100 litre bin was placed in the store – ideally for a fortnightly collection 2 bins were thought to be required

which would also mean increasing the size of the store.

The remaining option was to remove both bins and store which was supported by the parishioners who had undertaken looking after the site. Whilst Bramerton Common was a public space, it was regarded as privately owned as it was owned by the Parish Council. Any litter would not be removed by SNDC as “fly tipped”. However, as tenants, the Broads Authority were responsible for keeping the Quayside tidy and as most of the rubbish emanated from the boats (mainly private craft) it was suggested that the Rangers should monitor the area more closely than they do. All three options would be discussed at the next meeting when hopefully costed proposals would be available.

14.67 Village Sign - Mark Williams had suggested a start date of January 2015 for re-instatement.

14.68 Audit & Payroll – The Chairman confirmed a letter of engagement with Adepta Accountants (Jacquie Clarke) had been exchanged and similar arrangements and costs as had been with agreed with the late Chris Dix would continue to apply.

- 1 14.69 District Councillor’s Report – Sue Thomson tabled her Report noting that the South Norfolk Local Plans was currently the subject of the Inspectors hearing at the SNDC Offices. A separate paper on the search for Travellers Sites was also tabled. Finally she reminded Councillors of the availability of grants from herself and the area funds.
- 1 14.70 County Councillor’s Report – Councillor Roger Smith’s report had been circulated to Councillors.
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- 3 14.71 Parishioners Questions – The problems of flooding at Hall Corner and the efforts to alleviate the problem were explained by Roger Smith at the last meeting. No update was available.
- 4 The recent outing by Carrow Road Yacht Club to Bramerton Common with BBQs music, tents and overnight stay earlier in September had created disturbance to residents, broke local rules and created a general nuisance. The Clerk had written to complain of their conduct and the exchange of correspondence had been circulated.
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- 6 14.72 Correspondence

Clerks & Councillors Direct – Magazine -received.

.NCC – Budget & Priorities for 2015/18 / Flu Jobs

Broads Authority – Re Branding “The Broads National Park”

Oil Club – Supply of Heating Oil.

14.73 Planning

Bramerton Woods end - Waters Edge – Enforcement Order – ongoing.

SNDC – Consultation

2014/2254 3Church Farm Barns – Proposed Garden Room – Recommend - Approve.

2014/0025 Neil Walker Orchard House Appeal against refusal. Separate appeal over exclusion from Local Plan.

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14.74 Finance

The Clerk tabled the Schedule;

Balance; @16th October 2014- £12,073-25

Receipts- Precept - £3060 PCC Donation to Churchyard £462-55

Grants – Church Clock maintenance £184-00

Payments

100956 B. Ansell - Clerks Sal/Admin (Oct/Nov) £337-53

100957 HMRC -PAYE - £72-20

100958 Homebase bulk play bark/ 3 picket panel fences £272-94

100959 Bramerton PCC Clock Tower maintenance £184-00

The Schedule was approved for payment by Rob Bennett, seconded by Joan Coles and passed for payment.

Norse Contract 2015 Value £1798-69 +Vat(Churchyard £859-71 included).

Precept setting – It was agreed to hold a further meeting on Monday 5th January 2015 at 7-30pm. Geoff Shaw tabled a budgetary paper setting out income and expenditure likely to be incurred or received in 2015.

14.75 Parish Land and Property

a, Parish owned land – Registration.- Awaiting confirmation from Mills & Reeve that all documents had now been submitted to HM Land Registry (copies would be retained at Mills & Reeve (Cambridge Offices) and by the Clerk).

b, Grazing Field - The grazing was being monitored for topping.

c, Allotments – All 13 tenants had been accommodated although some had not cultivated this year.. A list will be passed to Geoff Shaw.

d, Village Pond – Tony Darwood & Geoff Shaw had met with Norwich Fringe and discussed a response on “reed cutting” - still awaited.

e, Gates – repairs this year will include the bowls gate and the small wooden gate.

f, Play area – It was agreed to hold off the Inspection until next year to allow works to be done including bark topping.

G, Tree Warden – The Chairman agreed to assume all Brenda Hawes duties for the time being and the Parish Council's thoughts and prayers at this time were extended to both Brenda & Chris and their family.

H, Tree Week – trees/ hedging for patching hedges along Hill House Road – collection to be advised to Tony Darwood.

I, Flooding – still prevalent at Hall Corner.

J, The Street – Higham's Hedges –Highways requested to clear footpath along The Street.

K, Hedge on The Common – trimming required – Chairman had tabled quotes and appointed contractor.

L, Jubilee bench – Requires staining and cleaning- Tony Darwood

m, Lease with Broads Authority – Correspondence circulated. It would appear Broads Authority would wish to continue without liabilities!

14.76 Parish Council elections – The Clerk reminded Councillors of elections in 2015 – any Councillors standing down would need replacements – an election in 2015 should be achievable.

14.77 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 26th January 2015

Dates for 2015 are 26/01; 23/03; 18/05; 27/07; 28/09; 23/11.APM 27/04

Meeting closed 21-27hrs