

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), C Croot, A Therin, G Mulley & Cllr Mrs C Stainer.  
B Cllr Mrs S Mildmay-White, C.Cllr. Mrs K Soons, PC Paul Fox & Neighbourhood  
Watch Co-ordinator Andy Tucker.

Apologies: Marilyn Bottomley. Nicola Smith

Public Forum – there were no matters raised.

The meeting was opened at 19:30

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mulley - Item 7 Finance  
Cllr C Croot - Item 7 Finance  
Cllr C Stainer - Item 7 Finance

The book was signed.

DISPENSATIONS – None

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9<sup>th</sup> JAN 2019

Following some amendments of an incorrect date in the minutes, it was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Therin, seconded by Cllr Squirrell – All in favour.

The minutes will be signed, but will need to be resigned when produced by the Clerk to ensure the page numbers are correct for the records.

**The meeting recessed for the next item.**

REPORTS

**C Cllr – K Soons** - Cllr Soons provided a run through of her report discussing some of the budget information and it was also sent via email. There is a consultation on fire and rescue. The report has been uploaded to the [website](#).

C Cllr Soons provided the reference number for the investigation in to a dead tree (Ref.176222) and stated that it would help if we could request an update on behalf of Joe Rush.

**B Cllr – Mrs Mildmay-White** – Cllr Mildmay-White provided a run through of her report which was emailed to the Parish Council. In addition, at the last meeting Cllr Mulley asked some questions around the recycled waste. ~12% of the waste is considered to be un-recyclable. Mixed paper goes to Vietnam, baled newspaper to China, steel and plastic to the UK. Large plastic goes to Hong Kong.

She updated the meeting that the council tax has now been changed to being collected by the new council and asked us to remind people that the West Suffolk Council WILL NOT contact you for bank details. Direct debit payments will automatically move over to the new organisation, but standing orders will need to be updated with the new details for the new Council payment account.

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There was a request for anyone who may have any housing need to register on the council website. Both councils passed the housing deliverability test, so they avoid any sanctions. The report has been uploaded to the parish [website](#).

Cllr Mulley asked if B Cllr Mildmay-White had received the questions around the ACV on the old Public House. She had and already responded.

Cllr Mulley also had a question around rights of way and their registration. How can we obtain a copy of the definitive view of what footpaths are registered? The footpath officer has the definitive map. C Cllr Soons asked Cllr Mulley to send her an email and she will contact the necessary person.

**Village Hall** – We had had 2 Bradfield Nights and 2 Quizzes since the last meeting. The screening of the Rugby match had helped and had good attendance. The next plan for the hall is to try to alleviate the lack of storage and the plan is currently to obtain a shipping container to place behind the hall for the additional storage. It was reminded that due to the success of the previous summer events, there will be another ‘large’ event in August.

**Neighbourhood Watch/ Police – Andy Tucker & PC Paul Fox**

12 months ago, the Chairman of the Suffolk NW organisation asked if Andy could take on the Bury East area. He is trying to improve the networking between the villages and within the villages. Dick Hampshire is our co-ordinator and he was praised for how active he is.

Once the constabulary release the local crime stats he pulls out the necessary information and sends them out. He is signed up to Police Connect / Twitter / Facebook and the updates from those locations are pushed out to his contacts via different channels. Nextdoor.com – this reaches about 800 people with about 81 in BSG. 200 via the Bradfield Combust Facebook page and others via direct email totalling about 1200 people.

There is a dedicated page in the St Edmund Way benefice magazine. The networking is very health and growing.

For last year the average number of crimes reported per month is 6 and the year before was 9. The 6 crimes per month covers all 14 categories from minor to serious. Compared with the Bury St Edmunds reporting area, Suffolk as a whole and nationally our crime stats are very low.

The crime stats can be found from the [police.uk site](#) and entering our post code.

PC Paul Fox is the community engagement officer and works in the safer neighbourhood team. His role is to find different ways to engage people, go along to fetes / meetings etc. He runs the Facebook/ Twitter feeds for Bury St Edmunds Police. On average these are seeing around 10,000 views. He has requested that people follow those social media feeds.

Andy Tucker offered to provide a flyer that we could use for a mail drop and also have available at the various village hall events.

Cllr Therin mentioned that there was a burglary at a neighbouring house and they used the 101 service and felt that it was very good and also the victims of the burglary had good support.

**The meeting reconvened.**

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PLANNING**Planning Consultation - DC/18/2496/OUT, 27 Hollybush Corner Update**

There was a meeting of the planners today and it was decided that it will go to committee. Likely to be the early April meeting.

**Planning Consultation - DC/19/0172/OUT, Oakage Garden Plot**

Following discussion around the location, the trees, the development boundaries etc. it was proposed to support the application with various conditions / comments.

Cllr Croot proposed, Cllr Stainer seconded. 3 supported, 0 opposed, 2 abstained.

The points to make in the comments:

- No removal / damage of existing trees
- 2 small to medium size properties
- Location of property with respect to the root stock of trees
- Ensuring visibility splays are sufficient for safety

Cllr Therin will pull together the text to add for reply to the planning office.

UPDATE ON CLERK

A letter has been sent to request a meeting with Marilyn and it was indicated that she wouldn't be able to make such meeting. It was agreed that we will initiate a termination of employment letter based upon the advice from the Suffolk County Council Suffolk legal department.

FINANCE

An update of the current situation was discussed and Cllr Therin went through some queries for various payments to update the current financial situation.

We have received a £5 cash payment from Mr Aves for the allotment. It was resolved at the meeting that as he is no longer a resident of the village, then the payment should be returned and he should vacate the allotment.

470 **Cheques for payment:** The following cheques were approved for payment and signed.

Village Hall Hire	£20.00	Chq 771
HMRC (National Insurance and PAYE)	£219.55	Chq 772

Proposed by Cllr Therin, seconded by Cllr Squirrel – all in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

A performance group contacted the Parish Council about their travelling performances of 'The Christmas Carol'. It was proposed by Cllr Squirrel, seconded by Cllr Therin that we should pay for a performance of the play for the Parish. All were in favour. The expectation is that it would be held in the village hall and entrance would be free.

There was no other correspondence for this meeting.

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AOB

Request for an agenda item on a defibrillator for the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 (APCM & APM)

Expected dates for future meetings:

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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