

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 2019

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), C Croot, A Therin & G Mulley.
D. Cllr Mrs S Mildmay-White & C.Cllr. Mrs K Soons.
Two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Stainer.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Noted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

The following matters were raised during public forum:-

Residents commented on the planning applications considered at item 6 below.

3. INTERESTS

3.1 No declarations of interest received.

3.2 No dispensation applications received

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATED 15th and 29th MAY 2019: the minutes of the Council meetings held on 15th and 29th May were **APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record of those meetings. Proposed By Cllr C Croot; seconded by Cllr A Therin - all in favour.

5. REPORTS

5.1 County Council report. C Cllr Soons presented her monthly report and highlighted; (1) the proposed cancellation of the existing bus route serving Bradfield St George; she invited residents adversely affected by these proposals to contact her so she can lobby the County Council to retain the service, if requested; (2) her willingness to set up face to face meetings between residents/the Council and the new Rougham-based community engineer, Matthew Fox.

Those present reported that the CC maintenance team appeared to have damaged signage/bollards within the Parish when trimming verges recently; C Cllr Soons urged those present to report the damage online, using photos and dates.

5.2 District Council report. D Cllr Mildmay-White presented her monthly report and highlighted (1) the availability of grants for community group projects aimed at tackling loneliness, improve mental health and reducing obesity www.suffolkecf.org.uk/grants218239; (2) pay on exit car parking trial in BSE; (3) national Clean Air Day www.suffolk.gov.uk/airquality and www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/enviroment; (4) the proposed cancellation of rural bus service by SCC including 377/386 service which enables local residents to get to work/hospital – see 5.1 above; (5) current problems with WSDC grass cutting service; (6) ongoing Council Tax Refund scam; (7) the launch of the new West Suffolk Local Plan process. When asked whether locality funding might be available for a new defibrillator, Cllr Mildmay-White suggested that the Council look to other sources of funding in the first instance, such as British Heart Foundation.

5.3 Village Hall – Cllr Mulley reported on current plans for a beer and music weekend on 24 August.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS

DC/19/1155/FUL planning application for vehicular access to serve agricultural building DC/19/1158/P3QPA (prev application DC/18/1095/FUL) at Broom Hall Freewood Street

The meeting considered the proposals (almost identical to previous application), comments from residents regarding the SCC vision splay criteria (0.6m max bank height) and responses from the Ramblers Association and Rights of Way Officer and unanimously **AGREED** to supplement and resubmit its objection to these proposals.

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7. TO CONSIDER

7.1 Solstice House/Fox and Hounds ACV renewal; the meeting heard that the ACV has been renewed for five years.

7.2 Application for churchyard maintenance grant. An application for £550 had been received for maintenance of Bradfield St George churchyard. The Clerk highlighted that legal clarification has recently been provided by SALC on this issue. It was **AGREED** to defer this application to the next meeting to allow for the guidance to be reviewed.

8. FINANCES

8.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for May-June 2019; TO FOLLOW

8.2 To receive and approve quarterly financial summary to 30 June 2019; TO FOLLOW

8.3 To approve cheques to be issued;

The following cheques were unanimously **APPROVED**:-

8.3.1 Village hall hire - £40 cheque number 777.

It was **AGREED** to cancel the subscription to Clerk and Council Direct.

8.4. Annual audit; the meeting heard that Cllr Therin has almost completed the paperwork necessary for the internal audit. It was **AGREED** that the new clerk would work with him to complete and submit the necessary paperwork and ensure external audit requirements are also met.

It was **AGREED** that the Council should register for online banking.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

9.1 CAS information about alterations to Parish insurance effective from renewal;

9.2 SALC guidance on post-election co-options.

10. STAFF MATTER

It was **AGREED** to appoint Catherine Hibbert as clerk to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Croot, seconded by Cllr Mulley – all in favour. This item is the subject of a separate confidential minute.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** to meet on the second Wednesday of every other month in the future. The **REVISED** meeting dates for 2019 as follows:-

Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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