

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2019

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), C Croot, A Therin & G Mulley.
WS. Cllr S Mildmay-White; C Cllr K Soons.

Apologies: Cllr C Stainer.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Noted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised during public forum.

3. INTERESTS

3.1 Cllrs GM and CS declared an interest in items 5.3 and 8.3 below to the extent they are Trustees of the Village Hall Management Committee;

3.2 No dispensation applications received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATED 11th SEPTEMBER 2019:

the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th September were unanimously **APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. REPORTS

5.1 County Council report. C Cllr K Soons presented her reports for October and November and highlighted; (i) the recent County Council re-shuffle; (ii) the election helplines available to residents; (iii) the continuing availability of central heating grants via SCC; and (iv) the availability of further SCC locality funding after March 2020. Discussion followed about the possibility of SCC funding for any community apple press proposal which might be brought forward.

5.2 West Suffolk Council report. WS Cllr Mildmay-White presented her monthly report and highlighted; (i) the availability of remaining WSC locality funding before March 2020; (ii) the importance of engagement by the local community with the SHELAA 2019 consultation (see item 7.2 below).

5.3 Village Hall; Cllr Mulley reported on; (i) the recent successful fireworks event; and (ii) the purchase of a new dishwasher for the village hall kitchen.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS

The following notifications were noted:-

6.1 DC/19/1482/HH planning approval for conversion and extension of barn to 5 no bay cartlodge with associated alterations to driveway at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George IP30 0AG.

6.2 TPO/003/2019 – confirmation of tree preservation order off Felsham Road.

7. TO CONSIDER

7.1 Response to the West Suffolk Local Plan: 2019 sustainable settlements review; it was **AGREED** that no comments were required.

7.2 Response to the West Suffolk Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Consultation 2019; it was **AGREED** to respond that the Council supports the WSC preliminary conclusion that site WS247 should not be included as a housing site within the WS SHELAA 2019 sites.

7.3 To agree a response to the Local Government electoral boundary review; www.lgbce.org.uk; it was **AGREED** that no comments were required.

7.4 To consider whether to make any nominations to the SALC Board. It was **AGREED** that the Council would not make any such nominations.

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8. FINANCES

8.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for September-October 2019; received and **APPROVED**. A councillor **AGREED** to review the broadband provider for the next meeting. It was noted that demands for allotment rent for 2019/2020 had been issued and it was **AGREED** that a notice advertising the availability of allotment space would be posted to the website.

8.2 To receive and approve quarterly financial summary to 30 September 2019; received and **APPROVED**.

8.3 To approve cheques to be issued;

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

Detail	Cheque no	Net (of VAT)	Vat	TOTAL
SALC payroll	786	16.50	3.30	19.80
Business Services at CAS Ltd	785	186.73		186.73
SALC subs	787	179.54		179.54
Suffolk.cloud - webhosting	788	100.00		100
West Suffolk Council exps	789	21.34		21.34
Village Hall – room hire	790	20.00		20.00

8.4. To minute that a budget has been set for 19/20; NOTED.

8.5 To approve budget for 20-21; draft budget for 20/21 **APPROVED**.

8.6 To approve precept request for 20-21; it was **AGREED** that the precept request for 20/21 of £5,400 would be submitted.

8.7 To approve reserves policy. The following reserves policy was **APPROVED** and it was **AGREED** to transfer the sum of £9,000 into an earmarked village project fund.

*BRADFIELD ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL - RESERVES POLICY - APPROVED 13 Nov 2019
 REVIEW DATE: Nov 2020*

The reserves of Bradfield St George Parish Council are held for the purposes of one or more of the following:-

- i. improving the quality of the Parish's amenities;*
 - ii. promoting the village and encouraging visitors by the use of all forms of communication;*
 - iii. strengthening and encouraging community cohesion; and/or*
 - iv. Optimising the Council's administrative costs, assets and income from assets;*
- and shall be allocated as follows:-*

General reserves: Up to £5,400 being the level of the precept for the forthcoming year.

Village Projects Fund: £9,000.

There was discussion about purchasing a replacement bench out of reserves.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

The following correspondence was **NOTED**:-

9.1 PCSO partner funding leaflet dated 7/10/19;

9.2 Correspondence between Brettenham PC/ C Cllr/ BSG PC re bus service;

9.3 Shaping Suffolk invitation dated 30/9/19;

9.4 Affordable housing guide dated 24/9/19;

9.5 SALC e-bulletin dated 24/9/19; 11/10/19;1/11/19;

9.6 Planning department September 2019 newsletter;

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- 9.7 Parish Engagement event flier;
- 9.8 Expression of interest in co-option –various;
- 9.9 Information from SALC on website accessibility regulations;
- 9.10 Email dated 21/10/19 from WSC planning enforcement.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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