

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2020

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

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

A letter was received from a resident asking for traffic calming measures at Smallwood Farmhouse. It was **AGREED** that the Council would endeavour to set up a meeting on site (KS/AT/resident) to review the situation further.

A resident had raised the issue of poor broadband coverage in the village; it was suggested that he write to Clyde Selley at Openreach to ask for the parish to be included in the fibre roll-out programme and copy C Cllr Soons into the correspondence.

3. INTERESTS

3.1 None.

3.2 No dispensation applications received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 8th and 15th JULY 2020
the minutes of the Council meetings held on 8th and 15th July were unanimously **APPROVED**.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Suffolk County Council report. SC Cllr Soons presented her report, a copy of which is uploaded onto the website. The issue of anti-social moped activity in the village was discussed; neighbouring villages are similarly affected; WCS Cllr agreed to copy the Council in on her relevant correspondence with the police made on behalf of Rougham PC.

KS left meeting at 7.55pm.

5.2 West Suffolk Council report. WS Cllr Mildmay-White presented her report, a copy of which is uploaded onto the website;

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS (taken out of turn)

7.1 DC/20/1243/VAR Proposal Planning Application - Removal of conditions 3 and 5 of DC/20/0690/FUL to allow the hiring of the manege and for the manege to be used on a commercial basis Location Keats Farmhouse Church Road Bradfield St George IP30 0DQ It was noted that this application to vary conditions had been submitted just weeks after the original permission had been granted and indeed before the development has been fully completed. The planning conditions relating to commercial use/ hiring were imposed for the planning reasons set out in the associated decision letter; it was premature to permit any variation to these conditions before the facility has even been put into use. The Council resolved to **OBJECT** to the variation.

7.2 DC/20/1003/FUL re-consultation in respect of a planning proposal

proposal - 1no. dwelling with detached garage (following demolition of existing dwelling) at Abbots Hall , Smallwood Green, Bradfield St George, IP30 0AL; The Council considered the amended proposals and resolved to; (i) reiterate the comments it had previously made in relation to this application in July 2020; and (ii) continue support in principle for the amended scheme.

7.3 DC/20/1368/FUL planning application for (i) conversion of barn to 1no. dwelling (ii) 2no. bay carport - following prior approval DC/17/0864/PMBPA at barn To North West Of Bilfri Cottage Felsham Road, Bradfield St George IP30 0AD Following discussion it was noted that the scale and height of the proposed car port was excessive in relation to both; (i) the barn conversion; and (ii) the proposed use as a car port. The Council resolved that it had no objection in
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principle to the conversion of the barn to a dwelling, but if the planning authority was minded to grant approval, the design of the car port should be amended to ensure that the scale and height of the carport is commensurate with both the proposed use of this structure as a carport and with the scale of the barn conversion itself.

7.4 To receive planning notifications

The following decision was **NOTED**: DC/20/0831/FUL Bilfri Dairy Felsham Road Bradfield St George IP30 0AD; Planning Application - (i) Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling (Class C3) (retrospective) (ii) single storey rear extension (iii) change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage: **Approved**.

5.3 Village Hall; CS presented her report (attached to these minutes).

6. COVID-19

No matters raised.

8. TO CONSIDER

8.1 Proposal to purchase new defibrillator

The meeting considered quotes from Community Heartbeat Trust and London Hearts (British Heart Foundation had declined to tender) it was **AGREED** to purchase a Lifeline VIEW defibrillator at £1765 exc VAT (includes ShockBox sentry locked heated cabinet; signage pack; rescuer safety pack; delivery) plus up to £510 to cover annual support, training and installation (if required).

8.2 Proposal regarding dog waste bins. The merits of bringing a paid for dog waste bin service to the village were discussed. It was **AGREED** to pursue the purchase of a red dog waste bin (circa £90) which will be emptied each week by WSC (£157pa), subject to identifying a suitable location and post – preferably near to the end of a footpath. CS/clerk to pursue.

8.3 To agree response if any to the NALC consultations on planning. It was **NOTED** that no response was required from this Council; Councillors would familiarise themselves with the programme of legislative change in this area being brought forward by the government.

8.4 To consider whether the eligibility criteria for the general power of competence pursuant to the Localism Act s8(2) have been met. The Council noted that the clerk had passed the Cilca qualification. As the majority of Councillors were returned by the election process, the eligibility criteria for the general power of competence had been met and the Council accordingly **DECLARED** that it would adopt the General Power of Competence.

8.5 Insurance renewal The meeting reviewed the renewal documents and confirmed that; (i) insurance cover was adequate; and (ii) **AGREED** the renewal terms (year 2 of a 3 year commitment).

It was **AGREED** that the clerk should proceed to purchase the apple press which would be stored at the village hall.

9. FINANCES

9.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for July-August 2020; received and **APPROVED**.

9.2 To Approve payments. The following online payments were **APPROVED**.

Detail	Invoice number	Net (of VAT)	Vat	TOTAL
BT VH wifi	DD	55.00	11.00	66.00
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Business Services at CAS Ltd	online	186.73		186.73

9.3 To receive amended internal audit report - received and **NOTED**.

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

10.1 Collaborative communities Board Newsletter

10.2 SALC e bulletins

10.3 WSC email dated 17/8/20 re availability of community chest funding

10.4 Correspondence re existing public space protection orders (dogs) 2017

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- 10.5 Suffolk Green access strategy
- 10.6 Info on Quiet Lanes initiative
- 10.7 Crime stats
- 10.8 Email re traffic at Smallwood Farmhouse.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

12. STAFF MATTER

12.1 To resolve to exclude public from the meeting to enable a confidential matter to be discussed. APPROVED.

12.2 To receive and consider a confidential report. A confidential report was received and the recommendations were **APPROVED.**

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

Attachment to item 5.3

Bradfield St George Village Hall
Chair's Report September 2020 – CS

The hall continues to remain closed for public events and most private hirers, but we have begun to be open for our two regular users who run classes: upholstery and yoga. Both teachers are adhering to strict Covid safe practices and we are using an outside cleaner to clean in between each booking. The generous government grant has enabled us to pay for the cleaner without having to raise our prices to hirers.

Anyone who goes into the hall for whatever reason is asked to sign in and out for the purposes of contact tracing should the need arise.

There is also hand sanitiser and tissues by the doors into the hall along with signs and notices advising on safe behaviour.

Locks have been fitted onto the outside doors of both sets of toilets to ensure that only one person at a time is using them. Cloth towels have been replaced by paper towels. The kitchen is currently not being used and people are asked to bring their own food and drink. The chairs are being stored in the kitchen to make space for yoga mats to be spaced out around the hall.

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