

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), G Mulley, C Stainer, C Croot, J Peck & A Therin.  
C Hibbert (clerk).  
SC Cllr K Soons. One member of the public.

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

**1. APOLOGIES**

TW; WS Cllr S Mildmay-White.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following matters were raised in public forum;(i) an update was sought on a previous request to review the 30mph limits around the village; the meeting heard that SCC has confirmed that the current lack of accident data in the village does not support any change of speed limit; (ii) concern about delay to the phone kiosk renovation project – see item 7.6 below; (iii) Request for an update on local Jubilee celebration plans – see item 7.8 below.

**3. INTERESTS**

3.1 CC, GM and CS declared an interest in items 5.3 and 8.3 as Trustees of the VHMC.

3.2 No dispensation applications were received.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATED 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021.**

The minutes of the Council meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 were unanimously **APPROVED**.

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 Suffolk County Council report.** A copy of S C Cllr Soons' report was received and will be uploaded onto the website. Discussion followed about; (i) the ongoing SCC county-wide street light upgrade; (ii) the deteriorating condition of the road over the railway bridge at Little Whelnetham. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would upload photos to SCC (cc to KS); (iii) the SCC response to the Council's correspondence regarding unnecessary road closure/diversion signage; (iv) the current availability of booster jabs for 16-17 year olds.

**5.2 West Suffolk Council report.** In her absence, WS Cllr S Mildmay-White's report will be uploaded onto the website.

**5.3 Village Hall report.** A copy of the VHMC report was received and is attached to these minutes.

**6. PLANNING AND APPEALS**

**6.1 To receive planning notifications.**

The following planning notifications had been received;-

Householder planning application - a. single storey rear extension b. verandah and raising of ground level to create terrace c. cladding to rear elevation - Old Mill House Felsham Road Bradfield St George Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0AD

Ref. No: DC/21/1810/HH | Status: Application Granted | Case Type: Planning Application

Application - one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) - Abbots Hall Smallwood Green Bradfield St George IP30 0AL

Ref. No: DC/21/2078/FUL | Status: Application Granted | Case Type: Planning Application

The meeting informally considered listed building consent application ref DC/21/2445/LB - a. reposition stairs in sitting room b. re-locate existing washroom into back bedroom and add a bath c. reduce the size of the existing washroom by making the wall flush with the chimney breast at Tregarthan Cottage Freewood Street Bradfield St George IP30 0AY and **AGREED** that no comments should be submitted, the work being largely internal.

**7. TO CONSIDER**

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**7.1 Co-option proposal;** the meeting **AGREED** to co-opt Trevor Wright as councillor; he will be appointed at the next meeting subject to completion of the relevant formalities.

**7.2 Response (if any) to Community Governance Review;** It was unanimously **AGREED** that a no comment response was required.

**7.3 Update on VAS machines/speeding;** the meeting heard that quotes are still being collated.

**7.4 Update on allotment tenancies;** the meeting heard that a plan has been drawn up; six current allotment holders have been identified, contacted, invited to enter into a formal allotment agreement and pay for the current and previous year's rent. A request from Wood Monkey for allotment space was received and **APPROVED** (3 plots at £15pa in total) conditional upon priority being given to village residents upon any future renewal.

**7.5 Update on spending proposals for received locality grant (apple press and wildfowl signage);** The meeting heard that; (i) the apple press is back in stock, albeit at an increased cost. It was **AGREED** that the purchase should proceed at the revised cost of £1,138 inc VAT; (ii) the clerk will check that landowner consent for the placing of the wildfowl sign has been secured; (iii) AT to confirm the spec of signage to be purchased, together with two replacement 30mph roundel signs.

**7.6 Update on Phone kiosk renovation** the contractor is due to return to complete the interior paintwork shortly; shelving will follow.

**7.7 To consider broadband package for village hall;** quotes were sought from Plusnet, BT and Bonline. It was **AGREED** to switch broadband provider to Plusnet (£21 pcm exc VAT plus £4.99 start-up cost – 24 month contract).

**7.8 Platinum Jubilee plans.** Various options were discussed including beacon lighting, a community party, tree planting etc. It was **AGREED** that; (i) these plans should be discussed further by the Village Hall Management Committee; and (ii) the Council would be agreeable in principle to making a financial contribution towards such celebrations.

## **8. FINANCES**

**8.1 To receive and approve the quarterly financial summary to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021;** received and **APPROVED** – copy attached to minutes.

**8.2 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for November-December 2021;** received and **APPROVED**.

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

Detail	Cheque no/online authorisation	Net (of VAT)	Vat	TOTAL
1. BT Wifi	DD	57.30	11.46	68.76
2. BT Wifi	DD	57.30	11.46	68.76
3. JH Squirrell & Son	BACS	185	37	222
4. Suffolk cloud	BACS	100		100
5. CH	BACS		454.16	454.16
6 HMRC	BACS	100.40		100.40
7 VHMC	BACS	20		20
8 SALC	BACS	100	20	120

**9. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS** The following correspondence was received;-

9.1 SALC e bulletins Nov/ Dec;

9.2 West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum letter 1.12.21;

9.3 Info from Anglian Water re support for vulnerable parishioners;

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- 9.4 NHS info on staying well this winter;
- 9.5 Enquiry about found cine film;
- 9.6 SCC Highways response regarding diversion signage for emergency works.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm.

*The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.*

**Attachment 5.3**

Bradfield St George Village Hall; Chairperson's report to the Parish Council - January 2022

Since the writing of the last report in November 2021 there has not been much activity in the hall due to Christmas holidays. There has been one Bradfield Night in early December with modest attendance, possibly because there was no hot food available. The Church held a Christmas Carol event in the hall on December 17 which had a reasonable attendance and was well received by those that attended. Any profit from the bar went into VH funds. There have been a few private bookings and the regular classes have recommenced after their Christmas breaks. The hall is still cleaned on a regular basis. Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) was successfully carried out not long before Christmas. The AGM is being planned and should happen in the next month or so. There is some difficulty in finding a convenient date. A committee meeting will follow the AGM when, hopefully, some provisional plans can be made for 2022, to include some sort of celebration for the Queen's Platinum anniversary. A quiz night is planned for January 22

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**Attachment 8.1 Quarterly financial summary to 31 December 2021**

<b>SUMMARY RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>FOR THE YEAR ending 31/3/22</b>					
<u>2021/22</u>					
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
			£		
Precept			5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Wayleaves			0.00		0.00
Allotment rents			25.00	35.00	-10.00
Misc receipts			462.74		
Santander interest			0.60	10.00	-9.40
VAT			771.40		771.40
			<b>6,759.74</b>	<b>5,545.00</b>	<b>752.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Misc			0	0.00	0.00
Admin Misc -			35.00	100.00	65.00
Audit fees			158.00	300.00	142.00
BT line VH			515.70	550.00	34.30
Clerk's salary(inc			1,109.12	2,350.00	1,240.88
Clerk expenditure			0.00	150.00	150.00
Donations			0.00	100.00	100.00
Footpaths			0.00	150.00	150.00
Grass cutting			0.00	300.00	300.00
Insurance			186.73	200.00	13.27
PCC			0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs/maintenance			361.30	200.00	-161.30
SALC Training			0.00	100.00	100.00
Payroll service			19.00	50.00	31.00
Subscriptions			191.27	300.00	108.73
Stationery			0.00	100.00	100.00
VAT			138.54	0.00	-138.54
Vhall hire			80.00	100.00	20.00
Grants			0.00	250.00	250.00
Contingency			0.00	0.00	0.00
defib				65.00	
bin				180.00	
			<b>2,794.66</b>	<b>5,545.00</b>	<b>2,750.34</b>
<u>Reconciliation of R. &amp; P. Book</u>			<u>Santander account</u>		
Balance b/f 01.04.21	£4,805.43		Balance b/f 1/4/21		£8,956.76
Receipts	£6,759.14		Receipts		£0.60
Payments	-£2,794.66		Payments		£0.00
	<b>£8,769.91</b>				<b>£8,957.36</b>
<b>TOTAL - 2A/cs</b>	<b><u>£17,727.27</u></b>				
<u>Bank Reconciliation balances as at</u>					
Lloyds Balance as at 31.12	£8,769.91				
<b>less unrepresented cheques as at</b>					
	£0.00				
	£8,769.91				
Santander balance as at 31	£8,957.36				
<b>TOTAL Bank Reconciliation</b>	<b><u>£17,727.27</u></b>				

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