

BRADFIELD ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT BRADFIELD ST GEORGE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Cllrs P Squirrell (Chairman), C Stainer, A Therin, G Mulley & J Peck.
C Hibbert (clerk). SC Cllr K Soons; WSC Cllr S Mildmay-White.
No members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Croot & Wright.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

N/a.

3. INTERESTS

3.1 To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest on any item in the agenda; CS & GM declared an interest in items 5.3 as Trustees of the VHMC; AT declared an interest in item 8.2 (expenses claim).

3.2 To consider any applications for dispensations. No dispensation applications were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 19th JULY 2023. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th July 2023 were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Suffolk County Council report. SCC Cllr Soons presented her report, a copy of which will be uploaded onto the website. SC Cllr Soons highlighted the availability of advice on 'no cold calling zones'. Discussion followed about signage for road closures left in place after roadworks have been completed. SC Cllr commented that signage has to be left in place for a few days after roadworks to enable SCC to check that the works have been properly completed.

5.2 West Suffolk Council report. WS Cllr S Mildmay-White presented her report, a copy of which will be uploaded onto the website. Discussion followed about the recent AB Agri development proposal in BSE and the suspension of the sports centre redevelopment at Western Way.

5.3 Village Hall report. The Chairman of the VHMC presented her report (copy attached).

6. PLANNING AND APPEALS

6.1 To receive planning notifications. No notifications received.

6.2 DC/23/1309/FUL Planning application - one dwelling - Location Land Adj Fair Dinkum Felsham Road Bradfield St George Suffolk IP30 0AS; following discussion, and noting that planning permission had been previously granted for a similar proposal which had lapsed it was unanimously **AGREED to SUPPORT** this proposal.

6.3 DC/23/1388/FUL | Planning application - installation of ground mounted solar PV array comprising 26 panels in four rows | Land South Of Hessett Road Bradfield St George Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0BB; noting that this proposal would be well screened from view by hedging, the meeting unanimously **AGREED to SUPPORT** the proposals.

7 TO CONSIDER

7.1 Allotment update; The Innovate Group (formerly Wood Monkey) is no longer occupying the allotments; it was **NOTED** that the offer of a mains water supply has accordingly been withdrawn; the original individual tenant plans to continue a similar charitable operation via the Lyward Colley Trust at the allotments going forward. It was **NOTED** that allotment renewal letters will be sent out shortly. The allotment rent was reviewed and it was **AGREED** to maintain it at its current level.

7.2 Moyses Hall – invitation to purchase artefact; it was **AGREED** to offer a total of £220 for the brooch.

7.3 Grass cutting spec for 2024; the meeting discussed; (i) how best to maintain the green going forward including the number of cuts per annum; (ii) cost; (iii) whether residents/visitors want a manicured appearance /rough ground appearance. Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to prepare a spec for 8 cuts plus 4 strims per growing season and seek tenders from contractors to ensure best value for money. There

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was some inconclusive discussion about using parish council funds to maintain local footpaths which SCC do not maintain.

7.4 Defibrillator awareness session – confirmation of date 14th October 2023; It was **AGREED** that the clerk and CS should advertise the event locally.

7.5 Community Plan update. AT reported he had prepared a draft plan and would circulate this for comment.

7.6 Proposed loan of thermal imaging camera. The Council has expressed an interest in borrowing a thermal imaging camera to identify those properties which might need support with insulation measures etc. Clerk to follow up.

8. FINANCES

8.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for July-August 2023; received and **APPROVED.**

8.2 To approve payments to be issued; the following online payments were **APPROVED.**

Detail	Cheque no/online authorisation	Payment	Net	VAT	Gross
1.	Plusnet/BT	DD - TBC	22.96	4.59	27.55
2.	Plusnet/BT	DD -TBC	22.96	4.59	27.55
3.	West Suffolk Council - election	online	81.91		81.91
4.	CH - wage	online	492.60		492.60
5.	Tax - wage	online	110.20		110.20
6.	VHMC hire	Online	20.00		20.00
7.	CAS - insurance	Online	293.33		293.33
8.	A Therin – grass cut	online	57.75		57.75

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

9.1 SALC e bulletins August/September;

9.2 Twenty’s plenty campaign information.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 8th November 2023** at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Attachment to item 5.3 Bradfield St George Village Hall Management Committee -Chair’s Report to the Parish Council September 2023

- Use of the hall quietens down over the summer with no Bradfield Nights, quizzes and only a few other bookings.
- Various members of the village have borrowed tables and chairs for events happening at home, in return for a donation.
- On August bank Saturday the VH Committee held a beer festival with 2 local bands, both of whom were excellent and very well received, a wide selection of craft beers and ciders, a free bouncy castle and BBQ. The village hall committee were well supported by the wider village both in extra helpers and punters at the event. The weather was not as kind as last year, but many people managed to dodge the heavy showers and a good time was had by all.
- The electrician is due to start the long-awaited lighting upgrade and EICR remedial work next week!
- Quiz nights recommence this weekend, 16 September, and a Bradfield Night is planned for October 6.
- Once again live streaming of rugby matches is happening when England are playing.

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- Plans have already begun for the firework event on November 3.
 - The VH committee have begun planning the refurbishment of the bar.
- Christine Stainer -13 September 2023**

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