

**Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council held at 7.00 pm
at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 5 July 2022**

Present: Cllr L. Fraser (Chair), Cllr S. Turnbull, Cllr R. Purdy, Cllr C. Matthews, Cllr S. Coulam, Cllr D. Swinn,
In Attendance: Carl Thomas,
Members of public present: 17

1 Public Session - 15 minutes - Ref: 2508

A resident asked whether the Council had met with a property developer. The Clerk confirmed that some councillors had met with a property developer and councillors are entitled to meet with anybody at anytime, in the same way as a resident can meet with a councillor to express views or also meet with the developer. The resident questioned the legality of such a meeting and the Clerk reiterated that councillors can meet with whoever they wish at anytime but that any decisions made by Council had to be within a public meeting. The resident further alleged that no consultation with residents had taken place. The Clerk stated that the developer's revised plan was presented at the May meeting and it was the first time either the Council or residents had seen it. The Clerk confirmed that everything had been done that should have been done at that meeting and in order to give residents the chance to view the plans and ask questions of the developer (who was in attendance) then the standing orders at the meeting in May had been suspended for 15 minutes to allow the developer to talk to residents before Council made a decision. This did not to have been done but was allowed to enable engagement. The resident then stated that he had met the developer and then he further alleged that councillor(s) had made a personal gain from their meeting with the developer. The Clerk asked which councillors he was referring to but he declined to name anybody but that he had text messages and emails as proof. The Clerk warned him about making such a serious allegation in a public meeting. The clerk then reiterated that the Councillor in the May meeting had voted to say that the plan presented met with their approval but that the developer would need to submit a formal planning application in due course and that would then come back to the PC for review and decision

A resident asked a question in respect of trees within the village. The Clerk confirmed a tree surveyor had undertaken a survey on Parish Council owned trees recently with no areas of immediate concern. Trees not on land owned by the Council was the responsibility of that land owner and not that of the Parish Council.

2 To receive any reports from external organisations to include Ward Councillors and Police. - Ref: 2509

No reports were available.

3 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2510

Cllr K. Cordwell, Cllr T. Smth (LCC) and Cllr T. Regis (WLDC)

4 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 - being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously on members Register of Interests. - Ref: 2511

None

5 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03/05/22 - Ref: 2512

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr R. Purdy Seconder: Cllr S. Turnbull All in favour

6 Finance Report - Ref: 2513

a) To approve the financial report ending 30/06/22 - Ref: 2514

It was resolved to approve the accounting statements as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr S. Turnbull Seconder: Cllr S. Coulam All in favour

b) To approve the Schedule of Payments - Ref: 2515

It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £6034.02

Proposed: Cllr R. Purdy Seconder: Cllr C. Matthews All in favour

7 Parish Matters

These are draft minutes and have not been formally approved and adopted

a) Provision and progress of allotments - Ref: 2516

The Clerk had circulated a report which was verbally summarised at the meeting.

It was resolved to accept all recommendations in the report and to provide a grant of £3000 to the Allotment Association.

Proposed: Cllr D. Swinn Seconder: Cllr R. Purdy All in favour

b) Progress on proposed play area improvements - Ref: 2517

The Clerk had circulated a report detailing the responses to a recent survey which was in favour of progressing with the play area.

It was agreed to pursue funding options.

c) Action to be taken in respect of peacocks - Ref: 2518

The Clerk circulated a report detailing the results of a recent survey as to whether to re-home the peacocks or for them to remain in the village.

54% voted to re-home whilst 47% voted for them to remain.

The Clerk confirmed that Wolds Wildlife Park had agreed to re-home the birds.

Based on the results and proposals for re-homing it was resolved to re-home the peacocks.

Proposed: Cllr L. Fraser Seconder: Cllr R. Purdy All in favour

d) Review tracking report - Ref: 2519

14129 - Policy Review: Communications Policy

14147 - Policy Review: Scheme of Delegation Policy

It was resolved to adopt all policies

Proposed: Cllr D. Swinn Seconder: Cllr C. Matthews All in favour

8 Clerk's Report - Correspondence Received - Ref: 2520

a) NH / MW / PM / ST / LB - Objection to support of development on old Officers Mess area - Ref: 2521

Letters objecting to a 'planning application' were received. The Clerk had replied advising that this was not a planning application but support of a development and due process would be followed by the planning authority once an application had been submitted to which any objections should be directed.

b) Armed Forces Community Advice Service - Ref: 2522

It was agreed not to support the advice service.

c) PM - Reef Aquatics using Cambridge Crescent. - Ref: 2523

A complaint in respect of Reef Aquatics using Cambridge Crescent had been received. The Clerk had written back to advise that as this was a public highway anybody was at liberty to use the road.

9 Planning Applications - Ref: 2524

None received

10 Date of the next meeting will be 06/09/22 - Ref: 2525

Any agenda items to be received by 30th August 2022.

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm