

Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm

at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 3rd October 2023

Present: Cllr R. Purdy, Cllr S. Turnbull, Cllr B. Preece, Cllr S. Coulam, Cllr N Tracey,

Cllr S. Sumnall,

In Attendance: Chris Bowles (Clerk), Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC)

Members of public present: 10

1. Public Session – 15 Minutes Ref 2762

A member of the public asked if the necessary electrical work in the Bar Kitchen would be completed in time for Christmas. The Clerk stated that that was the intention, subject to council approval, as that was one of the higher priority items on the Electrical Inspection Condition Report. Another member of the public voiced concern about the effectiveness of council communications. The council agreed to consider any specific and costed proposals for improvement.

2. To receive apologies for absence Ref 2763

Apologies received from Cllr L. Fraser

3. 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 2764

None

4. To receive any reports from external organisations to include Ward Councillor Ref 2765

Cllr Smith spoke about the proposed 30MPH limit on Swinehope Road and about planning enforcement.

5. To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th September 2023 Ref 2766

It was resolved to approve these as a true record. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Coulam. Cllr Tracey abstained as she was not present. All others in favour

6. Finance Report

To approve payment of Schedule of Payments Ref 2767

Resolved to approve Schedule, Proposed: Cllr Sumnall, Seconded Cllr Preece. All in favour.

The Clerk informed council that he had taken steps to set up an account with Unity Trust Bank of signatories identities had been verifying with the bank and a "Switch" request from TSB to Unity Trust Bank was in progress

7. To discuss Brookenby Allotments and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2768

The Clerk reported that the water harvesting containers were in place but further pipework needed to be installed to efficiently harvest the water falling on the flat roof.

8. To discuss Children's playground issues and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2769

Cllr Preece updated the meeting on progress and issues regarding the new play park. Suppliers and grant funders were being further explored

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9. To discuss Goal Posts and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2770

Cllr Preece reported that the goalposts had arrived. The ground keeper from De Aston School had kindly offered to help by advising on the marking out of the associated football pitch. Arrangements had been made for them to be erected.

10. To discuss Benches and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2771

The Clerk informed council that one bench had been installed on the hill but it had promptly been vandalised. Nick Church from the allotments association had replaced the broken strut with one from the second bench bringing the bench back in to use. It was decided that the second bench would not be placed on the hill but in a location less vulnerable to vandalism.

11. To Ref discuss the proposed 30mph limit on Swinhope Road 2772

The Parish Council resolved to support the proposal
Proposed: Cllr Coulam. Seconded: Cllr Tracey. All in Favour
The Clerk was asked to communicate this support to LCC Highways Alliance,

12. To discuss Wolds Community Activity Group proposals for outside activity equipment Ref Ref 2773

Cllr Sumnall updated the meeting about the proposal for four items of adult exercise equipment, contractual arrangements and location and ground preparation

13. To review the Electrical Installation Condition report and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2774

Councillors had already received the 17 page document. The Clerk reported that the “C1” faults listed in the report had already been rectified and he would obtain quotes for work to remedy the “C2” faults listed. Until the “C2” faults are permanently remedied, mitigation measures are in place to reduce any potential risk.

14. To review the Non-payment policy and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2775

The Clerk advised the Council that the Council does not and cannot implement this procedure. It refers to other procedures which were never adopted and advocates inappropriate use of Civil Law action as well as referring to a non-existent “Small Claims Court”. The issue of debt is already addressed by “Financial Regulations”

It was resolved to withdraw the Policy. Proposed: Cllr Purdy, Seconded: Cllr Turnbull. All in Favour.

15. Clerk’s Report Ref 2776

Community Centre – Electrical Condition Installation Report inspection received and circulated to Councillors

Correspondence Received

- The proposal for Theatre use and request for relief from standard charges has not been pursued. The individual has re-examined their plans and will look to hire the Theatre in accordance with the charges and condition. Councillors have already approved.

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- Correspondence had been received notifying of two separate schemes for Community Defibrillators. One was fully funded but the other would require a Council contribution
It was resolved that the Clerk should pursue the option for a defibrillator for the northern part of the village, without cost if possible but with a council contribution if not. Proposed Cllr Purdy Seconded Cllr Sumnall
- Lincolnshire Police had finalised their Parish Council liaison arrangements and these would take the form of an online meeting. The first would take place on 14th December 23 and Cllr Purdy would be the Brookenby Parish Council participant. Questions to be answered had been requested in advance, by 22nd October.
- A notice of review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations had been received. This was a regular statutory review carried out by the Returning Officer (WLDC)

Meeting concluded 1948 hrs

Date of the Next Meeting will be 07/11/23