

Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm

at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 7th November 2023

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

Cllr S. Sumnall,

In Attendance: Chris Bowles (Clerk),

Members of public present: 10

1. Public Session – 15 Minutes Ref 2777

Nil

2. To receive apologies for absence Ref 2778

Apologies received from Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC)

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 2779

None

4. To receive any reports from external organisations to include Ward Councillor Ref 2780

None

5. To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 Ref 2781

It was resolved to approve these as a true record. Proposed Cllr N Tracey, Seconded Cllr S. Sumnall. All in favour

6. Finance Report

To approve payment of Schedule of Payments Ref 2782

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

The Clerk stated the switch to Unity Trust Bank was complete and there was now real time access to the account and the ability to, again, pay on-line invoices received.

7. To discuss Brookenby Allotments and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2783

There was no representative of the Allotments Association present but the Clerk reported that he had been in contact and further progressed the formal Licence to occupy and protocols agreement between the Association and the Council.

8. To discuss Children's playground issues and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2784

Cllr Preece updated the meeting on progress and issues regarding the new play park. In addition to consultation on the concept of a playpark and its location, detailed consultation was in progress to determine which pieces of equipment would be preferred by potential users. While it is hoped to give users their first choice, the relative costs of differing equipment would be a factor. Further contact was being made with suppliers and grant funders.

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9. To discuss Goal Posts and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2785

Cllr Preece reported that the goalposts were awaiting installation but when the installers excavated on the playing fields the water pooling in the excavations made installation impossible. Installation will be completed when site conditions allow.

10. To discuss the proposal to financially contribute to “the Flyer” and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2786

Cllr Preece proposed that, starting in the next financial year, financial support of £200 be given to support the distribution of 1 issue per quarter. This would allow council to monitor the arrangement, see if it worked, and decide on whether to continue support. A member of the public present assured the Council that she would ensure distribution to all village addresses. Clerk to ensure clarity of arrangements and commitment to delivery

Proposed: Cllr B. Preece. Seconded: Cllr R Purdy. All in Favour

11. To discuss a change in the Council’s electricity supplier and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2787

The Clerk outlined an opportunity to change supplier to EON, using the Northern Powergrid Network instead of the present “private wire” supply. This offered savings as well as the opportunity to “shop around” in future between multiple suppliers on the national grid and improved resilience. Some electrical work would be needed to connect the EON meter to the existing wiring serving the Community Centre but the cost of the connection was expected to be recouped by the savings within 6 months. The Parish Council resolved to proceed with the change.

Proposed: Cllr S. Turnbull. Seconded: Cllr S. Sumnall. All in Favour

12. To discuss the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2788

It was confirmed that the commemoration at the ABCT memorial immediately outside the Community Centre would take place on Saturday 11th and, provisionally, Cllr S Coulam would lay the Council’s wreath. On Sunday 12th Cllr Sumnall would lay the wreath at the 460 Sqn memorial in Binbrook and Cllr Fraser would lay the wreath at the memorial at the RAF Binbrook Heritage Centre.

13. To discuss Wolds Community Activity Group proposals for outside activity equipment and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2789

Cllr Sumnall reported that she and the Clerk had delivered a form of words regarding land use and management of liabilities that were of use to WCAG in progressing some funding streams. It was now apparent that funders such as Biffa, National Lottery and Grass Roots would require a formal lease before support was given.

Cllr Fraser supported the idea of a lease as he had previously had concerns about the status of the land. It set out, in a legally enforceable way, any agreement made. Additionally it was of document of public record and so aided council transparency. It was proposed to agree to a lease on terms the Council agrees. Proposed: Cllr L Fraser. Seconded: Cllr R Purdy. All in Favour

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14. To review the Electrical Installation Condition report and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2790

The Clerk advised that several electrical contractors had attended the Community Centre to quote for the remedial work identified by the EICR. None had, as yet, submitted a quote despite prompting. Additional contractors were scheduled to visit to quote. In the interim, mitigation measures remain in place.

15. To review the Reserves Policy and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2791

It was resolved to readopt this policy

Proposed: Cllr L Fraser. Seconded: Cllr S. Turnbull. All in Favour

16. Clerk's Report Ref 2792

Community Centre

EDF fitted smart meters to the community Centre's gas supplies on 2nd November which will, hopefully, allow the council's direct debit payments to be more quickly aligned with usage.

Correspondence Received

- Notification had been received from Freeola, the registrar of the council's .gov.uk domain that it would cease to act as registrar and an alternative would need to be sought.
- Cllr Smith had circulated details of the LCC "Social value volunteer days".
- Steve Eason-Harris had circulated a Community Emergency Planning update and it was hoped to attend a briefing on 22 November
- Correspondence had been received notifying that Brookenby had not been successful in applying for one of the 100 the fully funded Community Defibrillators.
The Clerk would pursue the option for a defibrillator for the northern part of the village, with a council contribution as previously agreed (Ref 2776 of 03/10/23
- Cllr Smith had notified of repair work done to street lighting in Hunter Road and an open manhole cover on Swinhope Road.
- Precept documentation had been received from WLDC

Meeting concluded 1937 hrs

Date of the Next Meeting will be 05/12/23