

Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm

at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 5th December 2023

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

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

Members of public present: 5

1. Public Session – 15 Minutes Ref 2793

A member of the public spoke to publicise the Christmas singalong in the Community Centre on 16th December

2. To receive apologies for absence Ref 2794

Apologies received from Cllr S. Coulam, 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 2795

None

4. To receive any reports from external organisations to include Ward Councillor Ref 2796

Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC) spoke about the winter gritting policy by LCC and about a proposed "Devolution Deal" whereby the Office of Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire would be established

5. To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th November 2023 Ref 2797

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

6. Finance Report

To approve payment of Schedule of Payments Ref 2798

Resolved to approve Schedule, Proposed: Cllr S. Turnbull, Seconded Cllr N Tracey. All in favour.

Other Finance issues Ref 2799

The Clerk reported that during the council's management accounts showed named reserves that were no longer relevant. He asked that these reserves be discontinued and be returned to council general funds. Proposed: Cllr R. Purdy, Seconded Cllr S Sumnall. All in favour.

7. To discuss the council Budget for FY 2024/25 and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2800

Different options had been previously circulated to Councillors and a precept request had been prepared to meet their expressed preferences. This precept request was proposed by Cllr B Preece, Seconded Cllr S. Turnbull. All in favour.

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- 8. To discuss Brookenby Allotments and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2801**
There was no representative of the Allotments Association present. A scheduled meeting had had to be postponed due to bereavement and would be rescheduled.
- 9. To discuss Children's playground issues and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2802**
Cllr Preece updated the meeting on progress and issues regarding the new play park. It was stressed that the funding of the new play park would not be met out of the Parish Council budget but would, instead, be grant funded.
- 10. To discuss Goal Posts and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2803**
Goal Posts would be installed when the water table level on the field allowed.
- 11. To discuss Wolds Community Activity Group proposals for outside activity equipment and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2804**
A discussion took place on which land would be most suitable, considering the location relative to other projects. Cllr Sumnall undertook to circulate a plan of proposed location North of the Bar and West of the former Theatre. A representative of Wolds Community Activity Group confirmed that the original plan for 4 pieces of equipment in Brookenby and 4 pieces of equipment in Binbrook, remained unchanged.
- 12. To review the Dignity at Work Policy and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2804**
Revised Procedure adopted
Proposed: Cllr S. Turnbull. Seconded: Cllr R Purdy. All in Favour
- 13. To review the Grievance Policy and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2805**
Revised Procedure adopted
Proposed: Cllr S. Turnbull. Seconded: Cllr N Tracey All in Favour
- 14. To review the Safeguarding Policy and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2806**
- 15. To review the Disciplinary Policy and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2807**
Both policies were thought to be not fit for purpose and would be substantially re-written. Additionally, Discipline and Performance issues would be separated into different policies.
Proposed: Cllr R Purdy. Seconded: Cllr S Sumnall. All in Favour
- 16. To review the Electrical Installation Progress and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2808**
A quotation for work to both remedy EICR defects and connect the new supply had been circulated to councillors. Although each had previously, but separately, been authorised, the Clerk wished the council to approve a costed combined solution for transparency of the process. Approved
Proposed: Cllr S. Sumnall. Seconded: Cllr B. Preece. All in Favour

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17. Clerk's Report Ref 2809

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. These will, however, not operate until the electricity smart meter is also operational. Action is ongoing to see how Centre expenditure can be reduced.

Correspondence Received

- Correspondence had been received from Residents complaining about the lack of winter gritting. This had been covered earlier by Cllr Smith but the Clerk was asked by the Council to write to LCC about a winter gritting route change to include Swinhope Road.
- The Grit Bin at the bottom of Kent Road was reported as being in need of replenishment. This has now been done
- There had been a request from Wolds Community Activity Group in support of Wheels For Life, a bike donation scheme that recycles and refurbishes pre-loved bikes before distributing them to people who do not have the opportunity to own and use a bike. The request was for space to refurbish and store the cycles, once refurbished until distribution. It was resolved to meet the request.

Proposed: Cllr S Sumnall. Seconded: Cllr N Tracey All in favour

Meeting concluded 2010 hrs

Date of the Next Meeting will be 09/01/2024