

### **Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm**

#### **at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 9th January 2024**

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

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

Members of public present: 2

**1. Public Session – 15 Minutes Ref 2810**

A member of the public spoke regarding issues caused by the building site in York Rd. This was discussed at some length including input from Cllr Smith (LCC and WLDC) but it was recognised no effective remedy had been achieved.

**2. To receive apologies for absence Ref 2811**

Apologies received from Cllr S. Coulam,

**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 2812**

None

**4. To receive any reports from external organisations to include Ward Councillor Ref 2813**

Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC) acknowledged the visit to the Community Centre of Emma Foye, Head of Corporate Services WLDC, and himself on 22 December. Cllr Smith had already spoken on the York Road building site issues and again acknowledged the difficulties of enforcement.

**5. To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Ref 2814**

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

**6. Finance Report**

**To approve payment of Schedule of Payments Ref 2815**

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

**Other Finance issues Ref 2816**

The Bank Reconciliation was accepted and it was approved to, in future, pay water bills by direct debit. . Proposed Cllr R Purdy, Seconded Cllr s. Turnbull. All in favour

**7. To discuss Brookenby Allotments and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2817**

Nothing to report

**8. To discuss Children's playground issues and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2818**

Cllr Preece updated the meeting on progress and issues regarding the new play park. Finance was now the main issue. Because the new play park would be grant funded it was necessary to have 3 way negotiations between the Parish Council, grant funders and prospective contactors on what could be achieved for the grants available.

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To comply with equality legislation, and prevent possible injury to children from dog faeces, fencing and gates alone would cost approximately £10,000.

**9. To discuss Planning Application 147688 and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2819**

There were no objections to the application but there were observations that previously applications had been granted with conditions which had not been met, or enforced. The Clerk was asked to write to the planning officer with that observation and to ask that the road infrastructure was completed before the building of individual houses was commenced.

**10. To discuss Community Centre condition & maintenance and resolve on any action to be taken Ref 2820**

The Clerk asked that the Council to convene a sub committee to examine the issue and make short term decisions and a longer term strategy. This was discussed at considerable length and it was decided that the matter would be discussed by the full council at a meeting to be arranged.

**11. To receive a report from the Chair on the Police liaison meeting Ref 2821**

Cllr Purdy reported on the "Teams" online briefing given to local Parish Councils by Lincolnshire Police. There was little of direct relevance to Brookenby other than the local policing priority was on the "Fatal 5" causes of road related death; speeding, not wearing seatbelts, improper mobile phone usage, drink and drugs, and careless and inconsiderate driving.

**12. To discuss the Council's Grant Policy resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2822**

The Clerk reported that the policy was no longer relevant because of the Council's loss of the "General Power of Competence". Revised policy to be presented to a future meeting

**13. To discuss Wolds Community Activity Group proposals for outside activity and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2823**

Cllr Sumnall reported that WCAG had asked for a lease of the land to be provided as this was a condition of their grant providers. It was agreed to present WCAG with a draft lease for discussion.

**14. To review the revised policies replacing the existing (i)Safeguarding and (ii)Discipline Policies and resolve on any action to be taken. Ref 2824**

The Safeguarding Policy was adopted

Proposed: Cllr S.Sumnall. Seconded: Cllr B Preece All in Favour

**15. Clerk's Report Ref 2824**

Community Centre

The final elements of the EICR remediation work and the connection of the EON electricity supply would be completed either during the week of the meeting or, if not, the following week. .

Correspondence Received

Nil requiring formal recording

**Meeting concluded 2027 hrs**