

Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm

at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 3rd September 2024

Present: Cllr R. Purdy, Cllr S Coulam (Acting as Clerk), Cllr S. Turnbull, Cllr B. Preece, Cllr N Tracey, Cllr S. Sumnall,

In Attendance: Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC)

Members of public present: 8

Public Session – 15 Minutes

There were no questions about matters on the agenda.

Ref 2961 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr L Fraser, Chris Bowles (Clerk),

Ref 2962 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

None

Ref 2963 To receive any reports from external organisations to include Ward Councillor Allotments Association and Wolds Community Activity Group (WCAG)

Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC) stated that he wished to arrange a meeting with the Parish to see what help the district or County Council could give to Parish priorities.

There was nothing raised by the Allotments Association

Cllr Sumnall reported that, at the last WCAG meeting, the Binbrook representatives unexpectedly and unilaterally discontinued the joint grant funding initiative for the adult exercise equipment for the two villages as they had procured funds for Binbrook only. Where this left the possibility of equipment for Brookenby had yet to be determined.

Ref 2964 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2024

Proposed : Cllr Tracey. Seconded Cllr Sumnall. All In Favour.

Finance Matters

Ref 2965 To approve payment of the Schedule of Payments

Resolved to approve a Schedule of payments of £1,167.22, Proposed: Cllr S Turnbull, Seconded Cllr B Preece. All in favour.

Ref 2966 Receipts

The RFO stated that receipts in August 24 to time/date of Bank reconciliation totalled £1860.10

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Ref 2967 Bank Reconciliation

The RFO disclosed a Bank Reconciliation of £52,669.30 which was approved and signed by the Chair

Ref 2968 To discuss Children's playground issues and resolve on any action to be taken.

Cllr Preece reported that all the documents submitted had been approved by the grant funder but there would be another 6 to 8 weeks delay before the final grant decision. No further action was required from the Council at this stage

Ref 2969 To discuss the Safety Report regarding Lorraine Avenue play park and resolve on any action to be taken.

Following receipt of the ROSPA Safety report it was decided to

- 1) Remove the existing Playpark
- 2) Post on Facebook re. why it is down and progress on the new one.
- 3) Set a budget of £1000 for the dismantling and removal
- 4) See what monetary value could be realised for the slides
- 5) For the fence - consider the options of repair, replace or remove

Proposed : Cllr Sumnall. Seconded Cllr Turnbull. All In Favour.

Ref 2970 To re-approve the Council's Communications Policy

It was agreed to re-approve the policy but the provision of official email addresses for individual councillors (referred to in the policy) was raised.

Proposed : Cllr Sumnall. Seconded Cllr Turnbull. All In Favour.

Post meeting note – the provision of individual Councillor's emails promised by the existing service host had never worked properly. A new service host, which already provides the ".gov.uk" domain registration would shortly take over the provision and all councillors would have individual "brookenby-pc.gov.uk" email addresses.

Ref 2971 To re-approve the Council's Member and Officer Protocol

Proposed : Cllr Turnbull. Seconded Cllr Sumnall. All In Favour.

Ref 2972 To re-approve the Council's Reserve Policy

Proposed : Cllr Sumnall. Seconded Cllr Preece. All In Favour.

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Clerk's Report

Ref 2973 Community Centre

The members of the Maintenance and Repair Committee had discussed the leak in the West Wing and examined the documentation relating to the lease. This examination has raised a number of issues which will be communicated to the tenant once the Council's intentions are finalised by the Committee and endorsed by the full council

Ref 2974 Correspondence

- The Clerk reported that there had been further correspondence with the Isbasaran Group.
The Council decided that they would now meet with them.
- Correspondence has been received from the Astra in the Wolds Community Cinema Group. Amongst the points raised were, whether the Council would be prepared to reinstate a gas supply and put the heating boiler back into service and also, whether a more suitable hiring/leasing arrangement can be arrived at.

The Council decided that the correspondent should meet with the "Fees and Occupation" Committee

- The editor of "The Flyer" had clarified the difference in editions that were provided to Brookenby once a quarter, and why.
The Council decided that the Clerk should provide a simple questionnaire to be included in the next circulation to gauge Brookenby residents' wish to continue with the present arrangements.

Ref 2975 To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following: - To consider a possible "Community Hub" project to the rear of the Community Centre and consider a way forward

Proposed : Cllr Turnbull. Seconded Cllr Sumnall. All In Favour.

The Council, in closed session, discussed the matter and concluded that there should be an agenda item for the next meeting on "Village Maintenance".

Date of next meeting 1st October 2024