

BROOKENBY

Parish Council

Minutes of the Brookenby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm

at the Community Centre, Kent Road, Brookenby on 5th November 2024

Present: Cllr R. Purdy (Chair), Cllr S Coulam, Cllr L Fraser, Cllr B. Preece, Cllr S. Sumnall, Cllr N Tracey.

In Attendance: Cllr T. Smith (LCC and WLDC), Chris Bowles (Clerk)
Members of public present: 4

Public Session

A member of the Public extended an invitation from St Michael and All Angels Church to attend the Armistice Commemoration Service outside the Community Centre starting at 1050 on 11/11/24.

Ref 2990 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S. Turnbull

Ref 2991 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 2992 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 the expected resurfacing of Cambridge Crescent would be delayed due to a WLDC Officer moving roles.

WLDC had been contacted by residents of new properties in York Road about the responsibility of frontages on to the roadway. As this is a County Council matter WLDC have no position on the matter. The adequacy of the number and size of dog waste bins was commented upon as was the possibility of their replacement by dual use general waste bins.

There was nothing raised by the Allotments Association

Cllr Sumnall reported that the WCAG meeting was to take place the following evening, 6th October.

Ref 2993 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st October 2024

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

Finance Matters

Ref 2994 To approve payment of the Schedule of Payments

Resolved to approve a Schedule of payments of £2,830.59, Proposed: Cllr S Sumnall, Seconded Cllr S Coulam. All in favour.

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Ref 2995 Receipts

The RFO stated that receipts in October 24 to time/date of Bank reconciliation totalled £2608.91

Ref 2996 Bank Reconciliation

The RFO disclosed a Bank Reconciliation of £50,416.09 which was approved and signed by the Chair

Ref 2997 To discuss Children's playground issues and resolve on any action to be taken.

Cllr Preece reported that a grant decision would be made on 28/29 November 2024 and expressed his thanks to Balfour Beatty for work done under the WLDC Councillors' volunteer scheme to prepare the entrance to the site.

To reapprove the following procedures:

Ref 2998 Dignity at Work Procedure

Proposed: Cllr Coulam, Seconded Cllr Preece. All in favour.

Ref 2998 Grievance Procedure

Proposed: Cllr Preece, Seconded Cllr Sumnall. All in favour

Clerk's Report

- **Ref 2999 Community Centre**

The Clerk reported on the recent usage of the Community Centre.

- **Ref 3000 Correspondence Received**

The Clerk reported that he had received :

- Correspondence regarding Planning Application WL/2024/00844 (21 York Road). Members had no objections.
- An invitation to Armistice Commemoration services and had procured 3 wreaths for the various locations. Councillors were asked to attend and lay wreaths.
- Emails and phone enquiries from the BBC regarding the present location of Peacocks which were formerly in the village. The Council had no such information.
- Email and personal notification of issues such as derelict buildings and missing manhole covers. While such information was welcome, residents should be aware that the council has neither the powers nor resources to deal with urgent threats to safety.
- Further contact with Isbasaran Group. Members asked for a draft presentation before any meeting with them.
- Notification from Lincolnshire Police of a Parish Council engagement session on 14th Jan 25. The Chair had previously attended such a session and members did not wish to attend this session.
- Notification from the Woodland Trust that a bid for 105 hedging trees for the new Play Park had been successful. The trees, which were free, would arrive in March 25.

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Ref 3001 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 business to be transacted.

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

Ref 3002 To discuss the 2025/6 Budget and precept request and resolve on any action to be taken

Using the 2024/25 budget as a basis, Members agreed on a budget for 2025/26 of £33,980 and a Precept Request of £26,480.

Ref 3003 To receive a report from the Repairs and Maintenance Committee, consider village maintenance, and resolve on any action to be taken.

The report related to the priorities of maintenance tasks in the Community Centre. It was decided that the priority tasks were

The removal of the wooden canopy above the Centre entrance

Repairs to the guttering

Replacement of the downstairs toilet facilities

Ref 3004 To discuss a proposal that an external organisation acquire the Community Centre

Councillor Tracey excused herself from the meeting because of a possible conflict of interests.

Councillors then considered the proposal, taking into account a number of other schemes that had a bearing on possible future plans for the building.

The decision that the Council reached was not in favour of the concept of disposal of the building.

Date of next meeting 3th December 2024