

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILEHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor S Tooth (Chair)
Councillor A Cutbill
Councillor M Bergan
Councillor M Harmer
Councillor J Powell
Councillor M Butler-Stoney

Twelve parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence was received from County Councillor M, Kiddle-Morris who was working.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Bergan declared a DPI under appendix A in Agenda item 7.1.3 being applicant.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Councillor Harmer proposed and Councillor Cutbill seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting on 26th March having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

4.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

District Councillor T Carter reported that a leading artist is to provide free workshops for Breckland residents. The artist has over 35 years' experience working with varied organisations such as Madame Tussauds. Maggie Campbell will be delivering a series of workshops in May, the first one is 20th May in Thetford Library, followed by Dereham and Swaffham Libraries on 21st May before concluding at Attleborough and Watton Library on 22nd May. Transport can be arranged for participants with travel issues. All art material will be included in the free workshop, along with tea and cake. More information visit www.thesilversocial.com or call 01326 656870 or email community@breckland.gov.uk

The County Councillor reported that £1.7 million will be put aside for councillors to invest in the region on play equipment, village hall improvements from Breckland.

The Breckland lottery, continues to grow in which it has been providing for 60 good causes, it is selling 1000 tickets per week.

Breckland are running an experiment, on how many homes are second homes i.e, holiday homes, for this area and other areas, and they will provide a forum to enable these homeowners to get the max out of their investment.

Trip start was launched in January by Breckland Council and is delivered across the district, to support and engage people who are unable to obtain work or find it hard to find work.

The street lighting system is going to be upgraded, and lighting is going to be incorporated in all planning permissions. Norfolk County Council are not going to increase the lighting but are going to reduce. A new inspector will be introducing the new Schemes that Breckland have been trying to implement for a long time and hopefully implementing them ie LED lighting.

District Councillor Carter reported Breckland Bridge scheme. This initiative is to help to produce small developments. This scheme will be implemented in Litcham and Colkirk.

4.2 Public Comments.

A parishioner stated that the information in the Church and Village Magazine was good.

5. Matters to report

5.1 Flooding to the West of Mileham.

A Parishioner who is kindly volunteer to be our Mileham flooding liaison representative and is in communication with Norfolk County Council reported that more people are becoming aware of the surface. Mark Henderson (Flood Officer) is putting together teams to implement the recommendations in the Flooding Report. The West of Mileham, the surface water has flooded houses along Litcham road. This is due to obstruction in the ditches and the highway drains were blocked and this made the situation worse. If we get heavy rainfall, the river Nar levels will increase. The flooding in the NAR is getting worse due to climate change, we all need to look at the whole picture in the village. A proposal of Norfolk County Council lead to partnership, possible with Internal drainage board, or possible funding from environmental agency and Norfolk rivers trust.

We have a few planning applications in the area still outstanding, and planning are aware of the flooding situation, this may affect the planning permission. Paragraph 163, any new development must not increase flood risk.

Suggestions, to help: the flood authorities have to do is obtain ownership, get together on who is responsible for what, which will help the county flood team. Many applications are not aware of the flooding area in Mileham. **We need to work together and get as much information as we can. This can be easy as taking photos for evidence, put the date and time and an understanding of the flow on where the water is going or coming from.**

The Parish council will have an active role and will follow up every two months, with more frequent visits and monitoring. The Parish Clerk will invite Norfolk Rivers trust to see if they will be able to attend to supply us with more information and suggestions.

5.2 Refurbishment to Notice Board and Bench.

The clerk reported that this has been completed. The request for a new site was also approved by the land owner and the clerk will obtain quotes for a new board. The clerk reported that the village sign is looking very poor and the Councillors agreed to obtain quotes for having this refurbished.

5.3 Defibrillator

The defibrillator is on order. The clerk had obtained two quotes for Electrical work to be carried out and the agreement was to go with Anglian Electrical Engineers. Councillor Tooth proposed this, and Councillor Powell seconded the resolution to authorise the electrical work.

5.4 Mileham School and Land Sale.

The clerk reported that no further information has been received but our interest has been noted.

5.5 Insurance on Playing Field discussion and forming sub-committee.

This was discussed in the March Parish meeting and was agreed that the playing field insurance will be paid for by the council. Councillor Tooth proposed this, and Councillor Butler-Stoney seconded the resolution to authorise the payment. The clerk will be informed by Councillor Butler-Stoney when the existing insurance will be cancelled. It was also agreed that a Subcommittee will be formed with 4 possible members, the clerk to note this in the Church and Village asking for volunteers. At present Mr Carter visits the Playing field to inspect the equipment.

5.6 Speedwatch and speeding in Back Lane.

Councillor Cutbill reported that the speeding sign when entering the village from Litcham wasn't lighting correctly, the clerk will report this to highways. Councillor Powell reported that he has been liaising with a parishioner who is keen to set up a speed watch team, this is a great initiative and he will continue to liaise with Councillor Powell. Councillor Tooth reported that members of the public have complained about speeding around back lane, as children play in this area, the councillors suggested a Children playing sign to be erected. The clerk to contact highways to request sign. Councillor Powell suggested purchasing village entrance gates and this was to add to the Agenda to see if we could obtain a grant for this purchase.

5.7 Social Media.

The Mileham website is becoming an active part of the community and the clerk will register as Mileham Parish Clerk.

5.8 Previous Clerks Laptop.

The previous clerk purchased a Chromebook which is no longer required by the current clerk. The Councillors agreed to sell this to the highest bidder and the

proceeds to be paid back into Parish Funds. Councillor Harmer proposed this and Councillor Cutbill seconded the resolution to authorise the sale of the Chromebook.

5.9 Dog Bins

The clerk reported that members of the public requested re-locating of one of the dog bins due to being misused. The Councillors have requested for this to be monitored.

6.0 Highways

6.1 To receive reports on highways matters raised at the previous meeting.

The Clerk reported that the ditch on Beeston Road has reported and will be actioned. The potholes in Brushwood Close, Brushwood Drive and Beeston Road, also have been reported.

6.2 To note new problems within the Parish

The clerk will report the road surface to highways, as the kerb height has been reduced and this is not helping the flooding situation. The fly-tipping on Litcham Road is private land but Breckland District Council has been informed and further fly-tipping was noted on the Tittleshall road, the clerk will report this to Breckland District Council.

6.3 Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is continuing especially along the Litcham Road. To report any instances to the Dog Warden.

7 Planning.

7.1.1 3PL/2019/0324/0- Mimosa, 62 Litcham Road, Mileham, Erection of one and a half storey dwelling and garage. It was agreed unanimously to object to the application due to major concerns regarding flooding at this end of the village and due to the site access and entrance.

7.1.2 3PL?2019/0316/HOU- Coronation Farm, Litcham Road, Mileham, Two storey side extension and internal alterations, refurbishment. Councillor Tooth proposed and Councillor Butler Stoney seconded the resolution that no objections be raised. All were in Favour.

7.1.3 3PL/2019/0340/HOU-1 Castle Green, Mileham, Single Storey extension to side of dwelling. Councillor Bergen withdrew from the meeting. Councillor Powell proposed and Councillor Tooth seconded the resolution that no objections be raised. All were in Favour.

7.2 Planning Committee

The clerk has nothing to report.

7.3 To consider a response to Local Plan,

The clerk has sent a response off and waiting for reply.

8. Finance

8.1 Budgets as Circulated

Councillor Tooth proposed and Councillor Cutbill seconded the resolution that the budget which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

8.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Tooth proposed and Councillor Butler-Stoney seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

FINANCE : 30.04.2019

Balances :-

Business Premium Account.

Balance at 31.12.18		8598.34
Interest 04.03.19		<u>4.29</u>
Balance at 31.03.19		8602.63

Community Account

Balance at 28.02.19		4865.63
Less cheques authorised 26.02.19	637.71	
	26.03.19	439.40
		<u>1077.11</u>
	31.03.19	3788.52

Less		
Unpresented cheques authorised 26.03.19		861.99
Balance at 28.03.19		<u>2926.93</u>

Amount available for Section 137 :
Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

686	B J Leigh Salary	Salary March 16 hours @12.012 less PAYE 38.40	153.79
687	D Secker	Salary April 16 hours @ £10.16 less PAYE 32.40	130.16
688	HMRC	PAYE	70.80
689	P. W. Atkinson	Bench and Notice Board repair	130.00
690	Community Heartbeat	Defib	2082.00

9. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence for circulation

10. Matters for the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed with the Councillors to invite local groups to the Annual General Meeting and all were in favour.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Monday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, which follows the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2106.