

BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Sargeant Memorial Hall 21st January 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr G Morgan (GM)
Cllr T Barnell (TB)
Cllr H Barnell (HB)
Cllr K Ward (KW)
Cllr Francoise Copsey (FC)
Cllr S Dorey (SD)
2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Allingham, Cllr M Clarke (NCC)

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 21.11.18, These were corrected and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – To receive declarations made under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).
None was declared.

4. PUBLIC - Members of the public are invited to address the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes, each member of the public may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Discussion may take place, decisions can only be made on items already included on the agenda. Members of the public may not take part in any other part of the Parish Council meeting. The 2 members of the public expressed no desire to address the Parish Council on any matters.

5. MATTERS FOR REPORT– NOT COVERED BY AGENDA

- Bus Timetable – current one on display and Cllr H Barnell will obtain an up to date one. Cllr Copsey will look into how to open the flag.
- SNC councillors notes – Chairman will check that they are circulated.
- Housing Survey – Still outstanding - Chairman had emailed the SNC Housing Needs Department to chase this up again today and had CC'd Cllr Clarke in for assistance.
- Anglian Water works on The Green appears complete KTW to check with nearby resident.

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- Play area works on equipment now complete

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS ESTATE MATTERS

A report had been received from SNC Councillor Hollowell. This will be circulated.

Michael Clarke, NCC had emailed a report to the Chair was read to the meeting. (addendum to minutes)

7. PLANNING

A) LOCAL – Planning application reference S/2018/2416/FUL at 24 Church Lane – now approved after the Planning Meeting.

B) STRATEGIC – Housing needs survey – dealt with at item 5.
Consideration of request from Daventry Council for 3 tier local government reform as opposed to a 2 tier system. Some Parish Councillors feel vulnerable re the proposals to amalgamate with the Borough. The Chair invited meeting to discuss the advantages of a 3 tier split as opposed to the 2 tier although personally felt it wasn't going to be seriously considered, various concerns were fielded but overall it was considered we would not support the DCs proposals.

8. ESTATE MATTERS

A) FOOTPATHS – Cllr Copsey reported that the paths were clear and there was no dog waste on them at present.

B) LIGHTING – Report of faults – nothing to report

C) GREEN & POND – nothing to report, Steve Pittam will erect the nest boxes later in the year.

D) PLAY AREA – Reports of any issues – no issues, remedial works on the new equipment now carried out. Cllr Allingham is continuing to look into grant aid to renew the swings.

E) GENERAL ESTATE MATTERS – UPDATE ON LETTERING OF WAR MEMORIAL – **Cllr Copsey** will liaise with the PCC to find out if a Faculty is required. After this we will be able to contact a stone mason to get quotes.

9. SOCIAL & COMMUNITY MATTERS

A) POLICE MATTERS – a lot of recent reports from Neighbourhood Watch. Warnings of break ins, fraudulent correspondence and phone calls. Reports to go in **Newsletter**.

B) CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE – nothing to report

C) GENERAL COMMUNITY ISSUES

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- Bus service - information had been received on the Village Hopper. The new timetable will be put in bus shelter and the Post Office, **Chairman** will put one on the website. They have leased a new bus (with electric step) to which SNC have awarded a grant towards so that they do not require help from the parishes at this time. (This PC awarded £400 to set up costs). The hope is that it will be more fuel efficient. Meeting tonight at Cogenhoe to review the bus. PC congratulated Deborah Rush, Clerk to Cogenhoe and Whiston on her efforts. She has also applied to Awards for All for year 1 costs and insurance.
- Defibrillator at Hollowells – On a recent use of the equipment it was found lighting was an issue - if it could be rotated it could solve it. **Cllr Dorey** will speak to the owner of the premises for assistance.

10. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- Cllr Dorey reported that cars are being parked on Horton Rd, Furze Rd and Bedford Roads' pavements. On Horton Road the drivers are crossing the grassed area and parking on the pavement in front of the houses. Cllr Barnell will report this is in the **newsletter**.
- Pelican Crossing was not working yesterday – Chair had reported and it has been repaired today.
- Park Close – new road surface has sunk, **Cllr T Barnell** has reported previously and will report again.
- Salt bins – notices been put on bins by NCC. The **Chairman** volunteered to get 10 bags of the appropriate mix and fill the bins in Elm Close, Billing Road (nr Cares Orchard) and Bedford Road/Green Road one.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

A) CORRESPONDENCE - OUTGOING / INCOMING

- i. NCALC – Updates – circ
- ii. Village Hopper update
- iii. Correspondence re 24 Church Lane planning application
- iv. NCALC Training opportunities
- v. Confirmation of delay of elections from 2019 to 2020
- vi. Salvation Army – request for siting of a textile bank – would be paid £100 per month – Chair had forwarded this to the Hall committee. Could go into newsletter if pub is happy for the advert. **Cllr Dorey** will find out tonight and email HB ready for **newsletter**.
- vii. Sargeant Mem Hall – confirmation of bookings for meetings in 2019

- B) NEWSLETTER – items for inclusion – Cllr H Barnell itemised the issues she would put in. She will also add congratulations to Ray Henman on his BEM award, welcome the Clerk back from her recent illness and thank Colin Gautrey for work on paths. Unsure of date for litter pick as yet.

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- C) WEBSITE – update on new version – The Chairman reported that this was fully up and running and she will arrange a suitable time for showing Clerk how to up load documents. There has been a request from Poors Land Trust for a page on website for statutory documents. Cllr Ward declared an interest. PC in favour.
Village website – Cllr Barnell happy to work on this.

12. FINANCE

PAYMENTS DUE TO BE AGREED

Payee	Detail	Chq No(Lloyds)	Total	Net	Vat
E-on	Supplies – April-- Sept	12	1726.87	1439.06	287.81
Sargeant Mem Hall	Hall hire	13	156.00		
Brown and Barden	Green trees	14	78.00	65.00	13.00
E-on Supplies	Supplies Oct - Dec	15	872.59	727.16	145.43
V Hartley	Salary Dec	16	232.95		
Bus shelter cleaner	Salary Dec	17	78.00		
HMRC	Tax June – Sept	18	189.00		
HMRC	Tax Oct -- Dec	19	174.60		
V Hartley	Oct + Nov amended salary	20	200.00		
Litter pick	Salary Oct - Dec	21	113.00		
B Osborne	Payroll services	22	63.00		

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS – increase in grass cutting costs from Brown and Barden - £75 per visit (from £65 per visit). The Council agreed to this price – it was some years since there had been an increase.
Clerk to speak to B. Osborne to ask her to produce the payroll figures for ;

13. **AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2018/19** – Agreement and Resolution to apply for Precept for 2019/20 – The Clerk had circulated a draft budget.
The Council resolved to approve the budget precept of £14,000 that is appended to these Minutes, proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Helen Barnell. The Council then resolved to apply for a precept of £ £14,000 from SNC to cover the amount required by the budget.

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14. SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS FOR COUNCILLORS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

The action points for each councillor were stated.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS - none

16. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS for 2019:

18.3.19,20.5.19(AGM and APM start 7pm,15.7.19, 16.9.19,18.11.19

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