

BRIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20 February 2024 commencing 7.30 pm at Bridgham & Roudham David O'Neale Memorial Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Cllr P Graham (Chair), Cllr D Gilks, Cllr G Sharpe and Cllr R Wright

Also in attendance: Sara Campbell

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:**
Apologies were received and approved from Cllr J Youngs
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2024**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2024 (pages 1-4 of 4) previously circulated to all members, were unanimously agreed and signed by the chair.
3. **To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**
None
4. **To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:**
 - A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had any comments on the Breckland Local Plan? The Clerk had not been sent any information from Breckland regarding the consultation, **Clerk** to confirm email change to Breckland District Council.
 - A member of the public raised allowing dogs on the playing field, **Clerk** to speak with East Harling parish clerk as dogs are allowed on their playing field to see if they have many issues?
5. **To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:**
None.
6. **To receive Clerk's report:**
The Clerk updated the Council on correspondence with the football club regarding the moles – Cllr Sharpe had looked at the mole hills and considers it needs a professional mole catcher to assist as there is a large issue. **Clerk** to contact mole catcher.
7. **To receive and consider updates on the following projects and initiatives:**
 - 7.1. **Playing Field Noticeboard** - **Clerk** to send invoice to Cllr Wright to discuss with sponsor.

7.2. Installation of a defibrillator – The Clerk updated the Council on the recent application to British Heart Foundation which had been unsuccessful. **Clerk** to look for any further grants available and find prices to provide a defib.

7.3. Creating a book swap at the Village Hall – the Village Hall have agreed that a “shed” can be installed on the patio area outside the hall. **Clerk** to order.

8. To receive an update on the progress of the proposed small projects:

8.1. Development of play area – no further progress ongoing project.

Cllr Sharpe raised that there are several small trees in the right and left corner that need removing.

9. To receive a update on the remedial work following the recommendations of the ROSPA Inspection of the play equipment:

Cllr Sharpe – to install the bolt covers.

10. To receive an update on the use of the pink chalk spray to make dog mess around the village:

No update.

11. To discuss the parking of vehicles on the pavement on The Street:

Cllr Graham will put a piece in the Parish Newsletter asking residents not to park on the pavement to park on the road.

12. To discuss the inadvertent scattering of shingle onto the highway from residential driveways:

Cllr Graham will put a piece in the Parish Newsletter including asking residents to cutback rogue hedging encroaching on the pavements.

Cllr Gilks will review and is happy to speak with residents.

13. To agree the new meeting schedule moving meetings from Monday evenings to Tuesday:

Councillors unanimously agreed to move meetings to 3rd Tuesday of the month – **Clerk** to amend the website and send change of dates to the Village Hall.

14. PLANNING:

14.1. To Comment on any Current planning applications:

None

14.2. To receive an update on any previous planning applications:

None.

15. FINANCE

15.1. Approval of payments to be made

Payments (C)

PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
D/D	Npower	Electricity – January	304.69	14.51	
Online	Sara Campbell	Salary & Expenses 1/2/24 – 29/2/24	176.50		44.00
Online	Clear Councils	Insurance	697.81		
		TOTAL £	1,179.00	14.51	44.00

Payments unanimously approved.

Receipts (B)

Date	Account	Received From	Amount
		TOTAL £	0.00

Responsible Finance Officer's Report:

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balances Brought Forward Community Account Unity Account TOTAL A	1,550.50 3,342.60 4,893.10		
Receipts this month (Community Account & Unity Account) (listed above): B	0.00		
Payments this month (Unity & Community) (listed above): C		1,179.00	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C-D) Community & Unity Account Balances			3,714.10

Details	CR	DR	
Premium Account Balance £2,286.36			2,286.36
Less Reserves (inc. Earmarked)			4,587.37
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SPEND			1,413.09

16. To receive an update on correspondence received:

None.

17. To receive items for the next Agenda:

18. To agree the proposed time and date of the next parish council meeting:

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 19 March 2024 at 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed at 20:30 pm

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