

BRIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2025 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 & 0 members of the public

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:**
None
2. **To consider the appointment of a Vice Chair:**
Councillors unanimously approved the appointment of Cllr Sharpe to the role of Vice Chair
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024 (pages 1-4 of 4) previously circulated to all members, were unanimously agreed and signed by the chair.
4. **To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**
None
5. **To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:**
None
6. **To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:**
None.
7. **To receive Clerk's report:**
The Clerk updated the Council on the following:
 - Correspondence with the Football Club regarding the positioning of the litter bin by the dug-out which is being used for the disposal of dog waste, the Council suggested moving the bin after matches to encourage dog walkers to use the dog bin by the gate.
8. **To receive and consider updates on the following projects and initiatives:**
 - 8.1. **Installation of a defibrillator** – completed.
 - 8.2. **Creating a book swap at the Village Hall** – completed.

9. To consider potential improvements to the playing field area:

9.1. Consider quotations received for new play equipment:

- The Clerk presented costings received from Action Play and Elevate Play, the council decided to support Action Play as they are local, therefore, the most cost effective as there are no delivery charges. Cost £3,240.50 exc VAT.

10. Consider the cost of repairs to the store cupboard at the village hall::

Some members of the Village Hall Committee are going to investigate what actually needs doing once the weather has improved and the damp dried.

11. To receive an update on the repair of the damage to the village hall steps:

The work will be undertaken as part of the village spruce up.

12. PLANNING:

12.1. To Comment on any Current planning applications:

None

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

None.

13. To agree and approve the 2025/26 Budget:

Following discussions Councillors unanimously approved the expenditure budget of £11,830.00 an increase of £881.47 and receipts budgeted to be £403.13.

14. To approve the 2025/26 Precept:

Councillors unanimously approved the 2025/26 Precept of £ 11,426.87 this is an increase of £838.00 (9.02%) a Band D property charge will be £89.90.

15. FINANCE

15.1. Approval of payments to be made

Payments (C) Unanimously approved

PAY Date	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
17/12/24	HMRC	PAYE	10.20		
18/1/25	Npower	Electricity December	295.16		
21/1/25	Sara Campbell	Salary & Expenses 31/1/25	238.38		
21/1/25	HMRC	PAYE – 6 Dec - 5 Jan	1.60		
		TOTAL	545.34		

12.2 Receipts (B)

Date	Account	Received From	Amount
TOTAL £			0.00

12.3 Responsible Finance Officer's Report:

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balances Brought Forward Community Account	1,550.50		
Unity Account	3,734.03		
TOTAL A	5,284.53		
Receipts this month (Community Account & Unity Account) (listed above): B	0.00		
Payments this month (Unity & Community) (listed above): C		545.34	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C-D) Community & Unity Account Balances			4,739.19
Premium Account Balance £2,286.36	18.91		2,305.27
Less Reserves (inc. Earmarked)			4,585.17
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SPEND			2,459.29

16. To receive items for the next Agenda:

Please have any requests to the Clerk 1 week before the meeting date.

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

Next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 1 April 2025 at 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed at 20:55 pm