

BRIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15 January 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

Also in attendance: Sara Campbell (Locum Clerk)

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:**
Cllr J Youngs and Cllr R Wright
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 November 2023**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 November 2023 (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:**
None
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.
7. **To receive and consider updates on the following projects and initiatives:**
 - 7.1. **Playing Field Noticeboard** - the board is in place but waiting for confirmation of sponsorship – **Cllr Wright**.
 - 7.2. **Installation of a defibrillator** – The British Heart Foundation are running a scheme for a funded defibrillator. **Clerk to apply**
8. **To receive an update on the progress of the proposed small projects:**
 - 8.1. **Creating a book swap** - **Cllr Graham** will liaise with the Village Hall Committee to confirm the shed can be placed outside the Village Hall.
 - 8.2. **Development of play area** – no further progress ongoing project. Football Club, play area and dog area.

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:**
This hasn't been used yet – 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 consider the grass cutting contract for next year:**
Clearscape have stated they will keep the price the same for the next year. The Clerk has contacted Football Club for an update on the performance of Clearscape, they are happy. The Council agreed to continue the existing contract of £195 per cut for 14 cuts.

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. **To agree and approve the 2024/25 Budget:**
Following discussions Councillors unanimously approved the expenditure Budget of £10,498.83 an increase of £846.00 and receipts budgeted to be £360.00.

Clerk to investigate the cost of electricity for the LED streetlights.

16. **To approve the 2024/25 Precept:**
Councillors unanimously approved the 2024/25 Precept of £ 10,589.00 this is an increase of £814.00 (7.23%) a Band D property charge will be £128.40.

17. **FINANCE**
 - 17.1. **Approval of payments to be made**

Payments (C)

PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
D/D	Npower	Electricity – November	273.08	13.00	
D/D	Npower	Electricity – December	283.09	13.48	
Online	Unity Bank	Service Charge	18.00		
Online	ClearScape	Grass Cutting	195.00		
Online	Sara Campbell	Salary & Expenses 1/12/23 – 31/1/24	411.18		84.86
Online	T T Jones	Streetlight maintenance	67.37	11.23	
TOTAL £			1,247.72	37.71	84.86

Receipts (B)

Date	Account	Received From	Amount
12/1/24	Unity	Bridgham United Football Club	350.00
TOTAL £			350.00

Responsible Finance Officer's Report:

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balances Brought Forward Community Account	1,550.50		
Unity Account	4,240.32		
TOTAL A	5,790.82		
Receipts this month (Community Account & Unity Account) (listed above): B	350.00		
Payments this month (Unity & Community) (listed above): C		1,247.72	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C-D) Community & Unity Account Balances			4,893.10
Premium Account Balance £2,286.36			2,286.36
Less Reserves (inc. Earmarked)			4,587.37
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SPEND			2,592.09

18. To receive an update on correspondence received:

None.

19. To receive items for the next Agenda:

To install a defibrillator.

20. 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 February 2024

Meeting Closed at 20:37 pm

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