

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2010, at Bredfield Bowls Club at 7.00pm.

Meeting started at 7.00 pm.

Present

Councillors – Ms D Causier, Miss A Henderson, Mr G Taylor, Mr P Tilley, Mr D Hepper, Mr T Richardson, Mr A Miller.

Chair. Mr A Miller

2 members of the public were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies received and reasons accepted by the Parish Council

2.0 Confirm minutes of 30th November 2009.

2.1 Minutes were approved

3.0 Action Points from the meeting of the 30th November 2009.

3.1 **2009/26** Play space requirements VHC response. Mr Hepper informed the council that quotes had been obtained for good quality goal posts and fitting. The VHMC felt that the cost for fitting was excessive and was looking for alternatives. Ms Causier informed the Council that the costs described were not high. It was suggested by the Chair that Mr Hepper should forward the grant forms to the Clerk for countersignature at the higher costs. If the job was later found to be possible cheaper a lower grant could be claimed. **AP 2009/37.**

3.2 **2009/30** Outcome of meeting between Mr Richardson and the Community Police Team re SID. Raised later in the meeting.

3.3 **2009/31** Road Signage Review. Mr Hepper reported that he found no excessive road signage and a need for the staggered junction sign on the approach to the village near Weeping Ash corner to be moved closer to the junction.

3.4 **2009/33** Sharing waste costs. The clerk informed the Council that he had received a favourable response from the village hall but was awaiting a response from the village shop.

4.0 Matters for the Community Police Team

4.1 PC Vicky Gilmore joined the meeting. The Council were informed that there had been no reported crime in Bredfield during the past 12 months. The

mobile police station would visit Bredfield on 10 February, 10 March, 7 April 10-11.30 am.

- 4.2 **AP2009/30** Siting of SID at The Pump junction. PC Gilmore said that no suitable safe position could be found at this site.

5.0 Report from the County / District Councillor

5.1 Councillor Bellfield read his report which is attached to these minutes. Mr Richardson asked if the priority status of the C309 for gritting could be checked and possibly upgraded to ensure that it was safe in icy conditions **AP2009/37**.

6.0 Parish Plan

6.1 Mr Hepper told the Council that the relocation of the post box had been agreed with Royal Mail.

7.0 Accounts

7.1 The accounts were agreed and attached to the minutes.

7.2 The Council confirmed its decision, 30th November 2009 (minute point 7.3) to raise the precept to £3,500 p.a.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 Consultation on Draft Nuclear Policy. The clerk asked if any member had a specific interest in this subject and would like to lead on it for the parish. The Council agreed to leave a decision until nearer to any planning application or enquiry being announced.

8.2 War Memorial Trust Meeting – The clerk asked if the Council were happy to pay expenses for him to attend this meeting in Cambridge. The Council unanimously agreed.

8.3 Boundary Commission Advice to the Secretary of State. The clerk read out the advice, which after Suffolk Coastal District Council's appeal remained as it had originally been.

8.4 SALC survey results. Suffolk Association of District Council provided a list of survey results from parish councils across the county showing the Council that its priorities were similar to the majority of rural parishes.

9.0 Matters raised by members of the public

Problems of tree roots in the surface water drains on the "S" bends between the Street and Woodbridge Road were reported by a resident. The Clerk was asked to write to SCC Highways about the matter.

A member of the public raised his concerns about the present policy of the receivers managing the The Castle Inn. He felt that the aim may be to deliberately run the premises to prove that it was loss making and then seek to change its use to a private dwelling. Mr Miller informed the Council that he had recently enquired with the agents to see if it was till for sale and was informed it was. Mr Richardson was concerned that the current tenants should be given a fair opportunity to improve the establishment. Overall, the Council's view was that enquiries should be made with the planning authority and the licensing authority to see how the public house could best be protected from closure. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter to Cllr Bellfield, Suffolk Coastal District Council highlighting the parish's concerns **AP 2009/38**.

10.0 Planning

No planning applications received

11.0 Highways

11.1 AP 2009/35 Suffolk County Council has informed the Council that the "passing places" along Ufford Road are their responsibility. The Clerk was asked to write again to SCC Highways requesting that during any future re-surfacing these passing places should be surfaced.

11.2 Bredfield Pump Corner traffic signage improvements. Following an outright dismissal of the Council's request for works to Pump Corner, a meeting with an SCC Highways engineer has been arranged for February.

11.3 Grit Bins. Cllr Richardson suggested an increase in the number of grit bins for the village following the recent bad weather. After considerable discussion about the logistics of servicing any new bins it was agreed by a majority of 6 to 1 not to purchase further grit bins.

12.0 Any other matters arising

None

13.0 Dates and venue of the next meetings

13.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday April 19th at 7 pm in Bredfield Bowls Club.

Meeting closed 8.52 pm

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