

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council Meeting held on 28th September 2009, at Bredfield Bowls Club at 7.00pm.

Meeting started at 7.15 pm.

Present

Councillors – Mr P Tilley, Ms A Henderson, Mr D Hepper, Mr T Richardson, Mr A Miller

Chair. Mr A Miller

1 member of the public was in attendance.

1.0 Apologies received and reasons accepted by the Parish Council

Ms D Causier, Mr Tilley informed the Council that Ms Causier had sent her apologies and was ill.

Mr G Taylor, Mr Miller informed the Council that Mr Taylor could not attend due to illness in family.

2.0 Confirm minutes of 27th July 2009 and August 17th 2009.

2.1 Minutes were approved

3.0 Action Points from the meeting of the 27th July 2009 and August 17th 2009.

3.1 27th July 2009: Issues raised under specific topic headings

3.2 August 17th 2009: A licensing hearing was held at Charsfield village hall today (28th August 2009) that limited the range of the original application. The clerk spoke on behalf of members of the parish at the hearing. It is anticipated that the Castle will reopen in the near future.

4.0 Matters for the Community Police Team

4.1 Speed Camera: The Chair informed the meeting that the clerk of Charsfield Parish Council had made an inquiry into whether Bredfield were interested in sharing the use of a voluntary speed camera. The discussion highlighted that the Parish Council had made a previous decision not to become involved in the organising or running of a voluntary speed camera scheme (Minute Point 5.3, 26th January 2009). It was unanimously agreed not to take this matter further.

5.0 Report from the County / District Councillor

5.1 Cllr Bellfield informed the meeting that he was now the Chair of the SCC Pension Fund Committee and he was also a member of the Roads and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

5.2 The latter was presently taking a close look at A12 improvements and issues of traffic lights on roundabouts.

5.3 Boundary reorganisation was still ongoing with an appeal against the Boundary Commission for three choices not two proposed being heard on the 6th and 7th October. Cllr Bellfield believed that following the appeal there was still time prior to an election for the government to take a view and make a decision on the formation or not of unitary authorities.

5.4 Suffolk County Council has a projected annual budget deficit of £48m including any proposed increase in council tax. SCC is still looking at a broad reconstruction of jointly run or funded areas such as Health and Care services.

5.5 Suffolk Coastal District Council is also reviewing service priorities.

6.0 Parish Plan

6.1 Mr Hepper reported on the last Parish Plan meeting. It has been concluded by the group that those points that could be developed by a non-statutory group had been done. As such it was now time for the Parish Council to take up the issues and move the remaining issues forward.

6.2 Mr Hepper highlighted the work that had been carried out by the group and suggested that the enthusiasm and knowledge of these parish members should continue to be used.

6.3 Mr Tilley and Mr Miller suggested that the group continued meeting, but less often. It was very important that the Parish Council engage with the wider parish. The groups continued role of a scrutiny committee ensuring that the wishes of the community highlighted in the Parish Plan are carried out and where possible the group given tasks that were not of a statutory nature was agreed by the Parish Council.

6.4 Mr Hepper provided a list of Plan Action Points (attached to minutes) and asked that Parish Councillors reviewed the items prior to the next council meeting so that some priorities could then be agreed, **2009/23**.

6.5 Mr Tilley proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the group for doing such a good job of the Parish Plan. This was unanimously agreed.

6.6 Mr Hepper said the group would meet early in the new year.

7.0 Accounts

7.1 The accounts were agreed and attached to the minutes.

7.2 No accounts outstanding

7.3 The comments of the external and internal auditors were reviewed.

It is necessary for the Council to create standing orders and financial regulations, **2009/24**.

It is required that an asset register be created, the clerk requested that councillors consider the matter before the next meeting, **2009/25**.

VAT was not recovered in 2008/09, the clerk informed the Council that it would be in 2009/10,

Currently shop and village hall waste collection amounting to some £800 per annum is paid for by the Parish Council under s137 of Local Government Act. This is incorrect and the payment should be made under the Litter Act 1983.

8.0 Outdoor Playspace contributions

8.1 The council are still awaiting response from the VHC, Mr Hepper to report back to the Council at its next meeting. 2009/26

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 SCDC Delivery of Rural Housing in Rural Suffolk:

Meeting invitation 9th October 2009.

9.2 Suffolk County Council (SCC): Revised bus service timetable has been posted in the village shop. The Council noted that the bus services were being used considerably more now that an improved service has been in place for some time. It was suggested that the clerk wrote to SCC recording the parish's appreciation of the service provision.

9.3 SCDC Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Consultation: Proposed Changes to Housing Distribution.

It was resolved that no further comment was required at this time.

9.4 SCDC Service efficiency review:

A service review spreadsheet has been circulated to parishes requesting them to review the level of service that SCDC should provide and the way in which it should be provided. This is to be returned by 12th October 2009 in time for a scheduled district – wide meeting on 21st October, to which two members of the parish have been invited. Mr Richardson and Mr Tilley have been tasked to respond in the first instance, circulating the completed form to other members of the parish council for their agreement prior to its return. **2009/27**

10.0 Matters raised by members of the public

None

11.0 Planning

11.1 CO/09/1115. Moat Barn Touring Park, Bredfield. – rejected

11.2 CO/09/0709. Partridge Farmhouse, Scotts Lane, Bredfield. –
Approved with conditions:

No floodlighting or external lighting to be installed at the site.

11.3 Concerns with SCDC Planning Services.

A number of documents have been circulated by Melton Parish Council (MPC). MPC are “increasingly frustrated by the way the planning system works in our district” and have asked local organisations if they would like to meet informally to discuss similar difficulties they may have. The Council asked the Clerk to contact MPC for an informal meeting. **2009/28**

12.0 Highways

12.1 Ufford Road U3415.

A response has been received from SCC East Area Highways in respect of the condition of the above. The Asst Area Highways Manager has informed the Council the road will be resurfaced in the 2010/11 budget year.

Councillors requested the clerk to respond to SCC thanking them but requiring some improvement of the annual drainage grip clearance. **2009 / 29**

13.0 Any other matters arising

13.1 None

14.0 Dates and venue of the next meetings

14.1 7 PM Monday November 30th 2009 Bredfield Bowls Club.

Meeting closed 9.21 pm

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