

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council Meeting held on 19th April 2010, at Bredfield Bowls Club at 7.00pm.

Meeting started at 7.00 pm.

Present

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

Chair. Mr A Miller

1 member of the public was in attendance.

1.0 Apologies received and reasons accepted by the Parish Council

None

2.0 Confirm minutes of previous meeting.

2.1 The minutes were confirmed as a true record on the meetings 25th January, 8th February, 15th February and 15th March 2010.

3.0 Matters arising from the action points

3.1 None

4.0 Matters for the Community Police Team

4.1 A report for the period to March 2010 had been forwarded to the clerk. The clerk read the report to the Council. No comment was made.

4.2 Police and Highways reports had been received about speeding through the village (attached to minutes). The Highways report related to the C309 and highlighted the fact that the major speed issue was from traffic approaching the pump area from Debach, some 15% of vehicles exceeding 38mph in a 30 zone. The police had made some attempts to check speed on Woodbridge Road. Councillors were unanimous in their opinion that these checks were being carried out at the wrong times of day: not evenings or morning rush hours when the speeding mainly occurred. The clerk was asked to seek further checks at more appropriate times AP10/01.

5.0 Report by County / District Councillor Bellfield.

5.1 Councillor Bellfield again highlighted the difficulties with both County and District Council budgets in future years, both likely to be reduced by in the region of 20 – 30%. Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) were seeking further working partnerships with Waveney DC. SCDC Core Planning Strategy was now complete, (the clerk told the council that a paper copy was available for their use). Cllr Richardson asked Cllr Bellfield if a response would be forthcoming from SCDC regarding the cost saving paper they asked parishes to complete in 2009. Cllr Bellfield said he would follow the matter up AP10/02.

5.2 The clerk asked Cllr Bellfield whether he had a response to the council's request for funds for traffic calming improvements to the pump area of the C309. Cllr Bellfield said he did not believe that any funds were available through highways, but asked the Council to request funds through the locality fund after the general election as he thought an answer to the request may be seen a prejudicial at this time.

6.0 Parish Plan report

6.1 Cllr Hepper felt that the outstanding issues were being dealt with in a timely manner.

7.0 Finance

7.1 The accounts to end of the financial year were circulated and agreed and the auditors report signed off.

7.2 Outstanding accounts were agreed and cheques signed.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 British Legion request for assistance – forwarded to Cllr Henderson for action if required.

8.2 SCDC Quality of Place Awards – no sites considered suitable for submission to the scheme.

8.3 SCC Draft Action Fire Plan Consultation – councillors asked to read circulated draft and respond through the clerk.

8.4 Natural England, White Tailed Eagle introduction consultation. Councillors had mixed views on the introduction of such a large raptor to this area. Cllr Taylor commented that local livestock farmers would have obvious concerns for young stock. Generally it was considered that the potential introduction sites were quite

distant from the Parish and would not directly affect the Parish. It was agreed to make no representation on the matter.

8.5 Acre – Speed Broad Band campaign. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish should sign up to the campaign AP10/03. It was also agreed that the clerk should contact British Telecom to seek a report on the condition of the lines in the village AP10/04. The Council perceived that there was a difference in service between the 01473 and 01394 numbers , the former receiving better speeds.

8.6 Green Energy Trust. To join the organisation -The Clerk explained the benefits of membership, information, grants etc. It was agreed to join AP10/05.

8.7 Dog Fouling. Dog fouling was a continuing problem throughout Bredfield. The council were unanimous in its condemnation of the few inconsiderate residents who spoil the pleasure of the majority within the community. Cllr Causier highlighted that it should not be for the community to protect itself from these irresponsible people by fencing the play area or banning dogs from the recreation field. Cllr Tilley agreed to research leaflets that could be circulated in the village and supply “poo – bags” for circulation to households. The Council agreed that each councillor would carry out a door – door leaflet distribution of leaflets and bags when they were available. AP10/06.

8.8 Core Strategy – Letter from D Houchell Ltd.

Mr Houchell requested the parish’s comments on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The Council unanimously agreed not to supply this information at this time in this manner. It was agreed to write to Mr Houchell explaining that the information he requested was available on the SCDC web-site, that he was always welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings that were held to discuss the subject and that he was welcome to attend any future meetings should he wish to. The Council also considered that the supplying of such information directly to one developer and not to all who may be affected by the outcome was unfair and the cost of supplying the information to all unjustifiable. The Clerk to write to Mr Houchell AP10/07

9.0 Public Questions

9.1 There were no public questions

10.0 Planning

10.1 Application. C/10/0854 Ivy Lodge , Barn Development for storage. The chair of the parish council received a copy of a letter from a neighbour of Ivy Lodge Farm objecting to the development, the letter is on file. The Parish Council carefully considered the above proposal and a representation from Mr & Mrs Todd of Tudor Cottage. In the context of Policy DM 15 it was the unanimous conclusion of the Parish Council that the development will have no

detriment to the landscape in that specific area. The Council also considered the possibility of requesting that the development was screened from the roadside but was against this proposal as the obvious planting material to use would be evergreen non-native species which in themselves would be detrimental to the landscape and countryside.

The Parish received personally assurances from the owner that there would not be a demonstrable increase in traffic due to the development and that he would not be seeking further planning permissions for storage. The Council were of the feeling that further permissions for storage would be resisted.

The Council unanimously supported the proposal. AP10/08, The clerk to write to the planning authority.

10.2 Application C/10/0636 The Old Rectory, Change of use from agricultural to residential cartilage.

This application is an alteration to a previously supported application. It is in line with the responses sent by both the Parochial Council and the Parish Council that suggested that the area of curtilage to be agreed was moved further from the churchyard and neighbouring properties. At its meeting of the 19th April the Parish Council agreed to support this proposal. However, in line with consultation relating to the Local Development framework lodged with SCDC, the Parish Council felt it would strongly resist further development outside the proposed new development boundary of the Parish. AP10/09, the clerk to write to the planning authority.

10.3 SCDC Planning Scrutiny Panel consultation. The Council received a request to forward its views relating to the planning department relating to Bredfield. The Council has also received a request from Save our Rural Roads (SORR's), of which the Council is a member to include its views in any response. It was agreed that the clerk should respond to the request highlighting inconsistencies in plans, policy decisions, communication and enforcement. It was agreed that SORR's comments could be added to the letter separately stating clearly that these were broader issues relating to district wide problems. AP10/10.

10.4 SALC / SORR ongoing planning issues – report of planning meeting from T Richardson. Cllr Richardson reported that the meeting was well attended and was a good start to what he felt would be a long process in the development of a good trusting working relationship with SCDC Planning Department. There had been staff changes recently and these appeared to provide the basis for a more open relationship between the authority and the parishes.

10.5 Planning Enforcement – Moat Barn Caravan Park. The Clerk has requested information from the district as to the outcome of the enforcement action at Moat Barn caravan Park.

10.6 Permissions C/10/0252 – Granted

10.7 Melton Planning Consultation. Melton PC has made an informal approach to seek the Council's views about a proposed development of the CEL site near Melton Station. Cllr Tilley, Richardson and Causier have previously expressed their views about a potential increase in through lorry traffic on the C309 Debach Road. It was agreed to write to Melton PC expressing these concerns. AP10/11.

10.8 Storage Manor Farm – Cllr T Richardson informed the Council of recent notices offering storage at Hall Farm and concerns of local residents about an expansion of lorry traffic and storage facilities on the site. Currently there is only permission for agricultural storage at the site. The Council agreed to monitor the situation.

10.9 SCDC Site Specific Consultation – where is it?
The clerk informed the Council that SCDC officers thought that this consultation may not start until 2011.

11.0 Highways

11.1 Woodbridge Road Junction at the pump, SCC response.
SCC Highways have written to the Council agreeing to move the existing staggered junction signposts to more suitable positions. This has already been done.

SCC Highways also carried out a speed survey near the junction with the following results:

Vehicles travelling TOWARDS the A12

Mean speed: 33.3 mph

85th percentile: 38.1 mph

Vehicles travelling FROM the A12

Mean speed: 28.5 mph

85th percentile: 32.7 mph

They also suggested that buff coloured road markers can be applied on both approaches to the junction at a cost of approximately £1000. These can be positioned approximately where the warning signs have been relocated to.

It was suggested that the Council seeks the financial support of Cllr Bellfield, so that this scheme can then be added to the SCC Quality of Life schemes for 2010 / 2011. The Council unanimously agreed to support this proposal, the clerk to write to Cllr Bellfield **AP10/12**

11.2 SCDC Consultation on Air Quality – no comment required.

12.0 Any other matters arising

12.1 War Memorial Inspection. The clerk was unable to attend the agreed war memorial course at Cambridge as it was over subscribed.

12.2 Future meeting dates: Due to public holidays it was agreed to hold the next Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Meeting on the 24th April at Bredfield Bowls Club commencing with the Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm and the Parish Meeting at 8.30pm.

Meeting ended 9.25 PM.