

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2012 at St. Andrews Church Room, Bredfield at 7pm.

Meeting started at 7.06pm.

Present

Councillors: Mr A. Miller (chair), Mr D Hepper, Mr D. Leyland, Ms A. Henderson, Ms D. Causier, Mr G. Taylor, Mr T. Richardson.

Four members of the public were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies received and accepted by the Parish Council

Ann Pilgrim

2.0 Confirm minutes of meeting on 30th May

The council agreed that the draft minutes of the meeting on 30th May 2012 were a true record and the Chair signed them accordingly.

3.0 Declarations of interest

None

4.0 Glebe land – next steps

There was a lengthy and open discussion about the proposal to purchase the smaller area of glebe land. This discussion included input from members of the public. It was agreed that there was support from the village community to buy the small portion of glebe land if possible, and that the fact that it was a Jubilee year added significance to the project. This was followed by discussion about the means of raising capital. Options considered included:

- Donations from villagers
- A loan/mortgage from a bank/building society/individual
- A loan from the diocese
- Capital grant funding

In the short term Mr Edgell would need to confirm the proposed purchase price in writing, and the Parish Council would need to find 10% as a deposit. The diocese would need to give a written time scale for the final payment. Councillors discussed the possibility of paying the deposit from existing funds, which would be possible but not necessarily desirable. There was no final decision on this point.

If a Parish Council wants to apply for a loan, permission must be sought from the Secretary of State. SALC can help with this process, and the clerk understood that this would not pose a problem.

It was agreed that 18 months would be a realistic length of time for the Parish Council to apply for grants and find the funding.

The actions to be taken were agreed as follows:

1. A letter to Nicholas Edgell as soon as possible to gain written confirmation of the asking price and to request a period of 18 months for the repayment of the full amount. KB
2. Approaches to be made to businesses/bodies: KB to Viridor, DH to Suffolk ACRE, DL to BT charities.
3. An application should be made to the Secretary of State for permission to seek a loan, with support from SALC. KB
4. A query as to whether there would need to be a change of use of the land from agricultural to community use. KB
5. Some thought as to the possibility of acquiring donations from villagers. All BPC – to be considered at the next meeting
6. A special village event actually on the glebe land, with diocesan permission. Date to be agreed at next BPC meeting

7. Special fundraising events, such as cake stalls, quiz nights etc. All BPC – to be further considered at the next meeting
8. A new bank account to be set up for the project. KB to do this as soon as the purchase is confirmed.

Cllr Leyland commented that someone might need to keep track and fund manage this project once it is underway.

The land purchase will be on the agenda for the next full BPC meeting on 23rd July, and hopefully by then the clerk will have received a reply from Mr Edgell and it will be possible to move forward. The numbered actions above will be reviewed at that meeting. **AP11/20 and AP11/26**

5.0 Other matters arising

5.1 The clerk had received an invoice from Paul Cannard for mower fuel. A cheque was signed in payment for this.

5.2 The grain store appeal was discussed and the reasons for the overturning of Suffolk Coastal's decision were examined. It was agreed that a letter should be sent expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at the decision, citing the fact that local concerns had been ignored. The most contentious issue was the condition of Ufford Road, which is narrow, is currently not well maintained, and has no pavements. The clerk will write a letter of response to the appeal decision on behalf of the Parish Council. **AP11/18**

Meeting ended 8.45pm

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