

BRANDON PARVA, COSTON, RUNHALL & WELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 11th January 2023, 7:30pm, Welborne Village Hall.

Present.

Councillors – Simon Guest, Clare Kay, Peter Wood, Andrew Gill, Mike Webb and Donna Dean along with the clerk Bev Long and County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury

1. To receive and accept any apologies.
District Councillor Richard Elliott
2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensation.
None
3. Declaration of acceptance of office – cllr
Andrew Gill signed the declaration and was welcomed onto the council.
4. To approve the minutes of the meetings
 - 4.1 Held on 23rd November 2022 - approved and signed by the chair.
5. Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere.
 - 5.1 Enforcement report – Nightingale Care Home – update given, planning permission is required.
 - 5.2 Rural Mobility Survey – Andrew EG volunteered to complete at the last meeting.
6. Matters for discussion.
 - 6.1 GDPR – no issues to report.
 - 6.2 Grant Applications – two applications received – discussed at item 12.1
 - 6.3 Proposed new footpath – no further communication received from Barnham Broom Parish Council so it was decided not to move forward with this initiative. Clerk to write to BBPC expressing our frustration and disappointment of the lack of communication from themselves.
 - 6.4 Digital/Mobile coverage during power failure. Simon to move forward with this.
 - 6.5 Annual Parish meeting – speaker/invites – Simon to contact possible speakers to see if they are still interested.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Planning History/decision 2022/23 – Update on recent applications received from Simon and reviewed at the meeting.

7.2 South Norfolk Planning application – 2022/2335 Keepers Cabin, Mattishall Rd, Welborne. NR20 3LW – extension and alterations to dwelling and erection of cart lodge. For information only following comments agreed previously – The council is concerned by the ongoing piecemeal development around this site which may lead to a larger than appropriate development for the rural countryside in which it is situated. However the council cannot see any specific planning reason to reject this specific proposal and thus will take a neutral stance. Some concern was raised as to whether or not an additional access to the main road was required but the documents had disappeared off the planning site so that point wasn't checked.

7.3 Any time limited planning - none

8. Resident's questions.

None received

9. Reports from Litter wardens, District Cllr, County Cllr, & Parish Cllrs

9.2 Margaret Dewsbury had emailed her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting – she updated the council that Norfolk County Council had agreed a directly elected leader at the elections in 2024, this could be anyone.

9.3 Councillor reported a parishioner was concerned about: Footpath – Coston, no signs, the mud on Church Rd, Runhall Rd – Simon to report all to highways and ask about a 'warning' sign regarding the bends at this point. Clerk to write to Mr M Gill regarding the mud issues and a piece to be included in newsletter.

9.4 Councillor reported raised road surface on Banham Hill, Runhall – Donna to report to highways and let Simon have the details.

It was discussed generally regarding the issue with Avian Influenza (bird flu) a reminder about the legal requirements to be included in the newsletter.

10. Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

10.1 Update report received from Simon prior to meeting. Currently paths are in a reasonable condition with no further issues reported although it was noted that BR2 - dip is still an issue.

11. Highways

11.1 Highways outstanding issues report received prior to meeting. Ranger work had been completed.

11.2 Runhall Community Group – Highways had requested a point of contact – Simon to advise them to use the clerk as POC and clerk will then communicate with RCG direct.

12. Finance

12.1 Budget was discussed, it was agreed that due to the financial restraints the council would not be able to offer any grants in 23/24. The budget was approved and precept agreed at £4200

12.1 Cheques were approved and signed – £863 (this includes the £1 per hour increase from April 2023 as per contract and the national agreement) & expenses £89.97, Norfolk Parish and Training Support – election training for clerk £36 and Welborne Village Hall room hire for 2022/2023 £240.

13. Correspondence, including circulated items via email prior to meeting not included elsewhere.

Nothing further to report

14. Next meeting date - agreed as 8 March 2023.

15. News from BPCR & W Parish Council – agreed items for next edition – Annual Meeting, Council elections, care /mud on roads, precept and Avian influenza

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm