

BPC APM CHAIR REPORT

Good evening to you all.

2022-23 has been an interesting, busy, and productive year for Bromeswell Parish Council.

With a full complement of 7 Cllrs, and under the efficient, thoughtful guidance of our new clerk, Jenny, we have covered a wide range of challenges and commitments.

These I have summarised to give you an overview of the work presented to us, and what we have achieved on behalf of the village.

Meetings:

6 meetings were held during the year with 5 or more of the 7 Cllrs in attendance at each.

Finances:

These have remained in good shape with careful and efficient management of expenditure. The Annual Audit by Suffolk Assocn of Local Councils (SALC) raised no concerns.

Planning:

The PC was asked to comment on 9 planning applications from tree pollarding through to small extensions, to the major proposed development of 65 houses in Eyke.

7 were supported by the Parish Council, and have been approved.

2 were opposed (following guidance from local planning guidelines) and are still awaiting a decision from the Planning Department.

Regular Updates were received from ESC and SCC with thanks in particular for the Ease the Squeeze project offering support and advice for those with a wide range of needs.

The AONB also sent regular reports on their activities.

Consultations and Surveys

The following were responded to with specific consideration of the impact they may have on the village:

1. Supplementary Planning document for Housing in Clusters and Small Scale residential Development in the Countryside
2. Custom and Self-Build Supplementary Planning Document
2. Air Quality Management survey
3. Rural Services survey
4. CIL Charging Schedule consultation

Joint Initiatives

Representatives from Bromeswell Parish council have worked with:

1. The Joint Traffic Initiative with Melton and Campsea Ashe to address concerns over the problems arising over ever-increasing traffic numbers
2. Melton, Woodbridge, and Deben Community Partnership which includes representatives from ESC and local Parish Councils working together to find solutions for shared problems/needs within their communities.
3. Support for Designated Bathing Water Status from Woodbridge (Wilford Bridge) to Waldringfield
4. Support for Campsea Ashe PC re: Local Plan enquiry

Highways:

1. Improved 40mph signage on B1083 Sutton Rd from Wilford Bridge roundabout up past Sutton Hoo.

2. Clearance of weeds from footpath on RHS of B1083 (go up toward Sutton Hoo) to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety
3. VAS for the 20mph zone in Common Lane approved by Highways.
However it was not possible to find a location acceptable to both highways and residents for the pole so the project has been discontinued.
4. Supporting 30mph speed limit between Wilford Bridge Pub and Wilford Bridge Roundabout

Other Projects.

1. Financial support for the superb Platinum Jubilee Party
2. Establishing a dog poo bin by WRUFC
3. Planting of Platinum Jubilee Oak at WRUFC
4. Fencing for soakaway by VH for safety purposes
5. Thermal Imaging Survey of homes offered to all residents free of charge alongside access to advice from the Warm Homes Suffolk Initiative.
6. Review of fingerposts and plaques with QR codes in Bromeswell.
Suffolk County Council provided plaques with 2 QR codes on them for every fingerpost in the Parish. Scanning either code gives access to walking, cycling and horse-riding trails across Suffolk; the bottom code also gives access to The Countryside Code.
Missing and broken fingerposts were reported to, and have been replaced, by SCC, and all QR code plaques are now in place.

Thank You:

1. Thank you to our County Cllr, Andrew Reid, for his support (including financial) particularly for local traffic initiatives, and to our District Cllr, James Mallinder for his tireless support over a wide range of issues including enforcement, planning, and environmental.
2. Thank you to all the villagers providing the necessary input to the PC so we know how best to serve you, and we value your ongoing support.
3. Thank you also to the Editors of The Warbler.
Your endless patience, guidance and help in distributing essential information from the PC to your e-subscribers, both within and outside of the monthly publication of the Warbler, has been immensely valuable.
4. Finally, I must my thanks to the great team of our Clerk, and all the Councillors for their unified support.
As you can see from this report, a lot of work has been undertaken by the PC on behalf of Parishioners and this is only achievable by everyone working together and sharing the workload.
Thank you to you all for making my job do-able.
It really is a privilege and a pleasure working alongside you

Verity Brown
Chair
Bromeswell Parish Council