

Bromeswell Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 22 July 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall



22.07.24.5,9b	to contact Highways and enquire 'Slow Children Crossing' sign	IA
22.07.24.7c ii	to contact Enforcement regarding ENF/24/0133/DEV continued build	Clerk
22.07.24.7a	to submit comments to Application DC/24/2344/FUL Bowfield Farm	Clerk
22.07.24.8ii	to contact SWT to enquire about vehicles mentioned	Clerk
22.07.24.9a	to purchase paint for bus shelter and make a list of materials needed	VD
22.07.24.8iv	to contact Planning Forum to request notes and slides	Clerk
22/07.24.11a,b	upload signed Asset List and FR's to website	Clerk

Payments received since last meeting:

04.06.24	UK Power Wayleave	£36.23
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Payments made/to be authorised since previous meeting:

29.05.24	Bettaprint Inv 33083 (CEP)	£88.00
29.05.24	Hall hire Inv 118	£14.00
29.05.24	IT Services at CAS (.gov.uk domain)	£210.00
29.05.24	SALC Inv 28891 Internal Audit	£212.40
20.06.24	ICO dd	£35.00
21.06.24	Hall hire Inv 126	£24.75
21.06.24	Contribution to VHMC for shed	£1,000.00
28.07.24	Clerks Salary 1st quarter	£499.20
28.07.24	HMRC Contribution 1st quarter	£124.80

Attendance: Chair Verity Brown (VB), Ian Abbott (IA), Sue Todd (ST), Verity Danziger, ESC Cllr James Mallinder, Jenny Lloyd (Clerk), 1 member of public

1.	Welcome
2.	To receive and accept apologies for absence Tracy Rogers (TR) holiday, accepted, Rory Burrow (RB) holiday accepted, Tim Johnson (TR) work commitments accepted
3.	To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors on Agenda items VB - 7(a) new dwelling Bowfield Old Farm
4.	To receive Reports - SCC Cllr Andrew Reid Report distributed to Cllrs and can be found on the website under Minutes section - no comments raised - ESC Cllr James Mallinder presented a verbal report

	<p>Big changes across Suffolk and proposed Planning changes going ahead - writing to our local MP regarding general issues i.e. rural concerns, isolation and reduction in services - healthcare system and bus service, and hoping to have a meeting soon to discuss pockets of concern i.e. mobile phone connections, traffic at Bromeswell, runoff from fields particularly in Butley. Looking to work together to formulate a different policy regarding the road network - there's more water and excessive rain - maybe gov needs to start paying farmers to reinstate their ponds. JM will continue to support Planning and Enforcement issues and will keep BPC updated with connection with our new MP</p> <p>VD asked if any decision has been made on distribution of the bulbs re ESC Blooms - James will make enquiries</p>
5.	<p>Public Session</p> <p>concern was again raised about the speed and volume of vehicles on the A1152 and safety of children crossing to the bus stop - there is an increased number of children in the village using the bus - and query if a sign could be erected i.e. 'Slow Children Crossing' - Action IA - see below Item 9b IA update on safety of A1152.</p>
6.	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pothole in Summer Lane at entrance to the reservoir - to be followed up
7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning Application DC/24/2344/FUL - New dwelling (Self-Build) east of Bowfield Old Farm Sandy Lane was received - expiry 7 August</p> <p>It was noted that VB has declared an interest and was therefore excluded in comments. Bromeswell is classified as Countryside because of its lack of facilities, therefore building in the Countryside has to be tied to a specific need. There is no reference to and particular need for this house beyond the occupation of the self-builder. Following a discussion it was agreed to respond with a recommendation to reject this application as it fails to meet the exceptional criteria of para 7.50. The application also fails to clearly show why it is needed on this site so it fails on 7.51 as below.</p> <p>Housing Development in the Countryside</p> <p><i>7.50 It will normally be the case that new housing will be guided to the towns and larger villages with defined physical limits, where there is access to a range of services, facilities and employment opportunities in accordance with Core Strategy Policy CS01: Spatial Strategy. There are, however, a few exceptional circumstances where housing in the countryside is the only way to address a particular need. These include when accommodation is essential to enable agricultural, forestry or other workers to live at, or in the immediate vicinity of their place of work, housing which is proposed to meet identified needs for affordable housing in the rural area and replacement development where property is affected by coastal erosion. In addition, infill development may allow some, albeit limited, opportunities for private sector housing in the rural areas where there is access to services and facilities.</i></p> <p><i>7.51 The guiding principle in considering such proposals is that it should be clearly demonstrated that the housing is needed on the specific site and that it is not possible for it to be located within an area designated for residential development. Permission for such housing is an exception to normal policies and each case should be rigorously justified. All new proposals must have regard to other policies in this document and the policies contained in the Core Strategy, particularly in relation to flooding contained in Policy CS03: Flooding and Coastal Erosion</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action Clerk to submit BPC comments</p> <p>b) i) DC/223/0203/FUL - Eyke 65 dwellings - awaiting consideration ii) DC/22/4798/FUL - Low Farm Caravan Licence - pending consideration</p> <p>c) i) ENF 23/0235/USE Sandy Lane (DC/23/4614/FUL Church Barn containers) - Planning enforcement action is pending the outcome of this application</p>

	<p>ii) ENF/24/0133/DEV Bromeswell Corner - Possible Breach of Control: Erection of a building - an investigation will be undertaken, once a decision has been made on the action required BPC will be updated with the outcome. Action Clerk to contact Enforcement regarding the building work which continues i.e. windows and roof</p> <p>iii) ENF/23/0253/COND Hillbrook - investigations have concluded - the building was being used as a holiday let which required planning permission and was unauthorised. The outbuilding is no longer being used as a holiday let and has been returned to ancillary use to the main dwelling house. BPC will monitor.</p> <p>iii) ENF/24/0210/SIGN Holistic Woods - Part Os 1156 The Walks Possible Breach of Control: Unauthorised signage An investigation will be conducted and BPC will be updated with the outcome It was noted that activity behind the trees cannot be prevented, as this has been ongoing for over 10 yrs therefore is now a permitted development</p>
8.	<p>Communications received</p> <p>(i) request received for BPC support for campaign on safety of lithium batteries. Clerk has forwarded information required. House of Commons Ballot for Bills takes place on 5 September. 20 MP's names will be drawn to be persuaded to adopt the Bill. It was agreed BPC will support - further action required should our local MP be drawn.</p> <p>(ii) concern has been received regarding vehicles parking at Common Lane, particularly a white van which is reported to overnight there about 90% of the time and a blue car which visits often. Any information from residents regarding the vehicles would be appreciated. Action Clerk to contact SWT to enquire if these vehicles are known to them, and request their comments on the situation - it was noted that no litter has been reported.</p> <p>(iii) Ufford PC regarding gas works in Ufford BPC was copied in to letters to Cadent, Costain and SCC from Ufford PC regarding an alternative route, other than from the High Street, for the relaying of the gas main which would be much less disruptive to the residents and businesses.</p> <p>(iv) ESC Planning Forum 25 July - BPC members are unable to attend - Action Clerk to request notes and slides for distribution to Cllrs.</p> <p>(v) SALC Conference 1 July at 7 p.m. by Zoom was attended by VB as following report: The Suffolk Association of Local Councils is a not-for-profit membership organisation supporting the first tier of local government, namely town and parish councils and parish meetings. Their aim is to enable them to carry out their duties well, and their services include guidance, training and development alongside a range of support initiatives including numerous forums. Chaired by Sally Longmate CEO. There were 62 participants representing 54 Town and Parish Councils across Suffolk. Following a welcome from the President Sir Edward Greenwell, (Baronet) Carole Eagles CEO Citizen's Advice West Suffolk gave the keynote speech. Carole first Joined Citizens Advice West Suffolk in 2003 as a volunteer adviser, and in November 2020 she took up the full time post of CEO at Citizens Advice West Suffolk. The CAB was started up during WW2 to help with welfare issues. It was financed by grants, Trusts and donations with no direct government funding. Protocols were set for debt collection and action by bailiffs, Landlords were brought into line to ensure rents were fair, People were made aware of scams.</p> <p>Today Citizens Advice provides advice, information to members of the public on a wide range of matters including debt, welfare benefits, housing, employment, education, health, immigration and much more. There are between 400 and 500 trained volunteers working across Suffolk.</p>

	<p>There has been a 17% increase in clients in 2024 compared to 2022/23. The rise in benefit issues is not a reflection not of the complexity of the forms, but the fact that people are now more comfortable about asking for extra money Income streams today for the benefits of clients include obtaining welfare benefit, charitable support,(food vouchers, donations from general public and local businesses) and monies from received from compensation, lottery funding, and parish councils. Of the £14 million debt accrued by clients in total, most of this is owed to credit card companies, but also include unsecured loans, DWB overpayments, Anglian Water debts</p> <p>One of the main underlying aims is to understand <i>why</i> clients need the help they ask for, and to see if working longer hours, and increasing the contributions from other family members living with them will help manage debt and find ways to increase their income such as applying for additional benefits, considering getting a lodger in.</p> <p>Communication is face-to-face meetings, by telephone, and by email. Holistic advice is provided to try to empower clients so that they are better equipped to deal with their problems in the future.</p> <p>Following this keynote speech was the routine business of accepting the minutes of last year's meeting, election of President, Vice president, auditor, board members, approval of annual report, accounts and changes to SALC constitution.</p> <p>vi) AEPA request received to sign a letter to Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero to attend local meetings - it was agreed BPC will keep a watching brief</p>
9	<p>To review matters arising from meeting on 13 May 2024</p> <p>a) update on Bus shelter - VD has sourced some exterior Suffolk pink paint at a cost of £50.00 which BPC agreed to reimburse. Black paint is needed too. It has been provisionally earmarked to clear away, prep and paint on the last weekend in September. It was noted that the roof may need some attention (replacement felt). Volunteer Work Party needed - to be advertised in The Warbler. Cllr Mallinder offered financial and physical help towards the improvements. Action VD to collate a list of costs and complete the paperwork for Cllr Mallinder. It was also suggested a sign could be erected regarding safety on the roads - for consideration.</p> <p>(b) update on safety of A1152</p> <p>It was pleasing to note that the new road markings by Highways have incorporated no overtaking for the whole length from the roundabout.</p> <p>TR attended the JPTI meeting on 27 June. Highways Luke Barber gave a presentation with traffic data from 2016 and 2023- it was noted the large increase of HGV's specific to Bromeswell - Sutton Road measure was taken at Sutton Hoo - on a 5 day average - increased from 205 to 340. 165% increase. Helen Cooke from Sutton PC attended the meeting and offered to set up a group (Clerk has sent information requested regarding all peninsula PC's contacts). Discussion followed on agricultural machinery, delivery trucks and traffic getting busier. B1084 Orford Road - 57 to 140. IA has written to Chris Bally regarding the data.</p> <p>It was discussed the possibility of a Slow Children Crossing sign and how to find out the number of school children in the village - Action IA to make an enquiry to ESC and SCC.</p> <p>Bentwaters has not exceeded on annual level, and was monitored for 5 years - JPTI are still looking at ongoing monitoring, entering and exiting.</p> <p>Regarding A1152 and CIL - Chis Bally agreed to put together a project umbrella - there are other sponsors - and has asked other PC's to highlight any areas of concern. IA will continue to communicate with all involved.</p> <p>Chris Bally has definitely taken on board the concept of speed on the A1152 - more logical speed reductions are the hardest thing to get through at national level. Thanks expressed to IA and to TR for attending the JPTI meeting.</p>

	c) Common Lane - reported to Highways ref 470867 re kerb restoration - the concern is of the bank being washed away exposing a slope which has been revealed since brambles have been removed. Nothing further was heard from the landowner. This has now been placed on Suffolk Highways future/potential works programme, they will continue to monitor the situation during routine inspections, however note there is no time scale set for these works. It was mentioned that the grass has been recently cut and a good time to take further photos to send to Highways. BPC will monitor.
10.	Approval and signing of Annual Council minutes 13 May 2024 - Agreed
11.	To review and agree BPC documentation a) New Financial Regulations circulated to Cllrs and agreed Clerk to upload to website b) Asset Register includes litter pickers and hi-vis vests - to be signed - Clerk to upload to website
12.	Finance a) to note authorised payments made since last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bettaprint Inv 33083 (CEP) £88.00 - Hall hire Inv 118 £14.00 - IT Services at CAS (.gov.uk domain) £210.00 - SALC Inv 28891 Internal Audit £212.40 - ICO dd £35.00 - Hall hire Inv 126 £24.75 - contribution to VHMC for shed £1,000.00 - Clerks Salary 1st quarter £499.20 - HMRC Contribution 1st quarter £124.80 b) to note any payments received since last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UK Power Wayleave cheque £36.23 c) to agree accounts as at 22 July 2024 - agreed and signed for uploading to website
13.	Date of next PC meeting 16 September Thanks expressed to everybody in attendance. Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed Chair Date: 16 September 2024