

Bromeswell Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday 26 September 2022 at 7 p.m.at the Village Hall



26.09.22.5	Enquiries with local bodies regarding access to river at Wilford Bridge	Clerk
26.09.22.6b	Contact SCC regarding pole for VAS in Common Lane	TR
26.09.22.7	Planning Application comments to submit DC/22/3395/FUL, DC/22/3433/TCA	VB/Clerk
26.09.22.7b	ENF/2018/0537/DEV - to contact Enforcement regarding conditions	Clerk
26,09.22.9	Soakaway - to ascertain where hole is accessed/clearance required for maintenance.	TR

Payments received since last meeting

19/07/22	VAT Claim	£255.77
04/08/22	UK Power Networks	£36.23
05/09/22	Bank interest	£2.34

Payments made/to be authorised since previous meeting:

01/08/22	VH July Room hire - Inv 25	£14.00
15/09/22	HMRC Chq 100729 (first quarter)	£115.20
	CAS Insurance	£210.67
	Clerks Salary	£460.80
	HMRC	£115.20

**Attendance:** Chair Verity Brown (VB), Vice Chair Tim Johnson (TJ), Ian Abbott (IA) , SueTodd (ST), Tracy Rogers (TR), SCC Cllr Reid, ES Cllr James Mallinder, 3 member of the public, Clerk Jenny Lloyd

1.	<b>Welcome</b>
2	<b>Apologies received and accepted</b> Verity Danziger, Rory Burrow
3	<b>Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items</b> None received
4	<b>To receive Reports</b> SCC Newsletter August 2022 - distributed and available on the website Cllr Reid summarised his report regarding cost of living and a request to widely publicise the help available - for a wide range of support <a href="http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship">www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship</a> - energy bills - extra help available on 03456037686 or <a href="mailto:whhp@eastsoffolk.gov.uk">whhp@eastsoffolk.gov.uk</a> - Healthy Start Vouchers for parents to be and children under 4 years old <a href="http://HealthyStart.nhs.uk">HealthyStart.nhs.uk</a> Collaborating with other Borough Councils and District Councils.

	<p>Suffolk Waste Partnership are backing a national campaign to raise awareness of safe battery disposal to avoid risk of fire - lithium-ion batteries are responsible for around 48% of all waste fires occurring in the UK each year. There is also a need for safely recycling small electrical items. See information provided by Material Focus, a non-profit organisation running 'Recycle your electrical items' campaign <a href="http://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk">www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk</a>. Small electrical items can currently be recycled at Foxhall Waste site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SolarTogether Suffolk scheme <a href="http://www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk">www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk</a> (with thanks - this has been sent out to residents via The Warbler)</li> <li>- Walking and Cycling on prescription scheme - please refer to the Gear Change Plan for details: <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> cycling and walking plan for England</li> </ul> <p>Query raised Bromeswell is not a safe environment for cycling with the volume of traffic, HGV's and road widths. AR is aware of our concerns especially on Sutton Road down to the roundabout. Pilots are running in Woodbridge for safer cycling - tests could be carried out, especially on Wilford Bridge to give an indication of speeding. AR mentioned that transport funds are available for active travel. The concern was raised with difficulty in getting to safe cycling areas over busy roads.</p> <p>ESC Newsletter - distributed and available on the website  Cllr Mallinder summarised his report.  'Ease the Squeeze' launch - a comprehensive scheme which helps connect those needing help to those helping. <a href="http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/squeeze">www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/squeeze</a>. The page is continuously being updated as more schemes, services and support become available. Please share with others.  JM is always available to help people in confidence, on the telephone or home visit..</p> <p>Discussion on misconception of tetra packs being recyclable: the process is lengthy and when that process reaches capacity the tetra pacs are used for fuel until the recycling process is available again. Tetra pacs can be taken for recycling at Foxhall Waste site.  Bottle Banks: please use the correct bin for recycling. If a blue bin is used the glass goes for aggregate. Using the correct bins means glass is recycled to make more glass.  The local council is currently looking at ways in which small electrical items, batteries, and light bulbs can be collected from village sites instead of people having to make a trip to Foxhall Waste centre to do this.  It is encouraging to see more supermarkets are supplying battery recycling facilities. Many are also providing recycling bins for thin plastic packaging (including cling film, crisp packets, thin plastic covers from fruit packaging etc)</p> <p>No other reports received</p>
5	<p><b>Public session</b></p> <p>A request has been received from a resident, on behalf of Deben River Association, regarding activities/occupation on the river bank next to the Wilford Bridge, between the water and the start of the Board Walk. Discussion was held regarding previous works to the bank and if any contravention of conditions, and licensing for entering the waterways at this point.. Cllr Mallinder is aware of the potential issue of overnight camping - to be monitored. Action Clerk to correspond with various bodies and ESC Enforcement for further clarification on use of the riverbank.</p> <p>A concern was raised regarding the increase and speed of vehicles on the A1152 and the safety of pedestrians crossing to get to the bus shelter. Query if there could be signs beware pedestrians crossing or an island. Cllr Reid commented that as the speed limit is 60 mph it's unlikely - a pedestrian crossing, slow sign needs to be sited near a school or care home. It remains an issue and concerns that the road will get busier with the developments at Sizewell. There is no possibility for the bus to come through the village. BPC have tried to reduce the speed with no success. All incidents, near misses and accidents need to be documented as evidence to indicate how dangerous the road has become.</p> <p><b>Thank you</b></p> <p>It was noted with gratitude to the kind resident that has cleaned the war memorial bus shelter recently, also to the kind resident that routinely maintains the surrounding grounds. .</p>

6.	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>a) Improved Signage on Sutton Road TR has emailed SCC and followed up with the engineers - works are in line for christmas completion.</p> <p>b) Installation of the VAS in Common Lane Highways suggested Barn House to be a good location for the pole. TR has contacted Barn House and neighbouring properties. No objections have been raised, therefore TR will reapply. Cost of pole and installation to be received.</p> <p>c) BPC have reported the concern for safety on the very narrowing footpath from the roundabout to Sutton Hoo which is obscured by soil and weeds . It is dangerous for pedestrians eg with pushchairs. SCC responded that the work was not urgent. JM contacted the Cabinet Member for Transport and their response was also unacceptable. Sutton Hoo is a significant site and the footpath should be safe for use by visitors - SH suggests that visitors get a taxi from the Station ... BPC will continue to support the need for improvement.</p>
7.	<p><b>Planning Applications received</b></p> <p>- DC/22/3433/TCA - Lime re-pollard to original points at 4 School Lane was received between PC meetings with a closing date of 22 September. Unanimous no objection response from all Cllrs received, therefore resolved that Clerk submit a comment of support.</p> <p>- DC/22/3395/FUL - works to existing two storey semi detached - The Old School House. Concerns were raised that this property is within the conservation area - not listed but building of interest. UPVC windows should be avoided, or use of modern bricks or render. Concern with chimney works. BPC agreed no drastic objection but should refer to the Suffolk Conservation team for their ruling. Action VB to send Clerk wording for comment to send to Planning.</p> <p><b>Update on Applications from previous meeting</b></p> <p>- DC/22/2597/ADN - non illuminated advertisement at The Unruly Pig - Permitted</p> <p><b>Enforcements</b></p> <p>a) ENF/2018/0537/DEV - Agricultural building Summer Lane/Church Lane. IA confirmed that removal of the container was documented on original planning application. Action Clerk to contact Enforcement to note BPC are still aware of the concern.</p> <p>b) ENF/22/0241/DEV - pallet fence on left of A1152 from roundabout was inspected and due to its location the boundary treatment would not be considered adjacent to a highway, and therefore falls within the restrictions of permitted development.</p>
8.	<p><b>Communications received</b></p> <p>- <b>AONB Grants</b> - a second round of funding is now open to communities. The grants currently available for the Coast &amp; Heaths AONB may be found at the relevant weblink below, most with a closing date of 12th October 2022. :Coast &amp; Heaths AONB <a href="http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/managing/grants/">www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/managing/grants/</a> Please do feel free to pass on to people who you may feel it would be of interest to - information included in The Warbler and to be uploaded to website - hedgehogs are thriving in the village in their new free homes provided by AONB</p> <p>- <b>ESC Ease the Squeeze</b> Zoom event - ST offered to attend on 27 September. Clerk attended on 22 September. Presentation slides are available.</p> <p>- <b>SALC Zoom event 'what you can do to lower fuel bills'</b> TR offered to attend and report back</p> <p><b>Designated bathing water status application Woodbridge to Waldringfield</b> A representative was present at the meeting to summarise the application and what it will achieve - to be sent to DEFRA by the end of October. The river is being monitored - ecoli is not the only issue. Woodbridge has a Victorian system which overloads, raw sewage is only mulched up, front gardens are concreted, runoff from roads, farmlands, swans and birds in the estuary contribute to nitrates and phosphates. AW are working with farmers. The Bluetits swimmers group have requested data on AW sewerage releases and swim on the incoming tide only. Meeting with JM and requesting support from PC's and communities.</p> <p><b>Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Community Partnership</b> meeting on 22 September - VB attended as following report 'approx 30 attendees from various parish councils, and other community representatives.</p>

	<p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improving digital access for older people through training; not imminent and broadband remains unreliable in many parts.</li> </ul> <p>Transport East is trialling an App through which people can book a taxi-bus service. Rural transport remains a problem as people find they can get to where they want to but have problems getting back. There will never be sufficient numbers to have any viable service without subsidy. Many different organisations work within the CP including Parish Councils, RDA, and Seckford Foundation.</p> <p>The Deben Peninsula Profile Pack will be sent out to each member of the CP - it is full of local statistical data, with too much information to be able to digest during the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- warm spaces: to help those with difficulty getting their homes this winter. Will require volunteers, warm spaces, games, food, drink etc. Some halls are too large to heat economically, but Parishes could share halls, vestries, football/rugby club/pub rooms etc.</li> <li>- Kay Yule (Vice chair, of CP, ESC) will chase up the thermal imaging project circulated some months ago, so people can check their .homes and potential warm spaces to see how energy efficient (or otherwise!) ) they are.</li> <li>- growing spaces: It was suggested that people with spare land might consider giving some up for people less fortunate to grow vegetables on .... NOT allotments - but overall it was felt not only would it be difficult to protect plants from rabbits and deer, but there could be transport difficulties, and land ownership problems. Maybe a community orchard might work better'</li> </ul> <p>VD to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 13 December 6 pm Deben Conference Room, Riduna Decision to be made if BPC will remain core members.</p> <p>Cllr Mallinder mentioned that BPC will not miss out if unable to attend the meetings. The meetings are not just for PC's could be representative from VHMC - grants are open and could help with VH upgrading, energy saving projects, refurbishment and/or improvements to outside spaces, seating etc.</p>
9.	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it was noted that the new dog bin was full. VB reported x3 times and it has been collected. It is noted that an invoice has not been received, or the grant from ESC.</li> <li>- the Jubilee Oak tree is to be planted at the Rugby Club in the next 2 weeks. Future event tba. It was mentioned that a coronation ceremony could be considered next year.</li> <li>- fencing and/or hedging around the soakaway was discussed - it was agreed to have fencing along the footpath side and a warning sign. Action TR to ascertain where hole is accessed/clearance required for maintenance</li> <li>- County Broadband have been carrying out a survey in the village, accessing BT points. No further updates at the present time.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Approval and signing of minutes</b> Agreed and signed - to be uploaded to website</p>
11.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The option to opt out of the SAAA central procurement and appointment scheme for external auditor was noted and agreed no action required from BPC</li> <li>b) budget amounts and donations discussed in readiness for the next meeting. It was noted the increase for insurance, as the fixed period has expired. Option next year for a further fixed period. Note payment for the Website was missed last year therefore x2 payments this year.</li> <li>c) to note authorised payments made and payments to be made - as above</li> <li>d) payments received - as above</li> <li>e) to agree accounts as circulated to Cllrs - agreed and to be uploaded to website finances</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Thanks expressed to everybody in attendance    <b>Date of next meeting</b> - Monday 28 November</p>

Signed

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