

Bromeswell Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 27 March 2023 at 7 p.m.at the Village Hall



27.03.23.4	Litter pick on B/H Monday 8 May for Coronation Community event	IA/Clerk
27.03.23.4	ID reminder for voting for The Warbler	TR
27.03.23.7	Planning Application DC/2223/0203/FUL - to submit comment of support	Clerk
27.03.23.9	ENF/22/0392/DEV - contact ESC Enforcement	VB/Clerk

Payments received since last meeting

06/03/23	Bank interest	£8.91
24/03/23	VAT claim	£160.04

Payments made/to be authorised since previous meeting:

13/02/23	VHMC Jan hall hire Inv 52	£16.00
06/02/23	Churchyard maintenance donation	£620.00
27/03/23	Clerks expenses (printing) this FY	£25.00
27/03/23	Clerks expenses (paper) this FY	£4.75
27/03/23	SALC Payroll x6 month Inv 26770	£22.80
27/03/23	Clerks Salary 4th quarter	£460.80
27/03/23	HMRC contribution 4th quarter	£155.20

Attendance: Chair Verity Brown (VB), Tim Johnson (TJ) Vice Chair, Ian Abbott (IA), Tracy Rogers (TR), Sue Todd (ST), Verity Danziger (VD), ESC District Cllr Mallinder, 0 members of public, Clerk Jenny Lloyd

1.	Welcome
2	Apologies received Rory Burrow (RB) - accepted Cllr A Reid
3	Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items None received
4	To receive Reports SCC Cllr Reid and ESC Cllr Mallinder reports were distributed to Councillors. No comments raised for SCC Report available on the PC website ESC Report here . Cllr Mallinder summarised his environmental initiatives - Pardon the weeds, Feed the bees campaign for reduced grass cutting, Loving Suffolk - collective litter picking and the East Suffolk Blooms - gifting bulbs to the local community to be distributed in September. Cllr Mallinder has introduced a pilot scheme for x3 small electrical recycling bins at Martlesham, Rendlesham and Saxmundham and plans to move a bin around the villages, also has produced an Environmental Vision which will assist in ESC decision making for the future. Parking adjustments at Bawdsey will take place by the summer - where ESC can then get traffic wardens involved.

	<p>Cllr Mallinder has been in contact with Planning and Enforcement re the land next to Rocks Barracks advertising a car boot in April - a sensitive time for ground nesting birds, the track is not suitable for vehicles. Land has been previously used for motor bikes. Bromeswell PC to monitor and contact JM with any concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sutton Road footpath upkeep and request for BPC to monitor along with Sutton PC - ID reminder for voting - to be included in The Warbler. Action TR. Thank you - discussion regarding the 'Toad Crossing' on the A1152 and the reduction in toad population. A natural water habitat is planned at The Rugby Club - Cllr Mallinder suggested AONB funding and encourage Bromeswell to think about a ponds network - IA offered to lead a litter pick on 8 May B/H Monday for a Coronation Community event. Action Clerk to source equipment.
5	<p>Public session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recent noise disturbance was mentioned. The Noise Disturbance contact number for raves etc is 01502 (Lowestoft) 527133. - Works to tree in School Lane is being carried out on Tuesday 28 March - access only - BPC discussed the numerous requests received from a resident concerning a bench or plaque to be installed at the Village Hall. To note - this is not a Parish Council matter, and therefore request direct communication with the VHMC. <p>Review of Fingerposts and QR codes</p> <p>VB has kindly checked locations and reported fallen down or missing posts to Suffolk Highways. Map available showing a total of 31 locations. VB will monitor in 3 months. Details from Ben Heather Green Access Officer Public Rights of Way Team https://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk/discoveringsuffolk-resources/</p>
6.	<p>Highways Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the new 40 mph sign on Sutton Road was reported - response received <i>'the signs are now facing the correct way but maybe prone to getting hit by passing traffic'</i> <p>TR contacted Suffolk Highways - an offset bracket is due to be installed, which will enable the sign to be set further back from the carriageway edge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melton/Wilford Bridge Speed Limit Report - BPC was invited to comment on the Report which is recommending a reduction to 30 mph (Finalised Speed Limit Report available here). Melton PC next steps to organise a design estimate. To note that Cllr Reid also supports the section of road marked in red should be 30mph, providing a consistent limit up to the roundabout. <p>BPC discussed the A1152 Bromeswell junction, especially in light of new development in Eyke - the increase in traffic, speed and safety issues to get to bus shelter and lack of footpath in places. BPC will continue to monitor and pursue a request for speed reduction and a traffic island.</p>

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Planning Matters

- DC/22/4798/FUL received for Licence renewal for caravans at Low Farm - Agree comment of support has been submitted from BPC.

- Planning Application DC/23/1063/FUL - proposed conversion of existing Outbuilding into single unit of holiday let accommodation Summer Lane - discussions held for this 1 bed, design, no change in footprint, good access parking on site, environmental assessments being carried out. No objections from BPC. Agreed. Action Clerk to submit comment of support.

- 65 dwellings at Eyke DC/23/0203/FUL and DC/22/4775/FUL (a second, **identical** application)

IA attended a Planning meeting on 13 February at Eyke. Response from BPC agreed to submit as follows: 'Due to the potential harm this application would have on the residents of Bromeswell, we request that Bromeswell PC be added as an official consultee. Bromeswell PC recommends that this application is REFUSED on the grounds of traffic congestion and safety. A planning application of 65 properties will increase the amount of traffic using the A1152 through Bromeswell and onwards into Melton. Bromeswell PC agrees with Melton PC that the traffic impact of this application has been underestimated. The East Suffolk Village Profile for Eyke 1 shows that there is an existing ratio of 1.62 cars per dwelling in Eyke. Bromeswell PC sees no reason to assume a similar ratio will not be reflected in the new development, resulting in approximately 105 additional vehicles. Additional vehicles in terms of visitors to these properties (friends, families, delivery couriers) should also be expected.

Bromeswell PC supports the points raised by Melton PC, and would like to highlight two other areas of particular concern regarding traffic: 1. The junction of the A1152 and B1084 (Eyke Road and Orford Road) The speed limit along the A1152 is 60mph. The majority of traffic-flow along the A1152 from the Wilford Bridge roundabout tends to go towards Eyke. The layout of the junction with the B1084 means this traffic does not need to slow down and rarely does. Bromeswell residents note that they regularly see 'near misses' when traffic from the Eyke area pulls out in front of vehicles travelling from the Wilford Bridge roundabout towards Orford on the B1084. It is fortunate that accidents at this junction are few, however, they do occur and the danger that this junction presents should not be underestimated. 2. Pedestrian crossing from School Lane Bromeswell across the A1152 The minutes from past Bromeswell PC meetings show that residents consider the speed and volume of existing traffic along the A1152 to be extremely hazardous. This situation is most severe for pedestrians crossing from School Lane, Bromeswell.

Residents wishing to catch a bus towards Woodbridge / Ipswich are required to cross the A1152 at its junction with School Lane. This includes school children who need to cross the A1152 at the peak period of traffic flow to catch their school bus. All residents find this crossing hazardous, especially the elderly and disabled. Ramblers traversing the Sandlings Walk also need to cross the A1152 at this point. An additional (approx.) 105 vehicles on this road will increase the dangers to road users and pedestrians on this hazardous stretch of road. In relation to traffic volume, Bromeswell PC would like to highlight that the applicant's Planning Statement and Transport Statement suggest ease of access to local amenities:- Planning Statement, para. 2.2.1 states, "Eyke is designated as a Small Village under Policy SCLP3.2 of the Local Plan. This reflects the presence of a number of shops and services along with a school and village hall. "

- Transport Statement, para. 2.3 suggests that there is a convenience store at Eyke. The same paragraph also says, "There are further facilities in nearby villages such as Ufford, Bromeswell, Melton and Woodbridge."

Bromeswell PC highlights these paragraphs as they imply that Eyke, Ufford and Bromeswell have shops that Eyke residents can easily access. For clarity, there are no shops in Eyke. A convenience store used to exist in the village but this has been closed for many years. There are also no shops or other amenities in the neighbouring villages of Bromeswell or Ufford with the exception of a village pub/restaurant at both locations. This is significant as no retail outlets will be within walking distance of the new development and residents will need to drive to and from shops'

Consultations

- VB submitted following response from BPC to Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document:

Question: Are any specific elements of the Local Plan policies relating specifically to rural matters that you consider require additional guidance in the Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document?

YES: guidance is required in the following areas:

1. Conversion of farm buildings to holiday lets: this has the potential to cause loss of habitat to native wildlife, especially barn owls. There will also be an increase in traffic, particularly from the Deben Peninsula, on a road system what is already not fit for purpose and under considerable strain from HGVs and residential traffic.

	<p>2. Conversion of farm buildings to expensive homes that locals will be unable to afford: There is already a shortage of local affordable houses. The addition of more expensive properties will push up local prices making it even more difficult for young people, in particular, to be able to afford to live locally.</p> <p>3. Conversion of farm buildings/new build for business premises: These have the potential too to destroy native wildlife, and add to the already problematic road congestion. Overall, the increase in light, noise and traffic pollution needs to be seriously considered in terms of the effects on residents and native wildlife and specific guidance should be included in the proposed SPD</p> <p>Question: Are there any elements of national policy or aspects of the General Permitted Development Order that you consider require additional guidance in the Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document? If yes, please explain what guidance is required.</p> <p>YES: guidance is required in the following areas: Please see response above: guidance on preserving native wildlife, minimising noise ,and light pollution, and ensuring an already overburdened traffic system is not made worse.</p> <p>- VB submitted following response from BPC to Custom and Self-build Housing Supplementary Planning</p> <p>Having read all the documentation, there was nothing detailed that warranted any specific comments or concerns- copied to Cllr Mallinder.</p>
8.	<p>Communications received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESC Blooms - 500 bulbs requested for Bromeswell by VD - await further communication and delivery September/October. Volunteers will be needed. to plant bulbs in public areas. Thanks expressed to VD. - VB met with pupil from Eyke School regarding a letter received from him about the Big Battery Hunt (an inter-school challenge to find which school can collect the most).The idea of a collection point in Bromeswell was discussed and VH contact has been given so that the school can source an appropriate container and a poster can be displayed - for inclusion in The Warbler. - Suffolk Climate Change, New Greenest Communities Network request to get involved - VD will continue with the receipt of emails from Claire Ling, which are also sent to the Clerk. - Deben Community Partnership meeting on 20 February - VD attended - discussions were about community engagement with young and old, i.e. IT help for older people, mental health support including young people following a survey with local schools. Community Partnerships are part funding the construction of 'mens shed' project at Rendlesham. VD happy to attend the next meeting date tbc.
9.	<p>To review matters arising from meeting on 23 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wilford Bridge ENF/22/0392/DEV - concern raised regarding reeds having been burned on both sides of the riverbank, hard area and ditch for boats. Contact Enforcement.(Natural England) with photos. Action VB/Clerk. - Broken road sign at the Summer lane triangle - to be monitored - AP/22/0055/REFUSE Managers Dwelling Salix Sawmill - no further update
10.	<p>Approval and signing of minutes 23 January 2023</p> <p>Agreed and signed - available on website here</p>
11.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to note authorised payments made since last meeting (as above table) b) to note VAT claim of £160.04 received. (document circulated and to be uploaded) c) accounts agreed and to be uploaded to website finances d) to update Internal Control Statement and arrange completion of Report - agreed e) to review Risk document - to note SALC Audit not able to take place until w/c 5 June - to note request for communication to BPC to confirm churchyard upkeep
12.	<p>Thanks expressed to everybody in attendance and for completion of nomination papers. Date of next meeting - APM and ACM Monday 15 May 2023. Schedule of dates to be agreed,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.</p>

Signed Chair ... Date 15 May 2023