

Bromeswell Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Monday 12 May 2025 at 6.30 p.m.at the Village Hall



Attendance: Chair Verity Brown (VB), Vice Chair Tim Johnson (TJ), Ian Abbott (IA), Tracy Rogers (TR), Sue Todd (ST), Rory Burrow (RB), Verity Danziger (VD), ESC Cllr James Mallinder, Guest Speaker PC Jacqueline Abbott, Jenny Lloyd (Clerk), 4 members of public

1.	Welcome and refreshments
2.	<p>To receive Annual Reports</p> <p>SCC Cllr Andrew Reid's Annual Report was distributed and available to view on the website no comments were raised.</p> <p>ESC Cllr James Mallinder presented his verbal report - JM continues to support all the 9 Deben PC's.in monitoring Planning and Enforcement concerns. The big changes at ESC will be the bin collections - they have procured new trucks for food collection - households could get up to 5 bins. JM will keep us updated on ESC developments.</p> <p>JM was the only Cllr to vote against the budget - stating that the budget had not been run efficiently. Households are struggling to pay for bills ESC should be focussing on core responsibilities.</p> <p>There is a big push on ESC to build more houses - JM mentioned the 65 houses in Eyke is over 40% the size of the village - traffic will be increased by over 120 additional movements a day - National Government are loosening planning legislation - needs proper discussions about the road networks before considering new houses - our roads are inadequate for the increase in traffic and in farming equipment. It was noted that at Shingle Street on a Saturday last year - there were 150 extra cars.</p> <p>Sutton Hoo is an internationally renowned centre - it's an important Suffolk area and JM believes we should celebrate it more - the narrow footpath needs to be improved.</p> <p>The visit with MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter was a successful 3 hours articulating all our concerns. JM spoke about Bromeswell and the road systems and destruction of the Highways by larger commercial vehicles. They looked at the Eyke development and the flooding at Butley - the run off from fields seems to be getting worse every year. JM spoke to the MP and would like to push a strategic project of all stakeholders, PC's, Environment Agent, SCC, District Council and Police - working together to resolve issues of flooding.</p> <p>Unitary developments continue - ESC and SCC won't exist with the election of a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk taking place next year, followed by a shadow council a year later. In 2027/28 we will have the elections for the new Council.</p> <p>Some queries were raised about upcoming cycling projects and the inadequate footpath to Sutton Hoo, and if the new Coastal path will include the same footpath.</p> <p>BPC are very appreciative of James' ready availability and thanks were expressed for his support and for the news reports.</p>
3.	<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>PC Jacqueline Abbott presented an overview of her role as Suffolk Community Police Officer. JA has been in the post for nearly 4 months, having previously been front line officer for 16 years and a control room officer Her 'patch' not only covers the Deben peninsula, but up to Snape, Wickham Market, Campsea Ash and Rendlesham. JA regularly pops into the pubs, the PGL, all the schools (also speaks with the older children before they go up to Farlingaye) and gets involved in the Communities and hearing from Parish Councils.</p> <p>There is very little crime in this area - there was a report of a buzzard in a trap at Tunstall which was dealt with by the rural police crime team and it was released unharmed. A couple of farms were attacked but these are organised crime. JA provides a visual presence, and will help with issues of anti-social behaviour, recently managing to work with Forestry England to issue a Section 59 warning for people on mopeds and bikes riding through the forest. If the Police can</p>

	<p>get details of people constantly speeding or driving dangerously - for 12 months they have this warning - if they do it again in that time in that car or any car, the vehicle can be seized and crushed.</p> <p>Discussions were held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - about priorities for response. Wildlife cameras are a good way of monitoring - as long as you put a notice up of CCTV in operation. - about the regulations for advertising i.e. on the roundabout at Wilford Bridge. The roundabout seems to be sponsored - would the sponsors be irritated if they knew drivers are distracted by boards. JA offered to try and find out more information. - about Speedwatch. JA is speedwatch trained but it needs to be a 30 mph stretch and somewhere safe to pull people in. Traffic cops can do over 30 mph areas. <p>BPC have campaigned for reduced speed limit on A1152 which is still 60 mph. The recent cross hatching has made a difference. BPC did a freedom of information request for the amount of accidents on this stretch especially outside the pub - JA offered to speak to traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - about the crossing at the bottom of School Lane to get to the bus stop and the Eyke junction JA suggested it might be worth speaking to Sizewell to fund a crossing. - about speeding outside the Rugby Club - a team of dedicated motor cyclists working for Sizewell would be more than happy to set up in speeding locations. JA will mention the Rugby Club. - about local crime alerts by email - nothing seems to be timely on the website - it would be handy for the village to be made aware of local issues. JA kindly offered to look into it. <p>Leaflets were handed out to let people know how to report a crime. If there's anything that is niggling you - call 101 or quicker go on online at www.suffolk.police.uk. BPC will display on noticeboards and TR offered to add to The Warbler.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to PC Abbott for her attendance.</p>
4.	<p>There was an opportunity for village organisations to inform residents of their activity</p> <p>A report was received from VHMC as follows:</p> <p>'Over the last 12 months, the committee have continued to make improvements to the village hall which have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new tarmacadamed driveway • Ongoing electrical upgrades including new LED lighting • Tree surgery where needed • A resealing of the floor • New fascia boards/guttering, concrete pad and shed • Cavity wall insulation (grant funded) <p>One of the more substantial projects, indeed arguably the most important, remains the cladding on the building which continues to deteriorate. Without grant funding, we have insufficient capital to finance the work but we are looking to repaint as a temporary measure in order to increase its useful life.</p> <p>The improvements listed above have of course come with a cost so that our capital position has been impacted, although some of this expenditure can also be regarded as being non-recurring. Equally, year on year revenue has also fallen and one of the objectives of the committee will be to try and address this issue moving forwards. A questionnaire has been prepared for the village asking, amongst other things, what would like to be seen in terms of activities taking place in the building to encourage greater use. We are also implementing various operational and safety policies with a view to the hall being 'match fit' when sourcing grants.</p> <p>As to membership, the committee is just 6 strong which can mean that a disproportionate workload falls on a limited number. In order to remedy this, we need to recruit more members, another issue the committee will continue to address.</p> <p>In the meantime, I would like to thank every member for their commitment during the year which is much appreciated. Tim Gooding Chairman'</p>

	<p>Discussions were held about hirers, possible fundraising, social media presence and wi-fi.. BPC agreed that the VH is a great asset with it's strong floor and high ceilings (ideal for badminton) and it is disappointing to note the poor response received from the questionnaire. ST thanked BPC on behalf of VHMC for the financial support.</p> <p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust Annual Report for Bromeswell Green A report was received from SWT - available to view on the website under minutes section distributed to Cllrs and those present.</p> <p>It is pleasing to hear about the wildlife that has been spotted - including a Kingfisher at the pond. The Woodbridge Wildlife group holds regular ticketed events bookable via the SWT website.</p> <p>The query was raised about an issue with sewerage from The Unruly Pig. Discussions held about the drain in Common Lane seems very high and is this the reason for the ditch to overflow. Action TJ offered to contact the Landowner to help resolve. BPC confirmed agreement for the Environment Agency to be contacted by SWT if necessary. Action Clerk to contact SWT to find out if they need our support. The report also mentions the overnight parking - which is not permissible and BPC continues to monitor.</p>
5.	<p>Share your views no views were raised</p>
6.	<p>Chair presented the BPC Annual Report VB summarised the Annual Report as follows - full report can be viewed on the website</p> <p>'Meetings and Governance: Six Council meetings were held with full Clerk attendance and strong councillor engagement. A separate residents' meeting was held to update the Parish Plan.</p> <p>Finances: The council's finances remain healthy due to prudent planning, meeting all audit requirements.</p> <p>Partner Support: Cllr Andrew Reid and Cllr James Mallinder provided ongoing support, particularly for traffic safety, flooding, and planning matters. James Mallinder's Enabling Grant funded the Bromeswell bus shelter renovation and a new general/dog waste bin.</p> <p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) continues to ensure Bromeswell Green flourishes, and the Community Police also supported concerns about illegal parking at that site.</p> <p>Planning: BPC responded to 7 planning applications (5 approved, 1 withdrawn, 1 pending) and dealt with 6 enforcement issues (3 upheld, 1 resolved, 2 ongoing).</p> <p>Consultations & Engagement: BPC engaged in over 20 consultations and surveys on local transport, planning, energy, and safety. Key topics included Sizewell C, lithium battery safety, rural transport issues, Suffolk Devolution Proposals.</p> <p>Highways: Concerns remain over A1152 traffic and pedestrian safety. Some improvements have been implemented, including speed limit reductions and extended no-overtaking zones. Communication issues with road closures were flagged with Highways.</p> <p>Projects & Initiatives: Key projects included:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus shelter renovation (ongoing) - Updated Community Emergency Plan - Thermal imaging for home energy efficiency - Successful community litter pick - Installation of a new multipurpose bin for general and dog waste outside the Village Hall <p>Joint Initiatives: BPC participated in regional forums to address traffic and development concerns, notably with JPTI and Deben Ward parishes.</p> <p>Acknowledgements: Thanks were extended to Cllrs Reid and Mallinder, residents, <i>The Warbler</i> editors, and Clerk Jenny for their dedication and support.</p> <p>Thank yous:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To our County Cllr Andrew Reid for his ongoing support for local traffic initiatives, and for the work he carries out for the benefit of the wider Suffolk community. 2. To our Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder for his tireless support over a wide range of local issues including planning advice, planning enforcement, local flooding issues, accident black spots. We are very grateful for his financial support through his Enabling Grant for the work carried out to renovate the Bromeswell Bus Shelter, and to provide a multipurpose rubbish.dog waste bin outside the Village Hall. Thank you for being so accessible. 3. Thank you to all the villagers who support us and provide the necessary input for the Parish Council to be able to serve you appropriately. We value your ongoing support. 4. Thank you to the Editors of The Warbler. As ever, your endless patience, guidance and willingness to distribute essential information from the Parish Council to your e-subscribers, both in and outside of the monthly publication, has been immensely valuable. 5. Finally, but by no means least a huge thanks must go to our Clerk, Jenny, who has to filter large volumes of emails from so many sources, ensure we respond to Planning Applications and surveys in good time, and keep us updated on a vast range of updates, forums, etc. Thank you also to the great team of Cllrs for their unified support. <p>As you can see, much work has been undertaken by the Parish Council on behalf of Parishioners and this has only been achievable by solid teamwork</p> <p>Thank you all for enabling me to do my job effectively. It has been a pleasure and privilege to work alongside you. Verity Brown Chair'</p> <p>Verity was thanked by the BPC for her time and commitment as Chair over the last 3 years.</p>
7.	<p>To review and sign Annual Parish meeting Minutes 13 May 2024 Previous minutes were agreed and signed - Clerk to upload and replace last year's draft on the website</p>
	<p>The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m. The minutes remain a draft until the next Annual Parish meeting on 11 May 2026.</p> <p>This meeting was followed by the Annual Council meeting which includes BPC Finance.</p>

Signed Chair Date ... 11 May 2026