

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2018 STARTING AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: B.Cunliffe (Chair), J. Mallen, P. Lilwall, K. Ewing, A. Toomey and A Hartley-Walder.

Mrs J Boxall (Clerk)

Members of the public – 2

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence.

No apologies for absence were received as all Councillors in attendance. Cllr A Smith tendered his resignation. Breckland had been notified.

2. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 8th November 2018

Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting as proposed by Cllr Ewing.

4. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation and also to allow Councillors with a prejudicial interest to speak on agenda items.

No comments were received.

5. To receive reports from District Councillor, County Councillor & Police

County Cllr Borrett and the Police were not in attendance, no apologies were received. District Cllr G. Bambridge sent his apologies but reported that Breckland had approved the Local Plan to go for final consultation. Parishes will be encouraged to comment to the inspector when the consultation starts in January.

6. To receive update on matters arising from previous minutes for information only

No update received from Highways on Mile Stone or speed reduction proposals despite emails to chase.

7. To approve further action re tree report and church wall.

Cllr Lilwall reported that the Friends of Bawdeswell Church, had agreed to contribute towards the repair of the church wall, the amount of contribution to be decided once final cost was known. The tree survey report was circulated for consideration. It was agreed to seek quotes for recommended tree works. Letter to be sent to contractors requesting quotes for repair of church wall.

8. To approve further action / allocate reserves for future Garden Town Development

Although recent threat of garden town development has abated, the land is still available for development. Following discussion about the possible need to create a reserve for fighting future development, it was unanimously agreed not to allocate funds for this purpose but to continue to maintain an interest as proposed by Cllr Cunliffe. Letter to be sent to CANT re decision.

9. To approve precept requirements for 2019 / 20

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to approve an increase of £5500 to set a precept of £24000 as proposed by Cllr Mallen, The increase was in recognition of the need for medium to long term planning including consideration of deteriorating play equipment, church wall repairs and need for future driveway maintenance. It was agreed not to put any money towards Highway matters, acknowledging that this will restrict the Council's ability to apply for Parish Partnership Funding.

10. Planning

(a) To consider planning applications

No planning applications were received.

(b) To receive decisions from Breckland District Council

Replacement of first floor window to the staircase. Existing oak floorboards from the first floor master bedroom are to be carefully removed and retained on site at The Willows The Street Bawdeswell
- Approval

Cllr Cunliffe attended the planning committee meeting regarding the seven residential dwellings with associated gardens, garages and private drives at Old Fakenham Road Foxley where despite objections the application was approved.

(c) To consider any late planning applications

No late planning applications were received

11. Finance

To receive bank statements for consideration

Bank statements were available for inspection. The balance of the Community account after invoices (as detailed below) are paid is £12934.35. The balance of the Business money manager was £2251.91. Project Bawdeswell account remained as £1894.28.

To approve payments to be made and approve late payments as necessary

The following payments to be made by Bank transfer on 7th December 2018

K&M Lighting – Street Lighting Maintenance	£ 7.08
Ravencroft Tree Services – Tree survey	£ 294.00

The following payments to be made 31st November 2018

Mrs Jo Boxall – December salary & expenses	£ 345.54
HMRC PAYE - December	£ 84.40

12. Correspondence

All correspondence circulated electronically

13. To receive items for information

The WW1 Commemorative bench has arrived. Following review of benches currently on village green and the difficulty in moving those benches, it was unanimously agreed to review PC's previous decision and place the new bench in the millennium garden as proposed by Cllr Cunliffe.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

Review PC goals,

15. To confirm date of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th February 2019

16. To close the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.00pm