

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2023 AT BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.00PM.

Present: J. Mallen (Chair) A. Hartley-Walder (Vice Chair), A. Toomey and R. Reed
District Councillor G.Bambridge

Mrs J Boxall (Clerk)

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1. To receive and note apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Lilwall.

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

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2023.

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2023, as a true and accurate record as proposed by Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Hartley-Walder. Minutes were duly signed.

4. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to speak on agenda items.

No comments were received.

5. To receive reports from District Councillor, County Councillor & Police. To receive report from Village Hall & Primary School

County Councillor B.Borrett and the Police were not in attendance. Cllr Bambridge gave a brief report on the proposed New Town site put forward under Breckland call for sites, reasons for objection were put forward. It was confirmed that the policy consultation would be out the first half of March. Concern was expressed about the four sites put forward in Bawdeswell. Cllr Hartley-Walder gave an update on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees and reported that although the scaffolding was being erected for the roof work, there would be a two week delay to the start of the works due to predicted inclement weather. With loans and donations it was anticipated that only £10000 would be needed to be borrowed from the PWLB. The Parish Council were thanked for their support. David Taylor, Chair of the Primary school governors was not in attendance.

6. To receive update on matters arising from previous minutes for information only – A Frame climber

The A Frame climber had been removed on the play area. Cllr Reed raised concern about the play area at Bluebell Rise as some of the newly planted trees are damaged. A need to review the play equipment provision was highlighted.

7. To receive update in respect of the PWLB loan application

No further information was received regarding the PWLB loan application. The Clerk confirmed an email has been sent requesting an update and enquiring about the timescales for loan approval but to date no response had been received.

8. Grounds Maintenance – To receive update

The handyman had confirmed that the replacement of the coping stones in the Jubilee Garden would be the next job to be carried out. The new grounds maintenance contractor to be made aware of hedge cutting requirements on the recreation ground following concerns raised at the February meeting.

9. Breckland Call for sites – to formulate response to policy consultation

Breckland confirmed that they have been in the process of appointing consultants to assist them with the consultation on both this and others during the local plan and that this has delayed the start of the consultation. It was anticipated that the consultation will go live in early March at which time all Parish Council's will be sent the link to the consultation. It was agreed to defer this agenda item to the April agenda.

10. Planning

a) To consider planning applications

No planning applications were received.

b) To receive decisions from Breckland District Council

No planning decisions were received

c) To consider any late planning applications

No late planning applications were received.

11. Finance

a) To receive income / expenditure budget figures for end November for consideration

The balance of the Community account as at 28th February was confirmed as 19573.35. Business Money Manager was £34926.00 including £31.12 interest credited 28th February 2023.

b) To approve payments made, to be made and approve late payments as necessary

All payments made and to be made as per schedule of payments were **AGREED** as proposed by Cllr Mallen, seconded by Cllr Hartley-Walder. The list of payments was duly signed.

Payments made

Mrs Jo Boxall – February salary & Exps - £483.02 paid 28th February 2023
Bank charges 13th December to 12th January £9.00 taken 3rd February 2023
CBR Business Solutions - DBS Nursery £28.80 paid 9th February 2023
Peter Andrews – CCS £3.00 paid 22nd February 2023
Graham Williamson - Removal of A Frame £161.99 paid 22nd February 2023
K&M Lighting - 13th February - 12th March £9.42 paid 22nd February 2023
Mrs Jo Boxall - February salary & exps £483.02 paid 28th February 2023

Payments to be made

Bank charges 13th January – 12th February 2023 £8.00 to be taken 3rd March 2023
Mrs Jo Boxall – March salary & exps £483.02 to be paid 31st March 2023
Bawdeswell Village Hall – February hire £5.00

c) To approve grant application to Breckland for Community Car Scheme 2023/24

It was confirmed that the balance of the Community Car Scheme was £1598.41. An invoice was sent to Foxley PC for £91.87 for journeys made by their residents January – December 2022. The Clerk circulated a report to Council for consideration. It was unanimously **AGREED** to request a grant of £250 in light of reserves held as proposed by Cllr Mallen, seconded by Cllr Reed.

12. Correspondence

Concern was expressed over comments made about the performance of the Parish Council in the Reeves Tale. The Chairman drafted a response to address comments and to encourage others to come forward as councillors. The Council unanimously agreed to publish the draft in Reeves Tale following minor amendments.

An enquiry was received from a resident interested in joining the Council. An invitation had been extended to attend the April PC meeting and election information was forwarded.

Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project notification of hearings was circulated.

13. To receive items for information and receive items for the next agenda

No items were received for information.

Future agenda items to include Breckland call for sites consultation and PWLB update. End of year figures would be circulated.

14. To approve the date of next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6th April 2023

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7pm

15. To close the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.05pm