

Brisley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Brisley Parish Council held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2020.

Under the Coronavirus Act, the Secretary of State has published meetings regulations which remove the requirement to hold annual meetings and allow virtual meetings up to 7 May 2021. These are contained in The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllr Henry Collinge (Chair)
Cllr Tony Irons (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Brigid Fairman
Cllr Nicola Curl
Cllr Bobby Green
Cllr Richard Savory
Cllr Peter Dennis

C/Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)
No members of the public were present.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

There were none declared.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2020.

Cllr Green proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Fairman and agreed by Council.

4. To receive County/District Councillor reports.

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that highway maintenance works were continuing but he had noted an issue with the surface dressing works, in that they were being carried out prior to any potholes being repaired. He requested that any instances of this be reported to him to take forward.

In respect of Breckland Council, he reported that Committee had approved a full review of the Local Plan which meant there would be a further call for sites at the end of the year.

5. Open Forum: a 15-minute opportunity to hear from members of the public.

There were no members of the public present.

6. Highways

a) To receive an update on matters reported to Norfolk and Breckland Councils.

- Woods Lane Flooding – update re filled-in ditch – Cllr Green reported that he had carried out an inspection and the flooding was due to a silted up pipe from the highway to a pit and then the ditch where the water flows to had been filled in. C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris agreed that a site meeting would be the best way forward but unlikely to happen at the present time due to a depleted Highways team

who were currently deployed elsewhere, assisting with the opening up the market towns for business. However, he requested details of the tenant and will take the matter forward.

- Speed Limit request – B1145 from Mileham direction – the C/Cllr will progress this issue once things return to some normality.

b) To receive a report from the Public Rights of Way Warden.

Cllr Fairman continued to raise concerns regarding FP6 which ran across the maize field from the Gateley Road. Despite assurances from the tenant that the path would be reinstated and sprayed off, this footpath had been inaccessible for over a year now. The C/Cllr agreed to contact the NCC Access Officer to take this forward.

The surface of the restricted byway off Fludge Lane to the bluebell wood had been restored and future passage of heavy farm machinery should not impact its useability.

The bridleway from School Road to Back Lane, Stanfield, saw a third obstruction, this time from a fallen branch blocking the route, but as the council are currently not dealing with such obstructions, Cllr Fairman removed it. The fence around the turkey farm is dangerously dilapidated and encroaches on the right of way and enquiries are being made to ascertain who owns the site so Cllr Fairman can write to them to warn them that, were there to be an accident, they would be liable.

Cllr Fairman also reported that the treads had been replaced on the footbridge across School Road and this was an improvement.

Cllr Irons reported that the stile on the permissive pathway leading from the Church was unsteady and needed attention. The landowner will be notified.

c) To receive an update regarding the removal of the Fakenham bus service.

It would appear that a service continues to run to Fakenham but as passenger levels are low on every day except Thursday the service is likely to be stopped. The C/Cllr will investigate further.

d) To receive an update regarding the Wednesday Norwich Bus service.

The C/Cllr had been assured by NCC that the issues had been resolved and the service was improved; they had discussions with the service providers to ensure there were timetabled stops only. No further complaints had been received by Council.

7. Planning

a) Applications for consideration.

- 3PL/2020/0483/HOU – Millfield, The Green - Erection of freestanding 15m mast and amateur radio aerial (retrospective) – Cllr Collinge proposed the following response to this application:

Brisley Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it has a negative visual impact on the conservation area where it is situated and is an intrusion into the countryside.

Cllr Curl seconded the proposal and it was put to the vote – six for, with one abstention; the proposition was carried.

b) Any decisions to note.

Council noted the following decision:

- 3PL/2020/0301/HOU - Rear extension to bungalow, Highfields, School Road – APPROVED.

At this point, C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris left the meeting, the Chairman thanked him for his assistance.

8. Open Spaces

a) To receive an update in respect of the effluent discharge into the pond on the Green.

Cllr Collinge continues to take this matter forward but has not yet been able to speak to all residents concerned.

b) To consider the purchase of one additional bag of bird feed, if required.

It was unlikely an additional bag of feed would be now required, however, if needed it would be supplied by the UWCFG advisor, who was now back at work.

c) To receive a report regarding dog mess on the Amenity Area.

Council considered that the dog mess was no worse than usual but will continue to monitor the situation.

d) To consider a long-term plan for the Jubilee Wood.

Council agreed that works to thin and prune the trees would be required later in the year and it was agreed to obtain quotes for the works. In addition, brambles needed removing and it was hoped this could be a job for Busy Brisley.

At this point, Cllr Curl had to leave the meeting.

e) To receive an update regarding the application for a Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier Grant.

The Clerk reported that the application had reached the scoring threshold and moved onto the next stage. An application for funding to prepare an implementation plan had been submitted and a Natural England advisor appointed.

The grazing rights holders will be kept up-to-date once more detail is known as to the way forward and it was agreed individual meetings with all holders would be helpful.

9. To receive reports on the regular checks.

- North Green – Cllr Green reported the Green was in good shape and well grazed down. However, the far end of Green Lane needs attention as it is very overgrown on both sides. A price will be obtained for consideration.
- South Green – Cllr Curl had nothing to report except for noticeable increase of footfall down the South Green. The first cut took place from road to level with Pond Farm yesterday. There are tyre tracks across the Green from a white sports car and attempts will be made to identify the driver.
- Footpaths & Stiles – this is now reported under 'Highways' by the PROW Warden, Cllr Fairman.
- Churchyard – Cllr Irons reported that all is well and Cllr Green has removed the mole traps. The tree overhanging the bench has fallen off and Cllr Green volunteered to remove it. The grass contractor raised an issue re rocks in the yard which could damage his machinery and Cllr Irons will ensure these are all removed.
- Play Area – Cllr Irons reported that it remains closed, however, one of the three central trees has been cut or broken off. Cllr Fairman will investigate a replacement.
- Patch Corner – Cllr Dennis had nothing to report.
- Allotments – Cllr Dennis reported that all is well and many thanks to Cllr Fairman for facilitating the rodent control which appears to have been successful. All bar two of the Christmas trees are surviving, a good rain would help no end, however, there are nine spare trees to fill any gaps come the autumn.

- Amenity Area – Cllr Dennis reported that the whole area looks really good at the moment. The woodland is growing well and, with the tree guards gone, is very tidy. The spraying for ragwort control has been largely successful with any surviving plants easy to deal with.
- Harpers Green – Cllr Dennis reported that all seems to be well, there is still grass for the cattle despite the lack of rain.

10. Finance & Governance Matters

a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2021.

The Clerk reported the overspend in respect of the amenity area which was due to the skip hire and ragwort spraying. Council noted the report.

b) To consider reverting the July meeting to its original date - 1st July 2020.

Council agreed to revert to the original date of 1st July, which had been amended due to the Norfolk Show which had now been cancelled.

c) To review the Townlands rental fees.

Cllr Dennis proposed that no increase take place this year as there had been a considerable increase in 2018, this was seconded by Cllr Irons and agreed by Council.

d) To approve the following payments.

Cllr Dennis proposed approval of the following payments, this was seconded by Cllr Irons and agreed by Council.

• Clerk (June Salary & Expenses)	£340.74
• Grass Contractor	£450.00
• Grass Contractor	£156.00
• Plant Hire (replacement culvert)	£420.00

11. Correspondence for circulation.

Council noted correspondence regarding the Western Link.

12. To receive any new items for the next agenda.

There were no new items received for the next agenda.

13. To confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7.00pm.

Council noted the date of the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed:

Date: