

Brisley Parish Council

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of Brisley Parish Council held at 6.00pm on Monday 15th April 2024 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Henry Collinge (Chair)
Cllr Tony Irons (Vice Chair)
Cllr Bridget Diggins
Cllr Julie Colley
Cllr Richard Dykes
Cllr Peter Dennis
Cllr Bobby Green

Five members of the public.
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked members of the public for attending. No apologies for absence were received.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

There were none declared.

3. Open Forum: an opportunity to hear from members of the public.

The Chairman spoke to the issue initially before asking for comments from members of the public. He set out the issue in that a large area of Harpers Green had been cleared without authority from the Parish Council and this was an issue, not only because of the loss of valuable habitat, but from a financial point of view in that the area concerned is part of the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. The schemes management plan sets out that, apart from a green area in the centre, this area should be left alone. If the plan is not adhered to then the Parish Council could be asked to repay some of the grant funding.

The Chairman then apologised to the resident to whom a letter had been sent instructing them to cease all works and had since said they were not responsible for the damage.

The member of the public who had carried out the works said they had done so with, what they thought, was permission but are now aware of the procedure to be followed.

Some interesting points were also covered including hedge trimming along Harpers Lane, the rubbish collected in the clearance work and ownership of the ditches at Harpers.

- 4. To consider the legal advice and any action required regarding the damage caused to Harpers Green.**

The Chairman proposed that the matter be closed as the parties that carried out the work will follow Council procedures in the future, this was seconded by Cllr Diggins and unanimously agreed by Council.

- 5. To note the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st May 2024, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.**

The date of the next meeting was noted and the Chairman then closed the meeting at 6.45pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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