

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Carbrooke Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs M Wormald (Chair), J Borrett, V Colley, G Redfern, P Sampher, J Tinson. In attendance. N Hartley (Parish Clerk) Cllr H Crane (Breckland Council) Cllr Bowes (Norfolk County Council) Four members of the public.

### **Public Participation**

The meeting commenced with a period of Public Participation. The continuing problems with parking outside the school were noted. Matters regarding the roads were reported. The Council's attention was drawn to an article in the Eastern Daily Press about Mr Dawe's plans for a self sufficient community. A resident opposed the planning application of A & R Fabrications due to the amount of noise that would be created from the proposed change of use and that the use had always been agricultural. The Summer Lane to Mill Lane footpath needs cutting. Cllr Crane noted grants are available to community groups to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in 2020. The Local Plan will be brought before the full council by the end of October. On 19 September Breckland Council passed a motion to declare a Climate Emergency and is discussing a sustainable strategy for the district. Flytipping is down in the second quarter of the year. Fines have been issued.

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coppen, Dekeyzer and Lorne, and Cllr T Birt (Breckland Council). The apology of Mr Doyle of Strategic Land Solutions was noted.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Sampher and Wormald in any matters relating to Blenheim Grange.

### **3 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 as a true and accurate record.

### **4 Matters Arising**

The clerk noted that no reply had been received as yet from the County Council regarding the Parish Council's request to reinstate the school bus.

### **5 Planning**

#### **5.1 Breckland Council decisions**

Beech Cottage, Bridge Street  
Residential development of one single storey dwelling

3PL/2019/0476/F  
Approved

Strategic Land Solutions, Land north of Meadow Lane  
Two homes and double garages, provision of metalled access road

3PL/2019/0919/O  
Refused

Shrublands, Norwich Road  
Alterations, improvements and widening of existing access

3PL/2019/0929/F  
Approved

A letter was read to the meeting concerning the Strategic Land Solutions application. It was questioned whether the ditches will continue to be cleared by Dawe Estates.

The Council noted that the landowner is responsible for clearing the ditches and the Council should not use its precept to clear the ditches.

## 5.2 Application considered

A & R Fabrications, Manor Farm, Willow Corner  
Change of use from storage to workshop

3PL/2019/1079/CU

It was noted that the original application was for the repair and maintenance of agricultural vehicles. The Council objected on the basis that the proposal is for light industrial use and that this is not appropriate in a rural area. The Council is concerned by the increase in traffic and the noise pollution in a rural area.

## 6 Planning Proposal

Cllr Redfern proposed sending a Parish Council representative to Breckland Council planning meetings when the Council has objections to an application. It was noted that it may be too subjective as to which applications the Council includes.

It was **RESOLVED** that in selected instances where the Parish Council has a close connection to an application (such as the Community Centre) or where there is a strong case to be made and/or a complex issue needs explaining, the Council will send representation to a meeting.

## 7 Finance

7.1 The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget and made from the Current Account:-

Direct Debit, Veolia, waste collection at Blenheim Grange, £34.03  
Chq 101456 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12  
101457 TOP Garden Services, emptying dog bins, £93.60  
101458 TOP Garden Services, cutting Village Hall car park, £48.00  
101459 S Crane, refund of monies paid for damaged fence panel, £125

- 101460 Carbrooke PCC, grant towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard, £500 (Section 137)
- 101461 Carbrooke PCC, donation towards the cost of maintaining Carbrooke £1,700 (Section 137)
- 101462 Millennium Green Trust, grant toward Trust's annual insurance, £500
- 101463 Millennium Green Trust, donation towards Trust's insurance, £800
- 101464 Blenheim Grange Residents Association, grant towards the Association's insurance and a new PA system, £500 (Section 137)
- 101465 CAB, donation to running costs, £100
- 101466 Royal British Legion, three Remembrance Day wreaths, £90

7.2 The following payments were approved from the Commuted Sum in accordance with the budget

000032 TOP Garden Services, grass cutting at Blenheim Grange, £432

7.3 The following payments were received

Breckland Council, part Precept, £16,500  
Barclays Bank, interest on Community Centre account, £4.99  
Unity Trust Bank, interest on Commuted Sum, £86.16

7.4 The meeting received a report of Actual to Budgeted expenditure.

## **8 Section 106 Monies**

Cllr Bowes explained that no Section 106 monies are currently available. The Council expressed again its concerns that development in Carbrooke has not been properly recorded by Breckland Council and that development which has taken place in Carbrooke has been recorded as being in Watton. The Parish Council would like it made clear that extensive development has taken place in Carbrooke.

## **9 Norwich Road Crossing**

The total cost of a road crossing at Norwich Road/Washington Drive under the Parish Partnership Scheme is £5,000. The cost to the Parish Council would be £2,500.

It was **RESOLVED** to make a bid under the Parish Partnership Scheme, but to see if some of the funding can be obtained from the housing developers.

## **10 Blenheim Grange Road Adoption**

The clerk reported that no updates on road adoptions at Blenheim Grange had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to wait until the final piece of road has been completed and then to check again regarding the road adoptions.

## **11 CCLA**

It was considered whether to invest funds with CCLA. It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed due to the risks involved with the Council's funds.

## **12 Tree Survey**

The Council considered quotes from three contractors to carry out a tree survey at Blenheim Grange. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Oakbank, but to check first with the Forestry Commission if they can recommend a contractor who is less expensive.

## **13 Fencing at Norwich Road**

It was noted that no reply from the builders had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to request funds for a road crossing (as above) or to consider a different form of fencing.

## **14 Telephone Box**

Cllr Borrett asked if the telephone box can be cleaned. Cllr Redfern offered to clean the box.

## **15 Representatives' reports**

Cllr Wormald noted for the Blenheim Grange Residents Association that he is investigating repairs to the trampoline in the play area.

## **16 Items for Next Agenda**

Update regarding the trampoline.

## **17 Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village Hall on 12 November at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.