

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM.

Present: Cllrs T Birt (TB), Karen Weir (KW), Cllr Dave Welsted and Jeremy Woods (JW).

In attendance: The Clerk and CC Bowes

852. To receive any **apologies:** Cllr P Bate and DC Crane

853. To accept any declaration(s) of interests. None

854. Minutes of the meetings held in January 2021 were **approved**.

855. Matters Arising.

- The Clerk contacted Breckland Planning who confirmed that there are no preservation orders on the trees that were cut down.

856. Correspondence

- Request for funding for replacement defibrillator pads and agreement to fund replacement battery in due course. There was discussion and it was noted that the Council purchased the current battery in 2019. It was agreed that the Council would fund 50% of the battery costs on receipt of confirmation of the expected lifespan. Proposed: TB, seconded: KW
- NCC Consultation on extension of speed limit between Thetford and Dereham. Retained by the Clerk.

857. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications

- Planning Applications:
3PL/2021/0241/F: Chanticleer, Annex Dereham Road – change of use of annex building and land to separate dwelling house with garden. There was discussion and the following agreed:
Ovington Parish Council do not support the application for the following reasons:
The submission is incomplete: The boundary plan is missing, the block plan of the building shows no bedrooms and the supporting documentation states that Ovington has a restaurant so is clearly out of date.
If a vehicle leaves the site and drives southbound there is only a visibility of four seconds (at 50mph) which would force vehicles travelling along the A-class main road to brake affecting the flow of traffic.
The site is not sustainable; the Planning Inspectorate set a precedent (PINS Ref: APP/F2605/W/20/3256786, para 16) by confirming a nearby site is not sustainable.
Proposed: TB, seconded: KW **Clerk to submit**
- Planning Applications received with comments submitted:
None
- Planning Notifications:
Appeal refusal for Land at Church Farm, Church Road. Noted

858. To agree the Document Retention Policy, GDPR Policy and Website Privacy Statement

These were circulated outside the meeting and agreed. Proposed: TB, seconded: KW **Clerk to action**

859. To agree and make any donations for this financial year.

DW declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a member of the PCC and is requesting a donation on their behalf.

The PCC requested a donation of £60 from the Parish Council towards petrol costs for grass cutting church land behind village hall, the burial ground and around the church up to the boundary with village hall land.

DW left the meeting whilst this was discussed.

It was agreed that the Council would make a contribution of £50 to cover the community use of the area. This will be given during the next financial year. Proposed: TB, seconded: KW

DW rejoined the meeting.

It was agreed that there will be no further donations this financial year, and the defibrillator battery will also be given during the next financial year. **Clerk to share an updated spreadsheet of agreed donations.**

860. Payment of Accounts and precept update

Payments Received

- None

Payments to be made

• Clerks Wages (Monthly)	s/o	£185.34
• Norfolk Pension Fund	s/o	£63.82
• H Frary reimbursements (February)	I26	£11.98
• Yaxham PC (donation)	I27	£4.00
• Paston Chase Ltd	I28	£48.00
• HMRC	I29	£139.00

These were agreed. Proposed: KW, seconded: DW

861. Village or Highways Issues

JW explained that the website is being updated in the next week or two and is hoped to include a community discussion forum. This will not be a Parish Council venture.

The 30mph speed sign at the western end of The Street has rusted through at the base and been reported to Highways with photographs. Highways stated that the signs are not at the level that require intervention. CC Bowes to take this forward. **CC Bowes to action**

862 Future Business:

It was agreed that there will be no formal litterpick again this year however litter pick equipment has been lent to residents and is being used by social bubbles.

863. Open Forum

CC Bowes

Pop up asymptomatic covid testing in Watton is ongoing as a joint venture between Breckland and Norfolk County Council. A £42m programme of Highway maintenance has been agreed which will work in parallel with match fundedh Parish Partnership schemes. The newly appointed Southern Area Highways Engineer is Matthew Lines and can be contacted via the Clerk.

An investment in SEN has been successful and a new facility is being used by children with autism and other needs to gain extra support. Free School Meals vouchers will be offered through NCC for the Easter holiday. A survey on recycling is being undertaken and the link is available on the website.

DC Crane

Climate Change-Breckland Council declared a Climate Emergency in September 2019, and I am pleased to report that we now have a good strategy in place to make Breckland a Net Zero Council by 2035. Adopted at full Council 25th February £525,000 will be released from the Inclusive Growth Reserve to fund the programme. We will reduce our own impact as an organisation-we have chosen not to 'buy our way out' but take real action to reduce our own carbon footprint. We will use regulatory powers to influence behavioural change in planning, waste; recycling and environmental protection, putting climate

change at the centre of decision making. We will enable residents to take action for themselves. We cannot do this without empowering our communities and will work with other organisations and community action groups.

Vulnerability Programme-Breckland Council has launched a Young Carers project, this is part of the £1 million support that is to be focused on vulnerable people in the community.

MyFuture: Social is to be run on similar lines to the successful Silver Social programme that has had a positive impact on social interaction for older people. The launch date is 18th March and young carers can register by visiting the Breckland website. This week members had a chance to see a presentation and update on the whole vulnerability programme. This is a fantastic inspirational project being delivered by Breckland Council which gives help and support to our residents.

The 4 main features are County lines, prevention of domestic abuse, social isolation; loneliness and mental health.

Real examples of people were illustrated to us along with the paths that were taken to help them and the positive outcomes.

Residents can self refer by contacting Breckland Council or can contact their District Councillor who will liaise with the council on their behalf.

DC Birt

Breckland are formulating a scheme which will allocate grants for tree planting, re-wilding and other green projects which could be useful within the Parish.

The Elections are taking place on 6th May and will be Covid safe.

Issues with S106 funds are being considered at Scrutiny committee in the summer.

864. Date of Next Meetings:

7 May (including the Annual Parish Meeting), 21 July, 15 September and 17th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.20pm