

Minutes - November Council held on 15th January 2019 at Colkirk Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Barron, Charles Joice (in the chair), Nick Loades, Steve Mulford, Michael Stamford and John Whiteside were present.

The clerk Charles Brindley was in attendance. County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris and District Cllr Trevor Carter were present for part of the meeting and 1 member of the public was present.

- 19/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Smith (holiday). District Cllr Carter and County Cllr Kiddle-Morris advised that they would be late arriving.
- 19/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest
- 19/003 MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 13 NOVEMBER 2018: as previously circulated, draft minutes were considered. By resolution proposed by Cllr Mulford and seconded by Cllr Whiteside, it was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes were a true record and were duly signed by the chairman**
- 19/004 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS: Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that NCC had received £12.7M for pothole repairs which should be spent by March. A new contract worth £11M to extend the coverage of broadband to 95% had been taken out with Openreach. £4.2M had been received from government to cover winter pressures in the health service. In May, governance at County Hall will move to a cabinet system which should result in speedier decision making. The managing director has resigned and will not be replaced and will be replaced with a group of members and senior officers led by the council leader.
- Cllr Carter advised the date of the next town and parish forum in February. Breckland is consolidating its waste services with North Norfolk and Kings Lynn resulting in reduced costs. New contracts will be let in summer 2019 for a 9 year period. Silver social events will be resuming later this month and a new Dragons Den style initiative for budding entrepreneurs has been launched. A new landlords forum starts later this month. The new local plan is expected to be adopted later this year after significant changes requested by the planning inspector.
- Cllr Carter agreed to seek an update on the outstanding application for 21 dwellings on Whissonsett Rd.
- 19/005 MATTERS RELATING TO THE CAMPYNGLAND: The council **NOTED that permission had been received for the works that are needed on the trees with preservation orders**. The clerk updated that the works had been completed on January 9th and 10th. Potential problems to some trees had been noted by the contractor and the clerk will meet with the contractor on site to advise further. The verbal report was **NOTED**.
- 19/006 MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS: The clerk updated that the 3 vacant plots had been let to the gentleman from Whissonsett as had been agreed at the previous meeting. The rent renewals had been sent out at the beginning of December. As a result, two current tenants had agreed to share one plot resulting in one vacancy at this time. The works to the hedges had been scheduled by the contractor to be undertaken in the last week of January. The verbal report was **NOTED**.
- 19/007 MATTERS RELATING TO THE HIGHWAYS: The schedule for the SAM2 sign was **NOTED with the sign being in the village for a total of 12 weeks during 2019**. Cllr Kiddle-Morris agreed to follow up the broken manhole cover on School Rd. Dog fouling on pavements throughout the village was seen as a problem and a note will be included in the newsletter. The clerk will follow up with Breckland the collection of waste should the redundant bin at the playing field be moved to the village hall car park. Cllr Kiddle-Morris advised that he had put forward the section of unmade track from the corner of Gormans Lane to the boundary of the village hall with the bowls club for repairs using funds from the government allocation noted above.

19/008 PLANNING: The Council **CONSIDERED the following planning applications and agreed to comment as follows:**

3PL/2018/1453 Manor House Cottage - no comments

3PL/2018/1551 Denton Lodge, Market Hill - to comment that a large tree had recently been removed in proximity to the proposed garage and this was contrary to the statement in section 6 of the application form stating that no trees needed to be removed.

3PL/2018/1580 The Oaks, Whissonsett Rd - Having heard the applicants' verbal comments as to the intended use for the site as a whole, to comment that assuming that his statement that justification for the changes to the barn had now been submitted, the council would wish to see a condition placed on any permission requiring a new application to be submitted if it was ever proposed to change the dwellings from holiday lets to permanent dwellings class code C3.

Having received the letter from, Freedom Camping from the applicant, the council **AGREED to write to Freedom Camping seeking clarification as to why the council had not been consulted, as inferred in the letter, as both the local authority and an interested neighbour.**

The clerk read a letter from Breckland enforcement, responding to the council's earlier complaint, that the unfinished highways works at the new dwellings adjacent to the Crown Inn would be completed by NCC Highways and then invoiced to the property owner. The council **NOTED this correspondence.**

19/009 BUDGET 2019/20: The clerk presented his report recommending a balanced budget for the period and identifying cost increases and reductions that needed to be accounted for in the budget.

It was **AGREED to set the budget as presented for the year 2019/20 as a balanced budget totalling £9692.**

In setting this balanced budget, it was **AGREED that the precept demand would be set at £8480 for the year 2019/20.**

19/010 FINANCE:

The Council **NOTED the following receipts in November and December**

Bank Interest £ 2.21

Allotment Rent 2019 £ 10.00

Allotment key deposit £ 5.00

Bank balances were reported at 27 December 2018 as:

Business Premium Account £ 4435.03

Community Account £ 8915.71

Reconciliation with the cash book was confirmed against a cash book balance at 27 December 2018 of £ 13350.74

19/011 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: By resolution proposed by Cllr Barron and seconded by Cllr Smith, the following payments were unanimously **APPROVED for payment**

D/D	E-ON Street lights electricity 10-12/18	£ 114.77
100865	CGM grounds maintenance 11-12/18	£ 580.90
100866	COLKIRK PARISH HALL hall hire 2018	£ 60.00
100867	C BRINDLEY Clerk's salary Dec 18-Jan 19	£ 416.22
100868	HMRC Income Tax Dec 18-Jan 19	£ 0.20
100869	TIM BRAYBROOK tree works for Campyngland	£ 995.00
100870	ANGLIAN WATER playing field water supply 10/18-01/19	£ 13.45

- 19/012 E-On: The council **NOTED the increase in the deemed rates for supply to the streetlights.** It also **NOTED the alternative tariffs and agreed to remain with E-On**
- 19/013 CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT JANUARY 2019: Receipt of the magazine was **NOTED**
- 19/014 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND REPORTS: No items were put forward
- 19/015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12th March 2019

There being no further advertised business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05

Signed as a true record

Date