

Minutes - January Council held on 17th January 2017 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. Three members of the public were present

- 17/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Smith (illness). District Councillor Carter sent his apologies and George Freeman MP, who had been invited to attend, advised that he had to be in London that evening
- 17/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Loades and Stamford declared personal interests in planning application no 3PL/2016/1309 as licensees of the land proposed for development in the application
- 17/003 MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 15 NOVEMBER AND 2016: as previously circulated, draft minutes were considered. By resolution proposed by Cllr Whiteside and seconded by Cllr Barron, it was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes were a true record and were duly signed by the chairman**
- 17/004 CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk reported that allotment rent renewals and new terms and conditions had been sent out in early December. To date £160 in rent had been received and two plots had notified that they would not be renewing - these will be advertised in the magazine. An inclusion had been made in the magazine rescinding the incorrect information about dogs on the playing field. A grant application was to be made to the Norfolk Village Halls Fund for support for the roof repairs needed. The clerk's verbal report was **NOTED.**
- 17/005 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: Neither member was present and no reports had been received
- 17/006 PLANNING APPLICATION NO 3PL/2016/1309: The application was discussed at length by council members and the members of the public who were present. The clerk had drafted a response for consideration and this was done. Additions to this document were agreed. Upon putting the motion to object to the application, it was **AGREED to object to the application by 4 votes for a nd 1 abstention for the following reasons:**
- 1. The proposals were outside the parish settlement boundary and therefore contrary to policy CP14**
 - 2. The application fails to provide detailed trees and landscaping proposals**
 - 3. The argument regarding 5 year housing land supply is no longer applicable since Breckland demonstrated that it meets the requirements**
 - 4. The application does not accord with emerging local plan policy PD05b**
 - 5. Comments made by residents in their responses were supported and should be taken seriously, particularly those that were traffic related**
 - 6. The application failed to demonstrate that the foul sewer and water supply problems in the village could be overcome.**
 - 7. The application failed to improve public transport links as required by policy CP13**
- The response would further refute comments made in the planning statement indicating that the parish council had advised support for the application at a meeting in July 2016**
- Should permission be granted for the development, the parish council would want to see s106 funding towards improvements to those assets in the village referenced in the applicant's justification for development.**
- Finally, if the application was refused, the council would wish to hear Breckland's plans for the future of the land**

- 17/007 MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS: Members **NOTED** that guidance had **been issued to tenants with regards the protection zone requirements for Avian Flu.** It was also **AGREED** that the clerk would undertake regular inspections of the site and report back.
- 17/008 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PLAY AREA: It was **AGREED** that the quotation from **Playdale for repairs at a cost of £1055.24 should be accepted when the cost of the caps for the scramble net fixings was confirmed.**
- 17/009 PLANNING: The Council **NOTED** that the following decisions had been received:
 3PL/2016/1055 Star Corner, 1 Crown Rd Permitted with conditions
 3PL/2016/1284 Land at 2 Whissonsett Rd Permitted with conditions
- 17/010 BUDGET 2017/18: The Council considered a draft budget as proposed by the RFO. Members asked questions of the RFO which provided for the inclusion of grounds maintenance for the playing field and borrowing to repair the village hall roof. After discussion, it was **AGREED unanimously budget, by a motion proposed by Cllr Loades and seconded by Cllr Mulford, to set the revenue budget as proposed by the RFO and noting the reserves position.** It was further **AGREED unanimously to set the precept demand for 2017/18 as £7297**
- 17/011 FINANCE:
 The Council **NOTED the following receipts in November/December**
 Bank Interest £ 0.55
 Bank balances were reported at 23 December 2016 as:
 Business Premium Account £ 4425.41
 Community Account £ 6353.50
 Reconciliation with the cash book was confirmed against a cash book balance at 23 December 2016 of £ 10778.91
- 17/012 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: By resolution proposed by Cllr Joice and seconded by Cllr Mulford, the following payments were unanimously **APPROVED for payment**
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| D/D | E-ON | Streetlighting Account Oct - Dec 16 | £ 92.33 |
| 100781 | GEOFF CLARK | Website hosting fee 2017 | £ 45.00 |
| 100782 | C BRINDLEY | Clerk's salary Dec 16 - Jan 17 | £ 404.22 |
- 17/013 ANGLIAN WATER BUSINESS: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 17/014 RESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE RE STREET LIGHTING: The suggestion to consider switching off the lighting on Bramley Drive and Conference Way was considered and it was **AGREED to investigate the use of timers to allow the lights to be turned off during the night**
- 17/015 RESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE RE OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT: The correspondence was considered and it was **AGREED to investigate the provision of equipment on the playing field as this was felt more suitable than the Campyngland**
- 17/016 BRECKLAND COUNCIL PLAY AREA AND OUTDOOR SPORT FUND: It was **AGREED to make an application to the fund for equipment as agreed at min 17/015 above**
- 17/017 BRECKLAND COUNCIL: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 17/018 CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT: Receipt of the current issue was **NOTED**
- 17/019 NCC COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION: It was **AGREED to make no response**
- 17/020 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: No items were put forward for the next meeting agenda

At this point, the chairman moved to exclude members of the press and public in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 sect 1.2 to discuss a contract containing commercially sensitive information.

- 17/021 VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPAIRS: The quotations for the village hall roof repairs were considered and it was **AGREED to award the contract to Proctor Roofing**
- 17/022 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2017: The quotations for the grounds maintenance contract 2017 were considered and it was **AGREED to award the contract to the CGM Group**

There being no further advertised business, the Chairman closed meeting at 21.15

Signed as a true record

Date