

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 7:30pm, Welborne Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Simon Guest (Chairman), Clare Kay, Jaqui Russell, Carolyn Bailey and Andrew Egerton-Smith. Also in attendance: Bev Long (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury and District Councillor Michael Edney. There was 1 member of the public present.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs Peter Wood and Mike Webb – holiday and Jane Brown – Countryside Ranger.

2 Members declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensation

None received.

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September and 23rd October (planning) 2018

The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record without amendment.

4 Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere

4.1 Hedgerows CPRE's campaign – no response from newsletter article. Mike to progress for next meeting.

4.2 Telephone box renovation in Runhall – a notice has been placed at the telephone box to inform people what is happening and the renovation is continuing.

5 Matters for discussion

5.1 GDPR – no issues and nothing to report.

5.2 Broadband and Mobile Phone coverage update – Simon updated the meeting regarding a query a resident in Welborne raised concerning the speed of his broadband. On investigation it was discovered there was an error in some documentation and fast broadband was now available at that property. Questions were raised concerning fast broadband at other locations. Simon to pursue further. Simon flagged that he had seen an article detailing Norfolk County Council had obtained additional funding for further

- work on improving broadband – Simon to send details to Margaret Dewsbury. An update on the overall situation to be placed in the newsletter.
- 5.3 Parish Council Grants – this to be placed in the newsletter and on the website with a deadline date of 31st December 2018.
- 5.4 District and Parish Elections 2019 – May 2nd 2019 – basic details in the newsletter and item to be placed on next meetings agenda to discuss further. Clerk to attend training in January.
- 5.5 Meeting dates for 2019 – the following dates were agreed and will be placed on the website and in the newsletter. 16 January / 6 March / 10 April (annual parish meeting) / 15 May (annual general meeting) 17 July / 18 September and 20 November 2019.
- 5.6 Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation – Comments can be made independently - details of how to achieve this will be put in the newsletter. Parish councillor's comments to Simon by the end of November who will then draft a council response, if necessary.
- 5.7 South Norfolk Police public meeting – feedback from Simon who attended included; lots of attendees not necessarily from our area; loss of PCSO's discussed as many unhappy with their disappearance – no evidence that crime had increased because of this; many unhappy about HGV's and parking in their parish's; informed that we remain one of the safest part of the country to live in. Information about how people can volunteer within the police force would be included in the newsletter. It was suggested that Jim Squires could be a possible speaker for the annual parish meeting.

6 Planning

- 6.1 Planning History/Decisions 2018 – Simon gave updates on decisions since our last meeting.
- 6.2 Applications for consideration;
- 2018/2159** – Claypit Farm, Pound Lane, Welborne; Demolition of conservatory and replacement with two store extension and attached double garage. The council had originally objected to this application which has been amended by the applicant. The plans were viewed and discussed fully. The applicant was present at the meeting and addressed any questions and issues the councillors had. He advised the main change is front elevation and some architecture improvements. Councillors agreed to withdraw their original objection as points raised then had been dealt with and a neutral stance would be taken. Simon to draft a response to South Norfolk.
- 2018/2345** – Land to rear of Vine Cottage, Welborne Common, Welborne; variation to conditions 1 of permission 2017/2061 to show correct position of cattle shed. Clerk to reply with no comment.

2018/2489 – Holiday Lets, Linden Cottage, Welborne Common, Welborne; Holiday lets to develop into one bungalow – outline application. Councillors viewed and discussed fully the application noting the original application was for 2 cottages which was withdrawn. This application is for 1 cottage. Michael Edney gave the council further information/updated information. Councillors agreed by a majority to support the application if the applicants could satisfactorily prove that the current use as holiday lets was not viable.

6.3 Any time limited planning;

None

7 Residents Questions

None

8 Parish Plan action plans

Simon would provide an update for discussion at our January meeting.

9 Reports from District Cllr, County Cllr and Parish Cllrs

County Cllr – Margaret Dewsbury reported to the council: Norwich Western Link – encourage all to reply; Police & Crime commission no longer seeking to take over management of Fire Service; County Council money allocated for infrastructure for 3,000 homes to allow smaller homes to be built for the elderly who wish to down size; finances – working hard to balance everything.

District Cllr – Michael Edney reported to the council: Lot of work happening with regard to the collaboration project with Broadland District Council; money to support infrastructure of £60m in the budget.

10 Reports from Others; Litter wardens, Fuel co-ordinator, Countryside ranger

Nothing received.

11 Highways

11.1 Highways review with Bob West – Simon updated councillors on work completed and what still outstanding from highways grid. Discussion followed regarding verge cutting and ‘play area’ signs ordered some months ago. Simon to chase Bob West and copy Margaret into the email.

11.2 Norwich Western Link options – item to be placed in the newsletter. After a discussion regarding the various options it was agreed that option D was our preferred route. Simon to submit a reply.

12 Finance

- 12.1 Cheques for approval and signature – approval given for: Clerks wages £679.30 & expenses £50.76; NPTS training £28. Simon signed and council approved clerk to gain signature of Mike once returned from holiday.
- 12.2 Bank Mandate change request – to alter name on account. Simon signed prepared letter by clerk and approval given to gain signature of Mike once returned from holiday.
- 12.3 Precept – info received that forms need to be submitted by 21st January 2019. Item on next meetings agenda. Power point will be sent to all councillors explaining the procedure the council needs to follow to set the precept.
- 12.4 Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation – agreed to feed back to Simon by 12 December who will draft a response to be sent in if necessary.

13 Correspondence

- 13.1 Police Connect – conviction of criminal gang – agreed summary of details to be placed in the newsletter

14 Next meeting

Agreed as 16th January 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm