

BRANDON PARVA, COSTON, RUNHALL & WELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 9 March 2022, 7:30pm, Welborne Village Hall.

Present.

Councillors – Simon Guest, Peter Wood, Clare Kay and Donna Dean along with the clerk Bev Long. Also present was County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury.

1. To receive and accept any apologies.

Mike Webb and Andrew Egerton-Smith – apology accepted. Apologies also received from District Cllr Richard Elliott

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensation.

None

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12 January 2022

3.1 Minutes were approved and signed by the chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere.

4.1 Supporting Local Business Development – another meeting is scheduled for 23 March 2022 – Simon to attend

4.2 South Norfolk/Broadland Community Forum – Simon to try and attend a meeting on 10 March 2022

5. Matters for discussion.

5.1 Co-option – no interest has been expressed. To be placed in the next newsletter and councillors encouraged to ask parishioners.

5.2 GDPR – no issues to report.

5.3 Defibrillator / Bus Shelter – Bev updated the meeting, the Runhall Community Group are looking to distribute a survey to ascertain if the parish wish to move these items forward. Once the outcome of the survey is known they will update the parish council.

5.4 Proposed new footpath – Mike has met with Barnham Broom Parish council chair and is awaiting further communication from them.

5.5 Litter wardens – no one has come forward for Brandon Parva. Mark Gill along with the Runhall Community Group have organised a litter pick for April 3rd. Volunteers asked to meet at Runhall Play area at 2:30pm

- 5.6 Digital/Mobile coverage during power failure. Simon waiting for an update
- 5.7 Annual Parish meeting – date agreed as 13th April 2022. No outside speaker to be invited. Clerk to send out invites to local groups/organisations as in previous years.
- 5.8 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – two organisations are holding events in the Parish – Welborne village hall jointly with the church on 2nd June and Runhall Community Group on 28th May. Clerk to apply for South Norfolk’s grant to help both events.
- 5.9 Norfolk Lieutenancy Covid commemorative plaques – 4 plaques received – no responses on locations received. Agreed to approach Welborne village hall to display one and possibly look at displaying others on the notice boards.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 Planning History/decisions 2021/22 – none presented.

6.2 Planning consultation 3PL/2021/1666/F Breckland Council – the creation of 651 metre of new channel created on the River Yare, a series of seven wetland scrapes and a series of three ponds. Councillors discussed and agreed to submit the following –

We agree that the re-introduction of a more natural river / wetland is a positive and can bring many long-term benefits.

We have a concern regarding the potential flooding impacts on the properties in our parish, in Coston and Runhall, that sit slightly downstream from the Hambro land covered in this application. The documentation appears contradictory on this point.

The covering letter says

“Flood modelling has also been completed which confirm there is increase in flood risk to property as a result of the project.”

The detailed flood report says in 2.4

“This results in some minor flood extent reduction further downstream as a result of the storage provided by the proposed features created as part of the restoration scheme.”

We believe that this contradiction should be clarified/corrected. If there is increased risk to properties downstream then we have serious concerns with this project.

Should the project go ahead we believe it would be beneficial if access, such as a public footpath, could be included so that local residents can benefit from the investment.

6.3 Any time limited planning.

7. Residents questions

None

8. Reports from Litter wardens, District Cllr, County Cllr, & Parish Cllrs

County Cllr Margaret Dewsbury’s report had been submitted to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The reported included information about a 2.99% council tax increase, the Fire Service – had been

very busy responding to all the problems caused by the storms and Big Norfolk Holiday fun scheme for the Easter holidays.

9. Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

9.1 Update report – all okay. Mr Gill had reported that he is clearing the footpath, Copper Lane. Donna to contact him to ascertain exactly what work is being conducted.

10. Highways

10.1 Highways outstanding issues reported – continuing flood issues – ongoing although some remedial work had been completed.

11. Finance

11.1 Cheques were approved and signed – clerks salary & expenses £733.83, Norfolk Parish & Town Support – Cllr training £40 and annual subscription £50.

12. Correspondence, including circulated items via email prior to meeting not included elsewhere.

12.1 Dog waste Bin – requested by Welborne Village Hall – clerk advised council of cost implications. Discussed and agreed that it was financially prohibitive. It was felt that signage to advise which bin at the hall was acceptable to place the waste in would help as Mattishall have the opposite coloured bins to those in the parish.

13. Next meeting date

Agreed as 13th April 2022 – Annual Parish meeting and 18th May 2022 Annual Parish Council meeting.

14. News from BPCR & W Parish Council – agree items for next edition

Agreed items to be included – Litter warden, Parish Council vacancy, Queens Platinum Jubilee events in parish, litter pick and Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm