



Meeting of the Parish Council

In the Pavilion

6pm, Monday 18th March 2024

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Christine Ashdown, Jean Bragg, Anthony Besford-Land, David Bromley, Paul Carver, John Davis, Ben Falat, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, and Don Munro.

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 3 members of the public. 1 District Councillor.

1. Welcome

2. Announcement on Reporting

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

No apologies received.

4. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

4.1 Receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the agenda.

4.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received.

4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. Cllr. Falat as Trustee of the Water Sports Centre.

5. Outstanding actions:

To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda.

None

6. Chairman's Report:

This is just a run through of some of the things we have arranged or are in the planning stages. We plan to put a bus shelter in Sands Lane, repairs to the adult gym, the ongoing wet weather has not been kind so far, but we have installed drainage in the sunken garden which hopefully will help stop the flooding. The Banksy screens will be cleaned when the weather is warmer by the Clerk and

assistant. The bowling green is looking good. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Assistant for all their help and hard work and look forward to working with them this year. Thank you to all the Councillors and thank you to the County and district Councillors for all their support and funding.

We are constantly trying to raise funds for the Charity. Work on the museum will start after Easter and the building will have scaffolding around it while the works are carried out.

7. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports.**

Cllr. Gee reported that the budget was passed last night, and the new Cllrs had used the plans the previous Cllrs had put in place. The wings were delivered for the Gull Wing bridge and the last few days they have been testing the bridge and it will be ready to be opened soon.

The Council are attending a four-day visit to Felixstowe for a training session.

There will be a meeting with all County Councillors on 25th March, Cllr. Falat will attend representing OBPC to discuss tourist signs for Oulton Broad on each side of the new bridge.

8. To receive an update from FoNEP and agree any necessary action.

Voluntary hours were 115, marigold seeds have started to be sewn, we have a new volunteer started. One of the boat planters has been repaired and hope to paint it after Easter.

We were approached by the Council in Kings Lynn for them to come and meet us to talk about the Friends group as they are looking to set one up but they have not replied to emails.

We have also been contacted by the College wishing to bring some students down to help out on a Thursday morning.

9. To approve the payments for this month and in between meetings:

Monthly		
MC Cleaning	Office / pavilion Clean	£162.00
Norfolk Copiers	Copy costs	£22.45
EDF	Bowls Pavilion	£192.27
ADHOC		
EDF	Yacht Quay Lavatory	£ 4,600.29
Marineserv	Replace broken tie up	£ 339.60
East Suffolk Services	Replace toilet dispenser & clear drains	£ 149.40
Aldi Stores	Easter eggs for E & T event	£ 250.00
		£5,716.01
Income		
S Petty		£60.00
Bank Interest		£1,089.27
TOTAL		£1,149.27

The finances were agreed at Finance Committee and taken to Full Council

Proposed by Cllr. Falat, seconded by Cllr. Bromley. All in favour.

10. To receive the committee reports.

1. Finance report

Council is directed at Item-F6:

(a) The 2022 Tax-Base figure was erroneously used in the 2023-box giving rise to a %-increase of 6.3%, instead of the calculated 5.98%.

the team apologises its inadequacy.

(b) Council will recall that both Suffolk & District were represented at the January meeting, where Suffolk strongly advised OBPC to push for 10%+; this would have put this council into an even more invidious position relative the other ~3% elsewhere (note that Blundeston has agreed 10%).

Council is directed at Item-F10:

(a) The Gazprom™ account covers a previous period where OBPC was indeed connected to gas (no longer!).

Council is directed at Item-F11.1 (Monckton):

It should be a wish that the Bonds Meadow Group be contacted and asked to represent an exemplar for how to proceed with Monckton.

Council is directed at Item-F11.2 (Neeves):

The sharing-out of huts should perhaps read “Equitably”, rather than evenly; with OBPC having raised the issue in the first place and having requested 10-of for the adjacent allotment.

Council is directed at Item-F11.3 (Watersports Windows):

It was noted for this spend ≤£6,000.

Council is directed at Item-F11.4 (Newsletter):

(a) Martin Hales Design (MHD) has been contacted and asked 3-questions: –

(i) Price to remedy the omitted ‘Royalty’ over the last issue ... nil?

(ii) Royalty pricing for future work going to another printer but using existing file (£100 one-off unlimited)

(iii) Full quote for complete work to be done by MHD as a 4-page edition; note that including a Survey would increase the order (Design £240 – £420; Print of 4k @ £513); this would leave ~£600 for distribution, there being £1,500 in budget for each of 2 newsletters.

(iv)(b) Cllr FALAT tasked to generate a Parish Questionnaire (Focus Topic suggestions are requested from Cllrs.)

Proposed by Cllr. Ashdown, seconded by Cllr. S Keller, all in favour.

Council is directed at Item-F11.5 (CIL):

(a) as a very rough order-of-cost to install a bus-shelter → 3x cost of shelter itself → ≤ £20k

(b) this would leave ~£6k in the CIL fund, which may almost enable two 5m Low-Play Climbing Walls for Play Areas at say, Bonds Meadow & Kesgrave Field. (costed ~£3k for 5m and ~£5k for 10m, including installation); this would be a politically astute move to counter the, “... always NEP ...”, perception.

Proposed by Cllr. Bromley, seconded by Cllr. B Keller, all in favour.

Council is directed at Item-F11.6 (Resurfacing):

Additionally, would it be possible to ask contractor to infill alongside the pond, where some soil has slipped? Subject to additional cost, if any.

Proposed by Cllr. Bromley, seconded by Cllr. B Keller, all in favour.

2. Personnel Report

No meetings so nothing to report, both Michaela and Rebekah are happy.
It was brought the Council attention that Tracey Cannon had resigned.
New Councillor training is ongoing as not everyone could make the available date.

3. Events & Tourism report

The Spring egg hunt is on the 7th April at 10am, hopefully the weather will be kind.
We have had a request for a classic car show which was discussed, and concerns raised over the damage to the grass, it was suggested to use any of the car parks for the display, Cllr. Ashdown will check with ESCC for viability, they will pay around £10.00 per car.
Also, a request for the doughnut van to have a summer spot in the park, this was discussed at NEPT and unanimously agreed it was a conflict of interest to the Tenants, so the request was declined.

11. To note date of next Full Council Meeting on Monday 15th April 2024 at 6pm.

12. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

12.1 To discuss the D-Day sail by.
This was discussed and Cllr. Bromley said the Water Sports Centre would like to join in the sail by.

12.2 To discuss the allotments.
Agreed in Finance

12.3 To discuss the Water Sports Centre
Agreed in Finance for the window costs.
Cllr. Bromley advised that Peter Aldous opens the centre on 27th March at 10am and hopes it will receive media interest.

12.4 To discuss the TCV at Monckton Avenue.
Agreed in Finance

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.30pm.

Signed by the Chairman..... Date.....