

MINUTES of BRETtenham AND KILVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held by Zoom (due to Pandemic)
on 10 November at 1900

1. **Attendance** The following were in attendance: Councillors Poulter (Chairman), Engwell (Vice Chairman), Bick, Wright, Dawson and Hughes

Apologies were received and approved by the Chairman: Councillor Holmes-Smith

Also in attendance: In attendance: Councillors Chapman-Allen, Kybird (BDC); Askew (NCC).

2. **Any Declared Matters of Urgent Business** There were none.

3. **Any Declarations of Interest** There were none.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting** These had been circulated previously, were agreed and will be duly signed by the Chairman once printed off.

5. **Matters Arising** There were none.

6. **Financial Report** The following was reported:

Balance CF at 13 Oct 20 (Last Report):	£	<u>8,510.79</u>
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Payments Out:

Cheque No. 276: ND Howe for repair to POS Fencing	£	950.00
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Payments out Subtotal	£	950.00
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Payments In:

Breckland Council – Precept	£	2,700.00
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Balance at 10 Nov 20	£	<u>10,260.79</u>
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Business Instant Access Account

Balance at 10 Nov 20 (includes interest Nov 20)	£	<u>11,580.17</u>
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Balance All Accounts at 10 Nov 20:	£	<u><u>21,840.96</u></u>
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The clerk further reported that the budget was being prepared for consideration at the next meeting.

7. **POS Fencing Repair** Replacement of the damaged posts and rails was done very quickly and efficiently at a cost of £950, as per the estimate. However, the contractor reported that, on closer inspection, more sections of fencing needed replacing and provided an estimate

of £346. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the additional work.

8. **Planning** Link to be circulated by Councillor Chapman-Allen on new regulations. Mr Pincher MP heard concerns regarding algorithms etc from PCs.

Councillor Kybird reported that concerns had been raised regarding the number of social and affordable housing in addition a national infra-structure levy. It was reiterated that it was important to get a balanced growth.

9. **Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on the new proposed NCC divisions** The Chairman reminded the Council that the LGBCE was proposing to retain 84 divisions/councillors and amend divisional boundaries to ensure an equal electorate of some 8,858 +/-10% in 2025. As part of the boundary changes, Guiltcross Division would exclude Brettenham & Kilverstone, Roudham & Larling and Bridham PCs which would be included in Thetford East. He went on to report the consultation would end on 23 Nov 20 and he and the Vice Chairman would the draft response for agreement before submission.

Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Chairman of Larling PC who was against current proposal and would speak with the Chairman of Bridgham PC to speak to Chairman that evening. The PC's draft would be shared among the three PCs and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that it seemed impractical to have a mixed urban/rural division due to the different natures and requirements of the parishes.

10. **Greater Thetford Partnership** The Chairman reminded the PC of the present planned lack of primary care facilities in the SUE and that he and the Councillor Chapman-Allen had met with the South Norfolk CCG team to explain this concern and identify a way forward. In response, the CCG intended to have a strategic paper for future Primary Care needs, which would be ready in March, after which the group would meet again.

Councillor Kybird declared an interest (as a builder) and so no further took part in discussion about the Social Value Initiative. The Chairman proposed that the PC submit a suggestion for a new foot path from the Alms Houses and church in Kilverstone to the Garden Centre/Tesco and this was agreed.

11. **Kilverstone Alms Houses** Nothing to report

12. **Peddars Way** The narrowing of the pathway on Peddars Way to the north of the Blackwater Bridge passed the high fencing responses were discussed at length. NCC agrees the path is too narrow at the north end, and that it was blocked by a fallen tree and that the surface of the path had been eroded rendering it U shaped in profile and unsuitable to wheel and push chairs. The eastern side of the path has a low level live electric wire fence 9 inches off the ground and a similar distance inside the public path. NCC has said it would clear the fallen tree and overgrown shrubbery and fill the dip in the path. However, it seems that there are no regulations to prevent this unsatisfactory arrangement which is dangerous to dogs and children. After some discussion it was agreed to go back to NCC over the concerns of the electric fence, monitor the situation and the improvements agreed by NCC and take note of any new reported incidents.

13. **Reports by Members**

- a. **Environmental and CPRE** Nothing to report.

- b. **Community Safety** It was reported that the most recent police update reports no specific incidents of concern in B & K with the exception of the burglary in Arlington Way which was reported at last month's meeting. The police are reminding all parishes of good crime prevention practice such as parking vehicles in well-lit areas and not leaving valuables in them, checking out buildings and keeping windows closed to deter opportunist criminals.
- c. **Rural** Nothing to report.

14. Correspondence for Information

- a. A questionnaire regarding understanding and preparedness in case of flooding has been circulated by NALC; to be placed on the website.
- b. A request for parish councils across Breckland to take part in a Census has been received and circulated. To be placed on website and notice boards where possible.
- c. A Covid Dashboard was circulated by Councillor Chapman-Allen; it was also reported that the infection rate in the Breckland area was down again after the Watton factory infection

15. Dates for next meetings

Next meeting to take place:

Monday 14 December at 1930 (Full) via Zoom

The meeting finished at 2000

Minutes agreed:

A M Poulter OBE
Chairman

Date: