

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MILEHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER AT 1930 HELD VIRTUALLY.

## **Present:**

Councillor M Harmer (VICE CHAIR)

Councillor J Pearce

Councillor Bergan

2 parishioners

District Councillor Carter

**1 Apologies for Absence.** Councillor Cutbill sent her apologies, and these were accepted. Councillor Butler-Stoney sent his apologies. County Councillor Kiddle-Morris was unable to attend due to connection problems.

**2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.**

Councillor Pearce has a declaration of interest on Item 8.1.1

**3 Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Pearce proposed and Councillor Bergan second the resolution that the minutes of the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the chairman.

**4 Co-option to the Parish council**

Councillor Pearce proposed and Councillor Bergan seconded the resolution that Angela Teague be co-opted to the parish council. All were in favour and the Declaration of Acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed.

**5 Public Participation.**

**5.1 County and District Councillor Reports.**

Planning:

“ Planning for the Future”: - The government is currently consulting on radical proposals to reform the planning system. The consultation, under the title Planning for the Future started on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and will run until the 29<sup>th</sup> October. The paper outlines 5 fundamental proposals: Streamline the planning process with more democracy taking place more effectively at the plan making stage; a radical digital first approach to modernise the planning process; bringing a new focus on design and sustainability; improve infrastructure delivery, ensuring developers play their part through reform of developer contributions; ensure more land is available for the homes and development people and communities need. Implementation of any of the above reforms will require primary legislation and it is anticipated that this will be pushed through in the next 12 months.

There is another planning consultation “Changes to the Current Planning System” also running from the 6<sup>th</sup> August but finishes on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. This details interim changes to the current planning guidance until the reforms detailed above take effect. Briefly the changes are: amendment to the standard method for assessing housing need; securing of First Homes which are sold at a discount (this separates(30%) to first time buyers through developer contributions; raising the small site threshold below which developers are not required to contribute affordable housing from the current 10 dwellings to 40 or 50 to support SME builders; extending the current “Permission in Principle” (this separates the consideration of matters of principle for proposed development from the technical detail) to major development.

A further consultation ending on 30<sup>th</sup> October is underway called “Transparency and Competition” which is proposing changes to improve the transparency of contractual mechanisms used to exercise control over land such as land options, rights of pre-emption and estate contracts.

All the details on the documents mentioned above and how to respond to the consultation are available on the gov.uk website.

District councillor Carter reported Breckland Community Funding Scheme will be re-opening for application from the 1<sup>st</sup> September and will include guidance completion forms. Banham Poultry outbreak, 127 employees have tested positive for Covid 19 and five household members also were identified as positive cases. The evidence still shows no wider spread in the community but situation is being monitored on a daily basis. It has been agreed that 108 have been cleared to return to work and staff that are self-isolating will be able to return to work next week. Breckland Chief Executive Anna Graves is standing down this Autumn. The Council new waste contract appears to be working well and meeting its targets. Breckland is targeting high risk fly tip areas with increased resources.

## 7 **Highway**

### **To note any new problems within the parish.**

Councillor Harmer reported that loose shingle is still a problem on the west side of the village, paths are being covered with shingle which is dangerous to walkers or parishioners in wheelchairs and for pushchairs. The clerk will add this to the church and village to remind parishioners to maintain their driveways.

The Sawmill has had a street sign installed however it is spelt incorrectly. Sawmill should all be one word.

A Manhole on the Litcham road is sinking, the clerk will report this to highways.

Overgrown hedges are growing over a road narrow sign. The Clerk will report this to the rangers to be cut back.

Burghwood Close/Drive potholes are really bad on this road, it is on the list to be re-dressed later this year or early next year. The clerk will report the potholes. The bridge on the Nar Valley Walk when entering from back lane, has broken side rails. The clerk will report this. The entrance to the Nar Valley Walk at the top of Tittleshall road, has a broken fence next to the kissing gate, the clerk will report this.

## 8 **Planning**

8.1.1 3PL/2020/0837/HOU-Unicorn House, Proposed Open Porch-No Objections

8.1.2 3PL/2020/0762/HOU-Church Cottages, Single Storey Extension to rear-Approved

8.1.3 3PL/2020/0722/HOU-Omega Cottage, Erection of a single storey Annex-No Objections

8.1.4 3PL/2020/0722/F- Firs Bungalow-New dwelling to replace bungalow-No Objections

Unfortunately, not all Councillor have been available to comment on all the planning applications and therefore an email record has been maintained to monitor this.

## 9 **Matter for report**

9.1 **Mileham Primary School**-No update from Norfolk County Council on the sale of the school.

9.2 **Finger post** (Back Lane)-County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris has successfully won a bid from Norfolk County Council to repair and restore the Finger post. This will be no cost to the Mileham Parish Council.

9.3 **Village Gates**-They have been ordered

9.4 **Playing Field**-It was agreed to continue with the current company to continue cutting the grass for another year. Councillor Harmer proposed and Councillor Bergan seconded the resolution that the playing field grass will be continued to be cut in 2021 and paid for by the Parish Council.

Councillor Pearce has been researching the Charities in Mileham to update the Parish Council with what is going on with them all. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

9.5 **Bus Shelter Cleaning.** Councillor Harmer proposed and Councillor Pearce seconded the resolution that the Parish Council will continue paying for the bus shelter to be cleaned. The first clean will be in September.

9.6 **Slow markings for Back Lane:** This item has been reported twice before due to a parishioner having two very near accidents due to speeding cars. The SLOW sign was approved in previous meetings, but recently new markings have been actioned but not the SLOW sign. County Councillor will look into this.

9.7 **Local Neighbourhood plan:** Councillor Pearce has contacted Breckland regarding the Local neighbourhood plan due to quite a few villages getting involved. The neighbourhood plans can be implemented in which this may prevent further development in villages. District Councillor Carter reported that it can be expensive and may cost approx. £1500.00. If we don't do it then we need to understand why we are not doing it. District Councillor Carter is not aware of a local village doing this. Councillor Pearce is going to look into this further. As a Parish Council we are firstly going to how do we find out about this scheme and also consider how do we disseminate the information to the parishioners with requests for ideas from them on what projects we should undertake/bid for?

## 10 Finance

10.1 **Balances and cheques for authorisation as circulated.** Councillor Pearce Proposed and Councillor Harmer seconded the resolution on the authorisation of the cheques and balances.

10.2 **Budgets to be circulated.** Councillor Pearce Proposed and Councillor Harmer seconded the resolution on the budgets that were circulated.

11 Matters for next meeting (not for discussion), School Transport: written risk assessment.

12 Confirm that the next meeting of Mileham Parish Council: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

## FINANCE: 30th August 2020

Balances:-

### Business Premium Account.

Balance at 31.08.2020	£8,620.83
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### Community Account.

Balance at 30th July 2020	£5,480.37
Presented chq 745	£1,495.58
Balance at 31st August 2020	<b>£3,984.79</b>

### Cheques for authorisation

Cheque number	Cheque payable to	Reason for Payment	Cheque amount
745	Breckland District Council	Village gates	£1,495.58
746	D. K. Secker	Salary for Aug £182.56 @£10.16 + £20.00 5% pay rise + £11.67 (new rate-Sept ) x 16 hours=£186.72+ working from home allowance	£395.28
747	HMRC	PAYE	£73.80
748	A. Cutbill	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£25.00

