

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on
8th April 2013 in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr K Carter	
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr T Bean	County Councillor
Cllr Lisney	

APOLOGIES:

Cllr L Hall	
Cllr K Wright	District Councillor
Cllr J Cleveland	

PARISHIONERS:

6 parishioners attended.

MINUTES:

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd April 2012 were read, approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Grant. Seconded by Cllr Smith.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- 2 The last year has been one which will be remembered for the district Council's decision to allocate sites for new homes development in the village. This has involved the Parish Council in consultation over the SWDP which is now getting to the stage of the inspectors consideration leading hopefully to final approval at the end of the year.

Originally three housing sites were identified in the village including the previously approved site on Holly Close. This was reduced to 2 after the consultation period and we have also been involved in considering detailed applications for these sites – both of which have now been approved. The Parish Council would not be surprised if further attempts are made in the next few months to get sites for housing approved before final approval of the SWDP but these will be vigorously opposed.

The final results from the village survey for the preparation of a Parish Plan have been collated and early analysis is showing useful information. Businesses and social organisations are currently being sent questionnaires and this will complete this process and allow the Plan to be prepared.

Recently we have been planting new trees in the village and having other trees surveyed and the reports recommend maintenance to be undertaken.

The village roads/footpaths and gullies are a constant concern and the Council is trying its best to get the County Council to do the necessary repairs and improvements.

The closure of the village shop at the end of this month is a blow to those who have supported it and relied on it. The steering group for the setting of a community shop to replace the existing one is making good progress and the Parish Council are providing support. We have been lucky to obtain 3 weekly visits from the mobile Post Office service in the meantime and confirming that a Post Office service can be provided as part of the new shop when this is set up. We look forward to the next shop and wish it success.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

3 No Report.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT;

4 No report.

BYRD & CANNING CHARITY:

5 Payments made 2012

26 payments at £20 making a total of £520.

Balance £33.98

Accounts were approved. Proposed by: Cllr Lisney. Seconded by: Cllr Grant. Signed by the Chairman.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

6 A Villager raised concerns about parking on New Street as a result of speed limit changes. Email Highways. Suggestion of white lines down centre of B4035.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed:

Date: