

MINUTES OF BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Clays Lane Sports Pavilion, Friday, 12th May, 2023, at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr A Riley (Chairman), Cllr P Ackroyd, Cllr J Pike, Cllr R Faulkner, Cllr J Riley, Cllr M Ackroyd (Vice Chairman), Cllr N Slater (Cllr Slater left the meeting at 7pm)

In attendance: Mrs K Lear (Clerk)

1/001-2023 Election of Chairman

Cllr M Ackroyd wished to thank all members for their support during this term of office.

Full council thanked Cllr M Ackroyd for his 12 years of service as Chairman of Branston Parish Council.

It was resolved, unanimously that Cllr A Riley be appointed as Chairman, Branston Parish Council.

2/002-2023 Declaration of acceptance of office

The chairman completed his acceptance of office.

3/003-2023 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

4/004-2023 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests for members

The clerk confirmed that no declarations or dispensations had been received.

5/005-2023 Election of other positions/Appointments

Vice Chair

It was resolved that Cllr M Ackroyd be appointed as Vice Chairman for the parish council for the next 12 months.

Appointment of Staffing committee

It was resolved that Cllrs J Pike, N Slater and J Riley be appointed onto the Staffing Committee.

Regatta allotment committee

It was resolved that Cllr N Slater would be the representative for the parish council allotments.

6/006-2023 Declaration of General Power of Competence

It was resolved that the parish council, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 adopts the general power of competence.

7/007-2023 Meetings

The meeting calendar was approved. It was agreed that there will be no meeting in August or December.

If a councillor has not attended a meeting of the council or has not tendered apologies with an explanation, which have been accepted by the council for six consecutive months, they are disqualified.

8/008-2023 Minutes of the meeting 25th April 2023

Minutes of the meeting were approved as an actual and factual record.

Public participation – one member of the public was present.

9/009-2023

Financial and Policy Matters

It was resolved that the following payments be approved.

Recipient	Explanation	Amount	Power/payment method
Payroll	Payroll	1770.12	GPC/EP
Utilities	Utilities	147.12	GPC/EP
Perennial landscape	Grounds maintenance	680.40	GPC/EP
B Crane	Maintenance	60.00	GPC/EP
P Walton	Artist	500.00	GPC/EP
Water plus	Surface water	7.81	GPC/EP
V Evans	Internal audit	55.00	GPC/cheque

Members approved the annual direct debits for British gas lite, ICO and British telecom.

Members resolved that the clerk obtains advice in relation to possible soil replacement around the war memorial.

It was resolved that a budget up to £500 would approved for plants for 2023-24 for the planters around the parish.

It was resolved that maintenance work would continue for Branston Cemetry. Budget up to £300 was agreed for the remaining of this financial year.

The insurance policy renewal will be discussed at the next meeting as the clerk is still awaiting several quotations.

Members resolved that the clerk in between meetings be given additional delegating decision making for planning applications in the event of time sensitive response times following consultation with members. Members also agreed that the clerk would make pavilion bookings on behalf of the council.

A member raised the matter that the parish council needed to promote its services better. The Chairman asked members to consider possible actions and requested that the item be deferred until the next meeting.

10/010-2023

Correspondence

1)Planning applications

Planning applications were circulated to members. Members felt it was important to object to the outline planning plans for Branston Lock Primary School and nursery as there was not sufficient staff parking spaces in the outline plan. There was also no provision for drop off or pick up points which members felt was required.

2) Regents park, hedge and verges complaint

The council had received correspondence from a local resident in relation to the above. It was noted that the items needed to be reported. A member noted that it

was important to get the local borough councillor who is also a county councillor on board with these items to get their support.

11/011-2023 Items for information

The Chairman advised members of training opportunities. There was a discussion on the importance of training for both longer servicing councillors and newly elected members.

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