

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Adrian Olsen (Vice Chair)
Stephen Atkinson
Aidan Clarke
Sandra Coates
Chris Richardson
John Stones
Sam Waddell
Elizabeth Whitfield
Cllr Jonathan Owen
Victoria Chapman (Clerk)

Apologies: Keith Bardon, Katherine Lakes, Maggie Mossfield

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the last annual meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 were approved on Monday 13th May 2024.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023/24

Throughout a busy year the Parish Council has sought to serve the people of Brandesburton and to make a positive difference in the parish. I am grateful to fellow councillors for their efforts and commitment. Brandesburton is fortunate in having individuals willing to devote time and energy to the community. In this respect we were pleased to welcome Aidan Clarke to the Parish Council during the year. The Parish Council could not function without an effective Clerk (and Responsible Finance Officer) who in many respects is the unsung hero of the organisation. Julie Gibson provided outstanding and unfailing support, staying with us until a new Clerk was appointed in June 2023. We were fortunate to find Victoria Chapman who has successfully taken up the reins. There is much to do in 'keeping the show on the road' and modernising various practices to ensure that the Parish Council is fit for purpose.

On a practical front, the Parish Council has been kept very busy commenting upon planning applications received by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). The Parish Council is one of a number of statutory consultees and as such does not decide upon planning applications. Its comments are based upon local knowledge and aimed at striking a balance between development and the preservation of community interests and the environment. In this respect, we are very disappointed at the prospect of an asphalt plant being developed at the Catwick Lane industrial site. We, and very many residents, feel this to be wholly inappropriate and are dismayed by ERYC's recent approval of the application. Close monitoring and reporting on the development is essential.

As reported last year, we continue to monitor difficult and dangerous traffic conditions in the village and on Bridlington Road. Discussions have shown that there are no easy solutions, but we will continue to lobby ERYC on these matters and hold further meetings in

an attempt to improve the situation. Issues remain and the work is therefore ongoing. The Parish Council encourages everyone to report incidents and difficulties as this information is important in building our case for action.

The Parish Council has continued to maintain the village play park, repairing equipment where necessary and striving to keep it tidy and free from litter. We extend thanks to Les Watts for his work here and around the village. His efforts are much appreciated. The Parish Council is investigating the installation of CCTV in an effort to improve the safety and security of the area. We will also work with ERYC to improve the entrance to the play park to enhance accessibility.

It is pleasing to report that the Parish Council has been able to support a number of groups and organisations in the village including the school, scouts and Village Planting Group. We are grateful to the Village Planting Group for its continuing work and particularly the planting of further trees in the community orchard on the Platinum Jubilee Paying Field. Improvements to street signage, furniture, the provision (and repair) of bus shelters and oversight of the allotments have also featured in our work.

Thanks to fund raising in the village, we have been able to establish a "Coronation Community Fund" that will be administered by the Parish Council to pump-prime small-scale local projects. Details will appear on the Parish Council website and village Facebook page. As ever, the Parish Council will continue working to support the community and to improve our environment. We are always pleased to receive feedback and suggestions from residents. Inevitably resources will be tight, but we look forward to further investments and to continued progression in Brandesburton.

Keith Bardon
April 2024