

Minutes of the Meeting of Brewham Parish Council held at Brewham Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th November 2022

Present: Robert Jackson (Chair), Eddie Harper, Christopher Saxton & Patricia Stainton.

In attendance: County Councillor Lucy Trimnell, Sue Price (Clerk) & seven members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Richard Hiscock, County Councillor Tom Power and District Councillor Robin Bastable.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2022:**

The minutes of the 13th September 2022 meeting were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with elsewhere.

5. **Financial Business:**

i. **Financial transactions:**

The Clerk reported that interest of there had been no income since the September meeting. The payments agreed at the September meeting had all been made.

The financial transactions for the period 13th September 2022 were as follows:

Bank balances brought forward at 13 th September 2022	£5,356.86
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Expenditure

Graham Kimber – 3rd mowing of Burial Ground	500.00
David Dabinett – mowing of Common land April-September	300.00
Bank charges	31.00

The Clerk had transferred £250 from the General Fund to the Burial Ground Fund to cover the cost of the final mowing

The Fund balances at 7th November 2022 were therefore:

General Fund	£3,014.12
Burial Ground Fund	17.74
Reserve Fund	1,500.00

Represented by Bank a/cs:

National Savings Bank Investment a/c	£851.64
HSBC Savings a/c	241.49
HSBC Community a/c	3,438.73

<u>Total</u>	£4,531.86
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Bank balances carried forward at 7 th November 2022	£4,531.86
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The Clerk requested approval for payment of the following:

Although it had been agreed at the September meeting that payment could be made to the Somerset Association of Local Council the invoice for £118.65 had only just been received.

The annual fee of £40 was due to the Information Commissioner's Office and a donation of £50 is usually made to Brewham Village Hall Committee for the upkeep of the defibrillator.

The Clerk was also expecting an invoice from the Royal British Legion for the two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday (c. £38-40).

It was unanimously agreed that these payments be made.

Changing bank accounts from HSBC has been extremely slow – we have received a cheque book and paying in book from Lloyds and a request was sent to HSBC to close both accounts and transfer the money into the Lloyds account but so far nothing further has been heard.

6. **Planning Applications:**

i. **Decisions on applications already considered by the Parish Council:**

- a. 22/01688/FUL - Land OS 0006, Gladwill Farm, North Brewham, BA10 0JS – Application for change of use of agricultural hard standing to allow for siting of mobile showman's wagon trailer conversion for holiday let accommodation. Decision awaited.

ii. **Applications to be considered by the Parish Council:**

- a. 22/02676/FUL - Land at Cannwood House, Cannwood Lane, Brewham BA10 0JN - Installation of ground mounted solar array. Parish Councillors had no comments and no objections and were happy to support this application.

iii. **Any new applications received:**

No new applications had been received.

7. **Burial Ground & Churchyard:**

Mr Nye was not present but had told the Clerk that there was very little to report except that he is hoping to get sheep in to graze in December.

Yet another large limb has just fallen from the yew tree on the Burial Ground side of the Church path. The Parochial Church Council had decided to obtain a report on the yew trees from Mr Baker with whom they had dealt some years ago. Due to family reasons he had not completed this as soon as everyone would have liked but he had arranged to meet Mr Poulton, the SSDC tree officer, at the end of the week and would then produce an updated report and recommendations. Since this meeting Mr & Mrs Jackson, Mr & Mrs Dabinett and Mr Thorman had cut down the fallen limb and removed most of the debris. Once again we were very lucky in that only one headstone had fallen down but it was not damaged. It has been temporarily re-erected but the Clerk will look at getting it put back firmly in the ground.

8. **Roads:**

i. **Outstanding matters:**

The water leak on Barrow Water Lane has been repaired and the Clerk wrote to the Highways Department about the problems of heavy and fast traffic causing concern to the residents of Border and asked if the 30mph limit could be moved further along – nothing has been heard as yet and the Clerk will ask again.

- ii. New matters:
There are various potholes throughout the village which have not yet been marked for repair and the Clerk will report these to the Highways Department.

9. **Footpaths & Bridleways:**

i. Outstanding matters:

The story remains the same in that nothing has been heard re the blocked footpath at Swanton Farm and nor has there been any progress on the broken stiles on footpaths in the parish or the rails on the bridge across the river on Cards Farm which are rotting. She will continue to press for the works to be done.

ii. New matters:

There were no new matters to report.

10. **Update on the Village Hall & Parish Plan**

The Clerk had written to Cath Coward on behalf of the members of the Parish Council and all the residents of Brewham to thank everyone on the Village Hall Restoration Committee for all their hard work over the last couple of years working on the project and to her in particular for her perseverance and success in raising the funds to do the work..

Negotiations are still taking place on the sewage treatment plant for the Village Hall and the neighbouring property. Now that it is getting wet once again and because Mr Gulliford is going away in December nothing will happen until the New Year.

As agreed earlier in the meeting the Parish Council will pay the Village Hall Committee £50 towards the maintenance of the defibrillator.

The Coffee and Chat mornings are held every other Monday and there is a weekly Pilates class in the Hall.

The Clerk had reported that the automatic light above it was not working and also that there was no light near the entrance gate and in the dark it was not very safe to use the steps without anything being in place.

It was agreed that as the Village Hall Restoration Project was now complete and there was currently no action on the Parish Plan that this item would be removed from future agendas.

11. **Report from Wincanton Police:**

PCSO Daniel Humphrey had sent a report. In October 2022 there were two crimes – one burglary and one vehicle offence. The priorities remain the same – to keep a presence in the area and to have productive community engagement, Any incidents should be reported to 101 or 999 if an emergency and Neighbourhood Watch schemes are encouraged.

12. **Reports from County & District Councillors:**

Councillor Trimnell updated the meeting about the progress of the Local Community Network and the topics that have been covered so far and urged anyone who was interested to attend the next meeting on the 18th November, details of which were subsequently sent to all Councillors. A decision on new boundaries will be made in January 2023 and she or Councillor Power will be able to give an update at the January meeting. Dropping Lane is due to be closed from the 21st November to carry out extensive and costly tree work. There is a large gap in the budget of £75m for the county and only £25m of savings have so far been identified.

13. **Dates of Future Meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th January 2023

Dates for the remainder of the financial year are Tuesdays, 10th January & 14th March 2023.

14. **Open Forum:**

There were no comments or questions.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

These minutes were unanimously approved at the 10th January 2023 meeting of Brewham Parish Council and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record