

BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 in the Village Hall

Item	Description	Actions and Agreements	Owner
1	Open Forum	Parishioners opportunity to raise issues with the Parish Council. Parishioners will be given 3 minutes per subject	
2	From the Council	Cllr Orr-Ewing (Chair) Cllr Carse Cllr Doney Cllr Saunders Cllr Lacey A Besly (Clerk) Cllr Richard Smith SCC Cllr Norman Brooks ESC	
	From the Public	None	
3	Apologies	None	
4	Declaration of Interest	None	
5	Minutes	The Minutes of the Council meetings on 12 January 2022 and the Extra Planning meeting on 16 February 2022 were approved and signed	
6	Co-Option of new member was postponed as the new member was unable to attend		
7	County Councillors Report		Cllr R Smith (SCC)
	Cllr Smith (SCC) reported that SCC were concerned about the situation in Ukraine and have taken action to change their gas supply away from a Russian supplier and have written off a £4m Pension fund investment in Russia (of £3bn). This will be sold to partially offset the write off. SCC budget increase of 2.99% has been approved. Suffolk is one of only 9 counties in England to have a bespoke County deal from central government. Suffolk do not want a Mayor but will have some devolved powers		
8	District Councillors Report - Circulated		Cllr N Brooks (ESC)
	Cllr Brooks (ESC) reported that ESC were also reviewing any involvement with Russia. Lowestoft: - Third crossing was progressing well with a 55m section weighing 580 recently installed. - There are 4 business plans for redevelopment in Lowestoft with a government grant of £25m - Beech huts are being refurbished or replaced - There is a business plan with Felixstowe for Freeport status Domestic rates Band D money back will be automatic if paid by direct debit. Otherwise this will need to be applied for and a notice will come with the bill Sizewell C application result is due in June		
9	Chairman's Report		Cllr Orr-Ewing
	Cllr Orr-Ewing reported that the Boost grant application for the Playsite had been resubmitted. Some companies had been contacted and it was hoped they would visit the site to advise. Ro Williams is working on ideas for the Jubilee celebrations		
10	Clerk's Report was circulated and attached in Annex A Cllr Doney is leaving the council after the May meeting. As he is a signatory, it was proposed that Cllr Lacey be mandated as a signatory. All agreed. Action, Clerk to organise		Clerk
11	Finance Report - Circulated , There were no questions. It was proposed that there should be a meeting of the Finance Advisory Group in April. A date of 13 April following the Village Hall Trustees meeting was suggested. All Agreed		Clerk

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12	Payments schedule: It was proposed that the payments schedule totalling £755.80 should be approved. All Agreed. It was also proposed that Cllr Carse could be reimbursed up to £60 for Village Hall Wi-Fi costs on production of evidence of payment. All Agreed	Clerk
13	Village Hall Wi-Fi: It was proposed that Cllr Carse could be reimbursed up to £60 for Village Hall Wi-Fi costs on production of evidence of payment. All Agreed It was proposed that the Parish Council have a meeting in April to discharge their responsibilities as Village Hall Trustee. The suggested date is 13 April. All Agreed Jenny Allen from the Village Hall Management Committee would be invited	
14	Traffic Management Report: Nothing further to report. It was proposed that a Traffic Management group consisting of Councillors and Non-Councillors be set up and formally recognised at the May meeting. All Agreed. Action, Clerk to add to May agenda	Cllr Doney
15	Planning Advisory Group Report: Cllr Carse reported that the application for a new build at 2 school cottages has a number of SCC inputs primarily relating to a new access to the property	Cllr Carse
16	Councillor vacancies - There were a number of candidates suggested by Councillors. These will be followed up with a progress report at the next meeting	Cllr Orr-Ewing
17	Playsite repairs. See Chair's report	Cllr Orr-Ewing
18	Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Festival of Suffolk - A group has met and have a number of suggestions which will be put to the Parish to see what is most popular. Cllr Saunders offered to apply for grants for Jubilee activities	
19	Annual Parish Meeting (APM) - Agree dates, format, organisations invited to present	
	It was proposed that the APM should be held in the village hall on Friday 22 April at 19:00. All Agreed. Action Clerk to send out invitations to present to the organisations in Blythburgh Focus together with First Responders, the Church and the Railway Society. It was noted that Blythburgh Focus needs to request nominations for Villager of the Year	
20	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 May 2022, Annual Parish Council Meeting	

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting Wednesday 9 March 2022

Signed (Chair) _____ Dated _____

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Annex 1

Blythburgh With Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council

Clerk's Report March 22

Goods Shed bases - Reply from James Hewett

That's a very generous offer indeed. We are happy to do that. I have talked to Kings Landscaping, and they have no stock at the moment, but will contact me when they can get suitably-sized boulders (i.e. too big to be easily stolen). As soon as I hear from them, I will forward the details to you. Hopefully before Easter. They will deliver direct to site. I will organise a team and some transport when I have a date.

Community Action Suffolk - Restart Grants

These are only available for Community sports clubs, organisations, groups and volunteer led participatory sporting events

Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Surrounding Villages Community Partnership - Grants

Currently closed for applications but a new round may be announced soon

LGA Code of Conduct

This is currently going through an adoption process with Suffolk County council and district councils. Once this process is complete (by the end of March) it is recommended that Parish and Town Councils adopt it. I have circulated a draft for information

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