

# BINTREE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of MEETING that took place on

### Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Councillors Present:** G Frost, R Tooke, C Langford

**Public Present:** S Diggins, R Haywood

#### 74/22 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Tooke proposed Cllr Frost for the role of Vice-Chair, seconded by Cllr Langford. Cllr Frost agreed to continue in the role.

#### 75/22 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Bone (work commitments)

#### 76/22 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consideration of any requests for dispensations

None received

#### 77/22 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### 78/22 To consider advertising for Parish Councillor vacancy

G Holmes has applied for the open vacancy and shall be co-opted onto the council if still willing. The vacancy from the resignation of Cllr Pitcher has been notified to Breckland Council, awaiting their feedback. J Hoskins from County School has shown interest in filling this position.

#### 79/22 Public participation

R Haywood and S Diggins represented County School in discussion of the 'Railway Village' proposal which is of concern to their resident's association. They enquired if Bintree Parish Council are keen to become involved in the campaign being organised by other neighbouring villages, which was confirmed, and how County School residents could become involved.

#### 80/22 Finance

- a. The following expenditure items were approved
  - i. Village grass cutting – R Neal £1668.00
  - ii. Norton subscription £ 84.99
  - iii. Microsoft subscription £ 59.99
  - iv. Remembrance Day expenditure – R Tooke £ 23.98
- b. The budget for 2023-24 was discussed with reference to possible extra costs from a campaign regarding the 'Railway village' and taking on a new Clerk. The precept was set accordingly and agreed at £5500

#### 81/22 To receive an update on the defibrillator project plan

Cllr Langford has confirmed costs with CHT and requested final go ahead from the PC, which was given.

## 82/22 Planning applications

- None received

## 83/22 Highways matters

- **To receive feedback on research into possibility of introducing a public footpath along the path of the old road alongside the A1067 between Bintree and Twyford.**
  - Cllr Langford received feedback from Highways, to say that there is currently no funding for such projects and he should approach the local parish council about the project!
- **To consider speed limit through the village and additional signage around the playing field.**
  - Cllr Bone sent some feedback by email prior to the meeting to say, NCC have been in touch and a Road Safety Inspector will now support us. A meeting is arranged to visit the village. Cllr Langford agreed to support this.
- **To consider the state of pavements along The Street and forming a working group to clear them**
  - M Cottey raised this request and the PC will support any efforts on this front

## 84/22 Hedges and trees

- **To receive update from Cllr Bone on the government initiative re: trees around the village**
  - The approach that NCC has taken to obtain trees at half price through the Queens Jubilee Canopy Programme is seen as complex and prohibitive. Therefore Cllr Bone will now look to source trees through the Woodland Trust at nil cost. He has outlined some areas in the village and will communicate this to the relevant land owners to see if there is any desire to plant any additional trees.
- **To determine responsibility for church hedge trimming with a view to clearing the hedges around street signs on the corner**
  - This has historically been a task carried out by villagers. Cllr Langford suggested a working group, discussed earlier, could also take this on.

## 85/22 Village events

- **To consider date for the next coffee morning**

The next coffee morning will be arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> December and advertised by FB, flyers and email.

## 86/22 Correspondence

- **Bintree Relief in Need**

BRIN held a meeting the previous Tuesday. Cllr Langford informed the PC that it was agreed that an agenda for a meeting with the PC will be drawn up and proposed to the PC. The PC Clerk vacancy was also discussed with regards combining it with the secretary role for BRIN.

## 87/22 To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda

- Participating in 'Railway village' campaign with neighbouring villages

## 88/22 Date of next meeting

- Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm