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| **Bracon Ash and Hethel Parish Council**  **Minutes of the March Parish Council meeting**  **At Bracon Ash & Hethel Village Hall**  **On Monday 27th March 2023 at 7.30PM** | |
| **Present:**  Mr Colin Rudd – Chairman Mr Roy Hayes Mr Neil Dyer  Cllr Nigel Legg Mrs Anne Howlett Mr Steve Horton  Mrs Mary Gray Mrs Zoe Barr Mr David Biddle  District Councillors Gerry Francis and Ian Spratt  Clerk Mrs Carole Jowett  13 members of the public attended | |
|  | **To consider apologies** **for absence**  had sent his apologies for absence. |
|  | **To receive declaration of interests in items on agenda**  There were no declarations of interest made. |
|  | **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation, District and County Councillor reports**  **Public participation**  Planning application – access to houses on the main road ingress and egress would be a problem.  Surface water dispersal is an issue with no riparian rights.  Bin collections the site is higher than road 5 houses would have a rise from the house, bins at the roadside would cause a serious hazard particularly on windy days.  Since application was submitted there have been 25 houses built in the village and this would almost double the number of houses per hectare.  Residents in Mulbarton are angry about their children cannot access local schools and this development would exacerbate this. The doctor’s surgery is also overwhelmed.  Double parking spaces back-to-back on the main road  87 pupils in year 6 only 22 got their catchment schools even though Mulbarton is a feeder school for Hethersett.  The Mulbarton Head teacher had reached out to Cllr Leg on this issue.  There was no bus layby on the B1113 which would be required.  Pavements along B1113 are too narrow for a pushchair or wheelchair.  The land alongside the village hall is owned by the VH and is not available to be used to create a 2-metre path.  Historically there used to be a bus that took children from School Road to Mulbarton as the pavement was not deemed to be safe.  There were concerns that if this application was approved and built the second half of the field would be applied for again.  A piece of land at the end of the development is not allocated to a property and appears to be able to be opened up as an access road to the rest of the site at a future date.  A question was asked about the 5-year land supply and it was confirmed that this was not an issue.  Nutrient neutrality issue would stop this being able to be approved at this time once resolved.  Utility capacity was questioned. Power no issue but sewage could be a problem and potentially there could be a problem with water supply.  Other issues  Maintenance on paths to be arranged.  **District councillor report**  Cllr Legg Head teacher had contacted with concerns about the allocation of places.  Equinor DCO applied for at Swardeston in addition ot Orsted underway. SN had supported on economic and employment grounds although the basis was questionable.  EDF planning battery bank at Dunston.  Chief fire officer had raised some concerns in the local paper.  Grants of £200 for coronation celebrations PCs need to administer scheme.  Cllr ward grants from 1 April as before  Levelling up and regen going thorough parliament t housing allocations Las will be able to decide for themselves with more say on design. Also include devolution SN opposed  EA GREEN national grid would evaluate offshore as well as onshore  Major trauma unit at N&N  Lobbied NHS re lack of dental services a year ago, just responded. Changes to dentists contract but doubtful that would help recruit.  Cllr Francis reported IS letter – sent on |
|  | **To confirm minutes and review matters arising from the meeting held on 9th January 2023**  The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.  It was noted that Plandescil had made some changes to the plans for the solar farm after the meeting; some grade 2 agricultural land had been removed from the plans as a result of the discussions. |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To receive statement of accounts to 27th March 2023**   The accounts were reviewed and agreed.  **6.2** **To agree invoices for payment in accordance with budget**  DD BT Plc £47.94 Community hub  BACS C Jowett £317.62 Clerks salary  BACS HMRC £211.60 PAYE  BACS C Jowett £8.97 Postage  Chq no P Riches £342.50 Grass cutting playing field and common and removal of old grit bin  Chq no S Horton £16.03 Play equipment  The water bill needed to be queried as there has been no usage. Steve to read the meter.  ZB proposed that the payments be made, DB seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. |
|  | **To review actions required from the RoSPA report**  SH will get quotes this week for red and amber and look at hiring a steam pressure cleaner.  The backboard of the basketball hoop was broken and had been removed. This would be replaced. |
|  | **To discuss and agree action on the environmental issue in Marsh Lane**  Work had been done and the tank was due to be removed by the end of March. They were pumping it out once or twice each day. |
|  | **To consider planning application 2021/2579**  Proposal: The application seeks full planning approval for a residential development of 23 dwellings, comprising open market and affordable housing, together with associated highway access, public open space and landscaping on land to the East of Norwich Road, Bracon Ash.  Location: Land to the east of Norwich Road, Bracon Ash  After discussion it was proposed by Mrs Barr 2nd AH to object to the application on the grounds discussed. |
|  | **To consider any action ahead of the elections** |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**  No issues |
|  | **To agree agenda items for annual parish meeting and annual general meeting next meeting on 15th May 2023 and close**  15th May 2023 – AGM would commence at 7pm  26th June 2023  14th August 2023  23rd October 2023  13th November 2023 |
|  | **Close**  The chairman closed the meeting at 21:10 |
| Signed …………………………………………. Date ……………………  Colin Rudd  Chairman to Bracon Ash and Hethel Parish Council | |