

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

28th May 2019

A Meeting of the Amenities & Highways Committee at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Carrier (Chairman), Baker, Comer, Macdonald, Shaw, Steggles, Thurtle, Watson and Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Caborn, Parish Clerk; S French, Deputy Clerk; Two representatives of Celt Rangers.

1 **APOLOGIES** – Councillor Wainwright.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none.

3 **MINUTES OF MEETING – 5.3.19 – MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 10 – All trees on Green Lane Playing Field were inspected, and Norse has been asked to quote for the work of removing any dead ones. Another inspection will be carried out on 13.6.19, when it should be more obvious which ones are dead.

Minute 15 – The North Footpath Walk will now be held on Saturday, 31.8.19.

4 **SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

The meeting was suspended for Celt Rangers' representatives to address the committee. They indicated that they are satisfied with the facilities, with no problems reported, and would like to continue to hire the pitch for the next season. Having played in the Lowestoft Saturday league last season, they will play in the GY league this season, and will have more fixtures to play. They were thanked for attending, and the meeting re-opened.

5 **SOCCER PITCH AND FACILITIES, 2019/20 SEASON**

Celt Rangers Football Club have requested use of the facilities for a further season, and no problems with their use of them in the last year have been reported. The team was originally allowed to play here for one season only, further to the previous 'Saturday team', GY Town Hall FC, being unable to field a side last year, but no response has been received from the club's managers regarding a return this year, and it is assumed that the club is not active at present.

Mr M Houghton, El Sol Football Club, spoke to the Committee Chairman and Clerk this morning to confirm that the local Sunday League, in which the team has played for nearly 50 years, has been disbanded following steadily dwindling numbers of teams willing and able to participate. Enquiries have been made as to whether the club could participate in a Norwich-based Sunday League, but the players have indicated that this is too far for them to travel on a regular basis. The club has not disbanded, and intends to create a youth team (age 16 plus) for the coming season, which it is hoped will become an 'adult' team in a few years' time – however, a request for the team to still be able to participate in 'cup' competitions this year has been declined by the local FA. He has therefore asked if the pitch can be hired on an occasional basis for 'friendly' games on a Sunday morning, for which a 'one-off' fee would be charged on each occasion. No other requests have been received.

It was **resolved to allow Celt Rangers FC to hire the facilities for the 2019/20 season on Saturday afternoons, and for El Sol FC to pay for fixtures on an occasional ad hoc basis on some Sunday mornings.**

6. **REQUEST TO HOLD FUND-RAISING EVENT AT PLAYING FIELD**

A request has been received from a Ms L Bradley to hold a 'fun day and dog show' event on the playing field so that funds can be raised to assist with treatment abroad for a local child with a brain tumour. Ms Bradley was invited to this meeting, but did not attend. There were no objections to the use of the field for this purpose, provided the event complies with the council's rules, and also subject to the appropriate 'health and safety', risk assessment and insurance arrangements which the organiser must put in place prior to any such event.

7 USE OF SECTION OF GIPSIES GREEN COMMON FOR VEHICLE PARKING/ACCESS BY NEIGHBOURS

The minutes of the sub-committee for meetings held on 5.3.19, 26.3.19 and 9.4.19 were presented to the Committee. It was resolved that **the minutes of the meeting held on 9.4.19 be signed as a true copy.**

Matters Arising - the following points were agreed on the basis of what has been set out in the minutes:-

- a) Signs to be erected, minute 5c) 26.3.19 - the wording shown on the proposed signs should perhaps be more clear and concise.
- b) Costing structure to be put into place to cover costs of repairs - the recently improved surface should be regularly monitored for wear and tear, and, if deterioration is gradual, it should be 'topped up' with appropriate materials as necessary by the council. If deterioration is extensive, it will be necessary to determine the impact on those residents who use the area to drive over and park, and assess what level of contribution they should pay towards the cost of such maintenance.
- c) Implementation dates for changes - the three signs should be ordered as soon as possible, and a public meeting will be arranged, to take place before the signs are erected, to advise affected residents of what the council proposes to do, and the process and potential costs involved. It will also be made clear that the council has no intention of removing the 'bank', as was requested by some residents on 26.3.19.

It was noted that the resolution set out in paragraph 2 of minute 5 of the 9.4.19 minutes was contrary to the resolution made in the first sentence of minute 5b of the 26.3.19 minutes. It was resolved that **all of the above sub-committee minutes be adopted as minutes of this committee, with the exception of the first sentence of minute 5b of the 26.3.19 minutes.**

8 POSSIBLE PROVISION OF 'SAM2' (FLASHING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS)

A meeting will be held with Mr P Sellick, Norfolk County Council, on 4.6.19.

9 USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES – PROPOSALS

The Clerk reported that there has been no response to further correspondence sent to L Tully, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, since the issue was raised again at a recent Parish Council meeting. A further approach on the matter will be made to Borough Councillor Candon, further to his attendance at the recent Annual Parish Council Meeting, and his undertaking to investigate the current position.

10 WAR MEMORIAL SITE AND OPEN SPACE AREA, CHURCH WALK

There has been no further information about the possibility of a longer lease on the above.

11 ALLOTMENT ISSUES

The following items have been proposed by Allotment Advisory Committee members:-

- a) A & M Grey, Plot 22b, Beccles Road. The Clerk confirmed that two letters have been sent to the tenants, last year and this, to request making improvements, but there has been no change to the condition of the plot. It was **resolved to send a 'Notice to Quit' letter to A & M Grey.**
- b) B Rooke, Plot 49b, Cley Road. The tenant has not only neglected to look after his plot, but failed to sign and return his Tenancy Agreement form, despite several requests. It was **resolved to send a 'Notice to Quit' letter to Mr Rooke.**
- c) A request has been made for two additional taps to be installed on Beccles Road site, to increase the number overall from 3 to 5. It was **resolved to accept the request, and arrange to provide two extra taps for this site, with preparatory work to be undertaken by the tenants.**
- d) A request has been made for a 'compost toilet' on Beccles Road site, to be situated at the back of the 'car park' at Plot 14, to be maintained by the tenants. Detailed information was circulated showing that this is a facility which requires no water, mains sewerage or electricity. It was noted that the purchase cost is in excess of £1,000. If a significant proportion of this sum can be raised by the tenants, the request will be considered again.

The Clerk confirmed that there is a list of prospective tenants, including some outside the Bradwell area, who could take up any plots made vacant.

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Great Yarmouth Borough Council – Proposed Extension of Public Spaces Protection Order No. 1 – Alcohol. The existing order, which came into effect in June 2016, covers all public places within the borough boundaries of Great Yarmouth, and is currently due to expire on June 3, 2019. It was resolved to respond that **the council has no objections to the existing Order being extended for a further three years.**

13 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The new grounds maintenance contractor's work has been of a good standard so far. It was noted that Burgh Castle village hall is advertised in The Village Voice as being available for hire, and an enquiry will be made regarding costs and conditions of hire. There is a hedge overhanging the footway at 26 Sycamore Avenue. Road signs for Holly Avenue and Oak Avenue need to be refixed to their structures. There are ongoing problems with speeding motorists on local roads, and it was acknowledged that it is a national problem. It was stated that costs have been incurred by individuals dialling 101 to report 'non urgent' matters to the Police. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Signed: Date :

Date of next meeting: 30.7.19