



# BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Notes from the meeting held at the BSA Village Hall on Monday 23 February 2023

Councillors present: Mr Stephen Morris (acting chair), Mr David Wright, Mr Mark Blackburn

Clerk: Mr Simon Hunt (Also RFO)

Also present: 7 members of the public, Mr Jerry Parker representing the 7000 Acres group

Before the meeting, councillors and residents were given the opportunity to meet and discuss matters with Jerry Parker, a representative of 7000 Acres group, which opposes plans to build large Solar farms in the vicinity of Brattleby Village. Mr Parker presented evidence and encouraged residents to engage with the matter. Mr Parker also encouraged the council to undertake an opposing 'statement of common ground' on behalf of residents. Mr Parker was thanked and informed that the matter of wind farms was already a regular agenda item.

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### 1 Apologies.

Apologies received from Councillor Jerry Scott

### 2 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

There were none.

### 3 Minutes of previous meeting.

Notes of the previous meeting had been emailed to councillors and a residents mailing list. Mr Morris noted an omission in the minutes relating to the ditch near corner cottage. Mr Morris proposed that the revised notes were a valid record of the previous meeting and the notes were signed as the minutes.

### 4 Public forum.

- i) A resident raised the matter of poor hedge cutting hygiene around the village caused by local landowners, blackthorns becoming a risk to pets and residents. It was agreed that council would investigate the matter.
- ii). A resident from a nearby village raised the matter local speed awareness, and it was agreed that the council would look into and confirm additional candidates for *Community Speed Watch* training.
- iii) A resident raised the matter of the bus stop and its positioning. It was agreed that the council would look into the matter and the possibility of situating the bus shelter elsewhere.

### 5 Clerk's report

Mr Hunt reported correspondence as follows:

- i) correspondence confirming election procedures for May2023and containing election nomination packs. It was agreed that Mr Hunt should prioritise informing residents of procedures in the next parish newsletter. It was agreed that interested parties should contact Mr Hunt if they needed a nomination pack.
- ii) email from a resident confirming an intention to hold a 'Midsummer Party' for residents in the paddock. Date agreed 17<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that Mr Hunt assist the residents with this as appropriate. It was agreed that the council could assist with some costs for food, as per previous events.
- iii) A letter from LCC confirming the grass cutting contribution o £560.60, which adequately covers the quote for current service provider.

### 6 RFO Report

- i) financial position. Mr Hunt presented the current financial position alongside a balance of finances from the current bank statement.
- ii) Precept. Mr Hunt confirmed that a figure of £3270,00 was presented to WLDC for precept 2023/4. Mr Hunt is to inform council as soon as the precept has been confirmed by WLDC.

### 8 Correspondence / council matters

- i) Replacement of clerk. Mr Hunt indicated that advertisements for a paid clerk / RFO were in process. A formal resignation would follow at then next council meeting to ensure continuity over the election period. It is anticipated that a new clerk should ideally be in place for 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- ii) Local elections. Mr Hunt summarised the procedures for candidacy of the upcoming elections.
- iii) Caravans in the village. It was agreed that this should be a fuller agenda item for the next council meeting, so it could be agreed exactly what the matter is.

**9 Trees & Conservation.**

Mr Morris confirmed that a quote had been received for major works in the paddock of £3360. Only one quote had been received, despite requests for tender. It was agreed that Mr Morris should seek funding for the work from an IGAS grant application, ahead of any agreement to undertake the work from existing council funds.

**10 Planning.**

*No business*

**11 Highways, footpaths & signage.**

*No business*

**12 Emergency planning & drainage**

*No business*

**13 Village assets.**

It was agreed that as Mr Scott was unavailable and was in the process of updating the register, confirmation of village assets and a list should move to the next meeting.

**13 St Cuthbert's Church.**

No business

**14 Items for next meeting.**

**15 AOB.**

There was no other business.

**16 Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting *is to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.15PM*

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