

Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council

NOTES of the Ordinary meeting of Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council held at Cranwell Village Hall, Old School Lane, Cranwell Village, NG34 8DF on Monday 8th April 2024.

Present: Chair: Cllr Mr D Graves

Councillors: Cllr D Wilson and Cllr Mrs J Wilson, Cllr J Bloomfield and C/C R Wright.

Also in attendance: 6 members of the public
Ms Lesley Frances - Clerk to the Parish Council

Public speaking:

C/C Wright had nothing to report. A member of the public said that potholes on Willow Lane had been spray painted and asked how long it will be before works are carried out – C/C Wright said it should be two weeks but he will look into the work schedules.

The Chair declared the ordinary meeting open at 7.06 pm

Jason Bloomfield had completed all legislative requirements and it was unanimously agreed that he be co-opted on to the Council. He took his seat at the table and the Chair welcomed him.

1. To receive apologies for absence and reasons given i.a.w. Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 40.
There were none.

2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider applications in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests is to be in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. The need for disclosure is to be based upon agenda items, or at any suitable time during a meeting when it becomes apparent to a Member. There were none.

3. Notes of the ordinary meeting of Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 2024 to be approved as Minutes.

RESOLVED to approve the Notes of the meeting of Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council, as Minutes. Approved unanimously.

4. Financial Matters

a. Approve the payments made since the last meeting.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments made since the last meeting. Appendix A. - approved unanimously.

b. Approve the payment of invoices etc. as listed on the Payments to be Authorised sheet.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments of invoices etc. as listed on the Payments to be Authorised sheet. Appendix B – approved unanimously. Also approved unanimously to accept the payments made since 1.4.24 to date.

c. Approve the bank reconciliation as at 31.3.24.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation as at 31.3.24 of £50,034.71 - approved unanimously.

d. Review the latest Summary of Reserves Balances

The Council RESOLVED to approve the reserves balances - approved unanimously.

e. Update regarding the edge of the pathway alongside the tennis court

As soon as the weather is dry SR will do the work.

f. Mailchimp

This has been cancelled and we now have our own updated list of parishioners wishing to be included in emails of interest – GDPR apply.

g. Update on electricity suppliers for OSH and Playing field

Valda Energy are now in place as suppliers of electricity to The Old School and to the pavilion/playing field. Smart meter to be installed at pavilion box on 9th April.

h. Garden of Remembrance cherry tree

The tree has now been trimmed and the invoice paid as agreed.

5. Planning Applications

24/0364 – Discharge of Condition 3 re land to rear of 20 Willow Lane – pending consideration.

6. Website

The website has now been updated.

7. Update on works at the Old School

All works at The Old School are now complete. Resolution to pay SR £202.49 approved unanimously.

Open Day agreed as Saturday 11th May from midday to 2 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits to be available. Clerk to prepare a flier. Sleaford Target to be invited. Clerk to be responsible for all administration in connection with hiring out.

8. Village Hall - Confirmation that Jim Starbuck will act as caretaker at the Old School (opening and closing up, cleaning etc) at minimum wage and he will send an invoice for hours worked.

9. Pavilion

Both cabins are being manufactured now - the Bowls Club one is furthest on. They will be delivered together. All information necessary for the contractor to install the base pads has been given and installation is expected by the end of April.

10. Update on replacing wooden posts adjacent to footpath at playing field

18 posts have been delivered to Dysons at their Farm on Sleaford Road. They will install them as soon as they can.

11. To receive a report on Road Safety matters

Cllr Graves advised that the new SID is working satisfactorily and most drivers are complying with the speed limit. The general consensus is that it has been successful. The Speedwatch will start up soon, now that the weather is improving. The white village gates are expensive and this project will be shelved until 2025/26 unless we can get a grant.

12. Play area:

The “under age 12” use of the play area sign can be cut off below ground level. Proposal to do that, re-paint the post and fix to the fence. Approved unanimously.

Michael Peterken has been advised that the tree and plaque he wishes to put in will need to be placed in the area of the new cabins once they are installed.

P and P Tree Services has quoted £450 + VAT to flail the long hedge at the back of the playing field. Agreed unanimously to accept. They have said 1st August (clerk to check about nesting season) and once the date is fixed we will need to advise house owners before work starts.

P & P Tree Services have quoted £1,650 + VAT to take over the hedge contract from Tudor for 3 years. Agreed unanimously to accept this quote.

13. Assistance from RAF Cadets

This had not been able to be organised within the RAF timescale. Residents had offered tools and NK would collect bagged up debris. Clerk to email Ian W to see if a further weekend can be arranged.

14. Resignations

Cllrs M and Mrs M Cassidy and Cllr Collier had resigned. Thanks were offered to each of them for their work done for the Parish Council.

15. Councillors reports

There were none. Pantomime date is definitely 14th December 2024.

16. Date of next meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April (7 pm). Regular meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - 11th May at 7 pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45 pm