Minutes of the meeting of the council

Held on 20th September 2023

Present – Cllr Mason, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Hempsall, Cllr Suggitt (BDC),

Cllr Askew (NCC)

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| 51/23 | In the absence of the lady chairman, the clerk opened the meeting by asking for nominations for a chairman of the meeting. Cllr Watkins was proposed by Cllr Mason, and seconded by Cllr Hempsall. As no other nominations were received. Cllr Mason chaired the meeting |
| 52/23 | Apologies received from Cllr Skinner |
| 53/23 | No declarations were made |
| 54/23 | The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Hempsall seconded Cllr Ellis |
| 55/23 | There was no public participation at this point in the meeting |
| 56/23 | Nigel Robson of The land group supported by officers of Breckland district council (BDC) gave a presentation, explaining the reason for the proposal to apply for planning permission on the parcel of land in North End. He also explained that if permission is granted a further parcel of land would be gifted to the parish council, and an as yet unestablished sum of money would also be allocated by BDC to the parish. Councillors and members of the public asked questions as follows –  **Q** Why are BDC considering this development?  **A** There is an established need for more homes in the area  **Q** There is already an issue regarding parked cars, and a narrow road. How will this be addressed?  **A** Highways issues will be considered as part of the planning process.  **Q** Who will make the final derision, regarding whether or not to proceed?  **A** BDC hopefully with the support of the parish council.  **Q** What will the parish council do with the land  **A** No decision has been made, this will require consultation with residents  **Q** When is a decision expected?  **A** Following the parish council meeting in November  **Q** Is the plan still viable if fewer units were built  **A** Yes but this would directly affect the amount of funds available to the parish council  Cllr Suggitt went on to explain how the planning system works  The decision of whether the parish council will support the proposal and any conditions it will seek to impose was deferred until the November meeting. |
| 57/23 | Cllr Askew took questions regarding traffic monitoring, and potholes. He will follow up and report back. |
| 58/23 | Cllr Suggitt reported on events that have taken place throughout the summer, and the successful work caried out by the community health workers.  She went on to explain that the local plan partial review has been well received by officers, and will be discussed at full council shortly |
| 59/23 | County broadband update – although some limited work seems to have been carried out there is no official update available. |
| 60/23 | The email received from East Harling & Kenninghall medical practice was noted |
| 61/23 | Planning applications were unanimously approved Proposed Cllr Mason seconded Cllr Ellis |
| 62/23 | Finance, due to computer issues a limited financial report was given by the clerk which included payments to ICO direct debit **£35.00**  and a payment to **HMRC £207.77** proposed Cllr Watkins seconded Cllr Ellis |
| 63/23 | The date of the November meeting will be announced as soon as the availability of a venue is confirmed |

The meeting closed at 8.47pm