

Bromeswell Annual Parish Meeting Minutes  
Monday 15 May 2023 at 6.30 p.m.at the Village Hall



Attendance: Chair Verity Brown (VB), Ian Abbott (IA), Tracy Rogers (TR), Sue Todd (ST), ESC Cllr James Mallinder (JM), 2 members of public, Jenny Lloyd (Clerk)

Rory Burrow (RB), Tim Johnson (TJ), Verity Danziger (VD) arrived a little later

1. Welcome - it was noted that some residents had offered their apologies for not being able to make the Annual Parish meeting.

2. **To receive Annual Reports**  
 SCC Report was distributed and is available [to view on the website](#) - Cllr Reid was not in attendance - no queries were raised from his report

Cllr Mallinder presented his verbal Report - delighted to be back as District Councillor for the Deben Ward, although now not 'in charge' of Suffolk Waste and disappointed to have lost the cabinet seat for the Environment, although very keen to push for continued improvements with i.e. River Deben. Pardon the weeds campaign is being expanded, and keen to encourage litter picks and reduced grass cutting and the focus on biodiversity. A discussion on improvements with recycling and possibility of food waste weekly collections especially in urban areas for the future. Keeping an eye on developments with the transition from NORSE to LATCo. Pleased that the pilot small electrical items in 3 locations Saxmundham, Kesgrave and Martlesham is being extended and remains positive for a mobile unit in the future. Dual recycling bins are always contaminated with wet materials, however the scheme will continue, also microchips in roadside bins are in use to alert a collection, saving time and unnecessary travel. There was a discussion on recycling and various schemes.. A query was raised from a resident on garden waste renewal in June. Cllr Mallinder suggested it would likely be another year before we see any changes. Suffolk Waste Partnership has an outreach division and is happy to present how waste is dealt with - could come to talk to the village if interested for a future event. Suggestion for a small reminder regarding recycling in The Warbler possibly.

Concern was raised with the long grass at the triangle - Cllr Mallinder reiterated that reduced cutting does not save the council money - there is no enforcement but the village would be encouraged to leave some areas for wildflowers and wildlife. A query was raised if there has been any impact measure. Cllr Mallinder is looking into a project with Suffolk WildlifeTrust to find a way of engaging with the public to help record and monitor wildlife in their area, also with schools and encouraging students to have their say on local issues. There are junior versions of the Plastic Champions - people who talk about reducing plastics in their community. It was mentioned that the hedgehog homes are occupied in Bromeswell and an increase in numbers seems imminent.

Cllr Mallinder mentioned that another application for the large development at Eyke is being submitted further to some concerns raised on ecology and possibly drainage. JM will be speaking on behalf of Eyke PC at a full planning meeting to emphasise points on facilities, increase in traffic etc. and will keep BPC in the loop.

The car boot on the patch of land next to Sutton Heath was monitored and no concerns were raised. JM is keen to protect the local environment and in making our lives better and is always happy to help with concerns or issues.

BPC mentioned the very successful litter pick held on Coronation weekend. BPC thanked JM for his tireless support

3. There was an opportunity for village organisations to inform residents of their activity and to answer any questions and for residents to share their views.

Nothing specific was raised.  
 Thanks were expressed from a resident to the PC for their efforts.

4. **Chair presented the BPC Annual Report** summarised as follows, [full report available on the website.](#)

2022-23 has been an interesting, busy, and productive year for Bromeswell Parish Council. With a full complement of 7 Cllrs, and under the efficient, thoughtful guidance of our new clerk, Jenny, we have covered a wide range of challenges and commitments. These I have summarised to give you an overview of the work presented to us, and what we have achieved on behalf of the village.

**Meetings:** 6 meetings were held during the year with 5 or more of the 7 Cllrs in attendance at each.

**Finances:** These have remained in good shape with careful and efficient management of expenditure. The Annual Audit by Suffolk Assocn of Local Councils (SALC) raised no concerns.

**Planning:** The PC was asked to comment on 9 planning applications from tree pollarding through to small extensions, to the major proposed development of 65 houses in Eyke.

7 were supported by the Parish Council, and have been approved.

2 were opposed (following guidance from local planning guidelines) and are still awaiting a decision from the Planning Department.

Regular Updates were received from ESC and SCC with thanks in particular for the Ease the Squeeze project offering support and advice for those with a wide range of needs.

The AONB also sent regular reports on their activities.

**Consultations and Surveys:** The following were responded to with specific consideration of the impact they may have on the village:

1. Supplementary Planning document for Housing in Clusters and Small Scale residential Development in the Countryside
2. Custom and Self-Build Supplementary Planning Document
2. Air Quality Management survey
3. Rural Services survey
4. CIL Charging Schedule consultation

**Joint Initiatives:** Representatives from Bromeswell Parish council have worked with:

1. The Joint Traffic Initiative with Melton and Campsea Ashe to address concerns over the problems arising over ever-increasing traffic numbers
2. Melton, Woodbridge, and Deben Community Partnership which includes representatives from ESC and local Parish Councils working together to find solutions for shared problems/needs within their communities.
3. Support for Designated Bathing Water Status from Woodbridge (Wilford Bridge) to Waldringfield
4. Support for Campsea Ashe PC re: Local Plan enquiry

**Highways:**

1. Improved 40mph signage on B1083 Sutton Rd from Wilford Bridge roundabout up past Sutton Hoo.
2. Clearance of weeds from footpath on RHS of B1083 ( go up toward Sutton Hoo) to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety
3. VAS for the 20mph zone in Common Lane approved by Highways.  
However it was not possible to find a location acceptable to both highways and residents for the pole so the project has been discontinued.
4. Supporting 30mph speed limit between Wilford Bridge Pub and Wilford Bridge Roundabout

**Other Projects.**

1. Financial support for the superb Platinum Jubilee Party
2. Establishing a dog poo bin by WRUFC
3. Planting of Platinum Jubilee Oak at WRUFC
4. Fencing for soakaway by VH for safety purposes
5. Thermal Imaging Survey of homes offered to all residents free of charge alongside access to advice from the Warm Homes Suffolk Initiative.
6. Review of fingerposts and plaques with QR codes in Bromeswell.  
Suffolk County Council provided plaques with 2 QR codes on them for every fingerpost in the

	<p>Parish. Scanning either code gives access to walking, cycling and horse-riding trails across Suffolk; the bottom code also gives access to The Countryside Code. Missing and broken fingerposts were reported to, and have been replaced, by SCC, and all QR code plaques are now in place.</p> <p>Thank You:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank you to our County Cllr, Andrew Reid, for his support (including financial) particularly for local traffic initiatives, and to our District Cllr, James Mallinder for his tireless support over a wide range of issues including enforcement, planning, and environmental.</li> <li>2. Thank you to all the villagers providing the necessary input to the PC so we know how best to serve you, and we value your ongoing support.</li> <li>3. Thank you also to the Editors of The Warbler. Your endless patience, guidance and help in distributing essential information from the PC to your e-subscribers, both within and outside of the monthly publication of The Warbler has been immensely valuable.</li> <li>4. Finally, my thanks to the great team of our Clerk, and all the Councillors for their unified support.</li> </ol> <p>As you can see from this report, a lot of work has been undertaken by the PC on behalf of Parishioners and this is only achievable by everyone working together and sharing the workload</p>
5.	<p>The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.00 p.m. and was followed by the Annual Council meeting. The minutes remain a draft until the next Annual Parish meeting in 2024.</p>

Signed ..... Chair ... Date .....

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