

Holland Fen with Brothertoft Parish Council

Minutes of the Holland Fen with Brothertoft Parish Council Meeting held at Brothertoft Village Hall on Tuesday the 25th of November at 7pm.

Present: Councillors – Chairman Paul Anderson, Vice Chairman Nigel Early, Edward Cawdron, Peter Robinson, Alan Dring, Mike Johnson, Angela Cannon and David Ball. County Councillors Lock and Daish (arrived 7:15pm). Borough Councillor Evans. Parish Clerk – Lynn Ottaviano. No members of public present.

1. Welcome by the Chairman, no public participation.
2. Apologies received at previous meeting from Cllr Leggott, also from Cllr Welberry via Cllr Evans.
3. No declarations of interest nor requests for dispensations received.
4. The notes from the meeting held on the 23rd of September approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as official minutes. The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for chairing the September meeting in his absence.
5. Clerk's report on matters outstanding:
 - 5.1 The Clerk reported that the borough council are now accepting applications for new dog bins and she is awaiting their update on the application submitted.
 - 5.2 The Clerk discussed the use of gov.uk emails as part of Assertion10 requirements and reported on several options available. Cllr Evans advised that he felt this would be beneficial for the future especially with regards to future Local Government Reorganisation. Clerk to look into costs and see what other local councils are doing.
 - 5.3 The Clerk distributed copies of the proposed budget for 2026/27 to councillors. There followed a discussion regarding the budget and required precept. The decision was made to keep the precept at £5250. Clerk to apply for precept when forms received from borough council.
6. County and Borough Councillor's reports
 - 6.1 Cllr Lock spoke about the issues with the roads and road signs. After a discussion, he advised councillors to continue to report issues on Fix My Street. Cllr Cannon asked about the reduction of the speed limit at Hubbert's Bridge. Clerk to send details of this to Cllr Lock. Speeding on Langrick Bridge was discussed; Cllr Lock stated that there are no dedicated funds for a feasibility study into this at present.
Cllr Evans reported that he is following progress on the school conversion on Punchbowl Lane. He reported that the Borough Council is working better now.
 - 6.2 No police in attendance.
7. General correspondence:
 - Clerk reported that she has received an email requesting a donation to Citizen's Advice. After a short discussion it was decided to see how much money was left at the end of the financial year before donating any funds.

8. Highway matters.

- Cllr Lock advised how to take photos of the undulation on Forty Foot Bank for reporting to Fix My Street.
- The Clerk reported on the costs to fix a broken streetlight on Parsons Drive. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk see if this is covered by insurance and how a claim would affect future insurance premiums.

9. No comments on planning applications.

10. To approve payments:

10.1 Clerk's wages and expenses of £385.33. Proposed by Cllr Cannon, seconded by Cllr Robinson.

11. Items for next agenda

- Cllr Early proposed that meetings return to the first Tuesday of the month following the January meeting. This was agreed at the meeting, Clerk to change hall bookings.

12. Next meeting will be on the 25th of January from 7pm at Brothertoft Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 8:38pm

Signed:

Dated: