

# **BRININGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Maurice Church, Briningham,  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ian Cook, Julia Lewis (Chair), Alison Cook, Jo Miller

Clerk Amanda Yacoubian  
1 member of public

**2023/45 Welcome and to consider apologies for absence:** Cllr Andrew Brown & Steffan Aquarone

Statement read by Chair JL ***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Meetings of the Parish Council are not public meetings but members of the public have a statutory right to attend meetings of the council as observers. They have no legal right to speak unless the Parish Council Chairman authorises them to do so.***

**2023/46 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2023** – Minutes were approved by Cllr Ian Cook, seconded by Cllr Alison Cook. Minutes were signed by Cllr J Lewis

**2023/47 To receive statements of pecuniary or prejudicial interests and dispensations to speak -**  
none

**2023/48** To consider matters arising not covered elsewhere (on the agenda) for information purposes only - none

**2023/49** To allow 15 minutes for public participation as per our standing orders and to allow a statement to be read regarding disorderly conduct at meetings – Parishioner read out a statement *“The Parishioner would like to thank the Council and Clerk for their time in the Council even though it’s been hard at times. The Council would have been merged with a nearby village if the current Council hadn’t continued in office, this would not have been good for the village. Unfortunately there has been a minority of very vocal parishioners at the meetings and petitions about the Council which has been unhelpful and divisive. These people are not guardians of Briningham or leaders, they are self appointed spokespeople that do not reflect or represent the village, they represent only themselves”.*

## **2023/50 Finance**

### **To agree cash book & budget up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Proposed JL, Seconded AC. Cash book & budget signed  
The cash book & Budget were agreed

### **To agree retrospective payments**

Clerk fees March 2023 - £233.13  
Matt Basham clearance of allotment £72.00  
Proposed IC Seconded AC, payments agreed

**2023/51 To decide on storage of Village Hall deeds** – It was decided to call the NRO, make an appointment, and take the deeds there to be stored. Proposed IC, seconded JL.

**2023/52 To decide on action to advertise for a new Clerk/RFO** – advert has been placed with NALC and NPT&S, applicants will be interviewed after the deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> April. One email from an interested applicant has already been received.

**2023/53 End of Year report, recommendations** – The SAM2 project should be pursued as this has been left for a while, a survey first needs to be carried out amongst the village. This also applies to the Village gates.

Village Notice Board needs replacing so this can be pursued in the new year as there is funding available. The new policies that have been adopted recently must be carried forward into the new Council. Rental income on the WMF has increased this year plus 2 more allotments have been let out. The milestone has been located, an account with Skipton B/soc was located with better interest. The deeds for the Village Hall have been returned.

**2023/54 Discuss ways to widen encourage/increase consultation & future attendance/participation from more Parishioners** - It is hoped that the new Council will adopt more projects that are of interest to the Village and therefore attract more people to attend the meetings. The Clerk was thanked by all present for keeping everything together this year as it's been difficult at times. The Clerk has handed over the accounts and laptop.

**2023/55 To consider Date & Time of next Parish Council Meeting** - tbc

**2023/56 To Close the meeting:** The meeting was closed at 18.56 pm

Signed .....

Dated.....