

5. Approval of minutes of meeting held Monday 13th May 2024.

The minutes were approved and agreed.

6. Public comment or questions invited by the Chair.

A member of the public reported that many trees had been removed on the site of the development of the new property at Threeways. It was noted that, whilst this was a great loss to the village, their removal was consistent with the planning application and that none of the trees were subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Concerns were again echoed that the planning approval was in conflict with the aims of the neighbourhood plan but that there was no merit in pursuing any claims against the Babergh planning committee.

7. The proposed bank transactions for the month were agreed and the Chair received the latest bank reconciliation.

a. To review proposed payments:

	Description	£
UT1	Village hall hire 4 th March	20.00
UT2	Village hall Easter trail	30.00
UT3	Glasdon poo bins	285.0
UT4	Easter Bunny costs	176.07
UT5	Jordan Ashman expenses	114.80
UT6	SALC membership	299.69

b. To review receipts

UT1	Precept	5,000.00
UT2	VAT rebate	729.11
UT3	Jordan Ashman receipts	485.20

Proposal: Cllr Selvey Council agreed that the expenses listed above be authorised for

payment and receipts were noted. The bank reconciliation was approved.

8. Update on flood planning in Beyton and surrounding parishes

The Clerk updated the Council on the flood planning in Beyton. Beyton Parish Council have commissioned independent consultants to measure the drainage ditches in the Beyton parish to better understand how flow volumes will react in very wet conditions. Beyton propose to clear all their ditches once this exercise has been completed.

The Clerk agreed to share the Beyton report once completed with a view to replicating the exercise in Drinkstone, subject to budget.

9. Approval of CIL return for 2023/4

The CIL return for 2023/4 was agreed. It was noted that no funds had been allocated in the year and that the balance be carries forward.

10. The Planning request: MSDC Planning Consultation Request - DC/24/02020 - 13 Gedding Road, Drinkstone, IP30 9TD was discussed.

Cllr Elnaugh informed the Council that this was a retrospective request for approval for an annex in the garden. Site plans shows a previous building in situ and that the new building that has replaced it is larger. The new building is higher than 2.5 metre allowed which means it is outside permitted development, being 2.9m tall.

Cllr Elnaugh informed that the occupancy is for family members and such a current planning laws permit building for with extended families but that the advice recommends that it is preferred any building joins the main building. This is not the case for this application.

On the basis that the building is not listed, Cllr Elnaugh recommended that no objections be raised.

The Council voted unanimously not to offer any objections and the Clerk was instructed to raise no comment on the planning portal.

11. The Planning request : MSDC Planning Consultation Request - DC/24/02084 - Clay House, Beyton Road, Drinkstone, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9SS.

Cllr Elnaugh reported that this application involves the conversion of an existing gabled two storey garage into an annexe building for the use of visiting relatives. It includes the addition of windows and the removal of the garage shutter door to be replaced with a door and window. The garage is set back from the road although visible from the road and is set directly to the left of the main property. The application does not involve an extension to the

current building.

The Council voted unanimously not to offer any objections and the Clerk was instructed to raise no comment on the planning portal.

12. The Council discussed various propositions suggested by parishioners:

12.1. Proposal to erect a bus shelter at the village hall

It was noted that circa 7 parishioners use the private bus service once a week.

Erection of the shelter would need to be on village hall land. It was suggested that the shelter could be dual purpose and incorporate the village notice board which requires re-siting.

It was agreed that Cllr Emery would revert to the Village Hall committee to enquire as to whether they would grant permission and that an estimate be gained for the rection of a bus stop. It was agreed to carry forward the discussion to the next meeting.

12.2. Proposal to erect a mirror at Blacksmith's corner Proposals to erect additional road signage.

Cllr Selvey expressed concern that it was not within the Council's powers to propose the rection of a mirror since the Council does not own the land and hence has no authority to place a mirror at Blacksmith's corner. In addition it was considered that it would not be an appropriate use of Council funds to spend parishioner monies on a property not owned by the Council. The Council unanimously agreed to reject this request but it was agreed that the Council suggests to the applicant that they approach Suffolk Highways to proceed.

12.3. To place a triangle horse signage sign on Gedding Road

The Council unanimously agreed to erect an additional triangular "horse and rider" signage on the existing posts on Gedding Road.

12.4. To place additional text signage at narrow bridge stating who has priority.

The Council unanimously agreed to add a text sign to indicate priority on the narrow bridge.

13. The Council discussed a Proposal to install bollards at the Cricket – to discuss vehicles and parking

It was noted that there have been very few instances of vehicles being driven on the Cricket other than Top Garden Services who maintain the area. It was agreed that bollards would not

be installed in the immediate future but that the situation be monitored.

14. The Council reviewed its policy ref planning consent requests required outside the cycle of scheduled parish Council meetings.

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the issue with SALC in an attempt to understand whether the Council needed to meet to discuss all planning requests, specifically if the request fell outside the schedule of planned meetings and the request was not contentious. SALC advised that "It might be sensible for the Council to formally delegate such decisions, and perhaps other more minor planning matters, to you as the Clerk. This would need to be done at a meeting and minuted. It could if desired be limited to when the timing does not allow it to be considered at a scheduled meeting."

The Council voted unanimously to adopt this policy on the basis that the Clerk would seek the input of Cllrs Youngs and Elnaugh on all relevant planning requests.

15. To confirm that the scheduled date for the next meeting is agreed by Council as Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at the revised time of 7.30pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting which would commence at 8pm.

16. The meeting closed at 21.30 pm.

Signed

Drinkstone Parish Chair

Paul Selvey

3rd June 2024