**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. D. Hyslop (Chair), Cllr. M. Bishop (Vice Chair), Cllr. A. Brewer, Cllr. E. Harland, Cllr. R. Hislop.

Attendance: Mrs. S. Hayden (Clerk)

District Councillor Andrew Brown

8 Members of the public

The meeting opened at 7pm by the Chair who explained the reason for the meeting and outlined the Covid precautions

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. E. Kane and Cllr. P. North

2. To receive declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda and any requests for dispensation

None

3. Public questions, comments or representations

The Chair gave a short summing up of the Conservation Area Appraisal for Brinton and Sharrington and confirmed the consultation date of 15th December 2021 at 5.30 – 7pm in Sharrington Village Hall. There was an exhibition in both Churches and feedback forms were available there or on-line from North Norfolk District Council website.

1. A member of the public asked how widely the Appraisal was known in the village. The Chair replied that there were appraisal forms in the Church, online and notices had been put on the noticeboards and Parish Council website. The village website also had a link to the relevant documents. Discussion followed and it was suggested that some residents may be unaware of the Appraisal, especially those with no computer, although District Cllr. Brown advised that there would be an article published in the EDP and letters had been sent out by NNDC to all involved Parish Councils. It was suggested that hand deliveries could be sent out, two members of the public offered to deliver and it was agreed that the notice already on the website and noticeboard would be suitable.

2. A representative from the PCC advised that they had met to discuss their concerns on the Appraisal and a document had been prepared which would be submitted to the Parish Council, District Council and the Church. He read out the following two paragraphs to summarise the concerns.

*“In general, we welcome the report and have no major concerns about many of the forward recommendations, though we offer comments on some of the detail. We do however wish to register our disappointment that the place and role of the Church in the continued health of the ‘area of special architectural or historic interest’ is understated in the report. The report does recognise (p61) that the Church is an ‘an important communal building’ but the challenges facing the Church in fulfilling this role have been ignored or misunderstood. At its simplest we feel that there is an underlying assumption that the Church will be there whatever, when in fact the maintenance of the Church at its current standard requires considerable ongoing efforts from local volunteers. In this context we would draw attention to the current national debate that is taking place on the future of the Parish Churches in rural area. The closure of the Church as a place of worship would have a profoundly negative impact on aspirations for conservation.”*

3. It was commented that the introduction in the Appraisal clearly sets out what the plan is about

4. A member of the public praised the local listings, although felt that one or two more properties could be added.

5. Could the Parish Council please enquire what restrictions could be placed on the Village Hall if it were included in the Conservation Area boundary.

District Cllr. Brown then explained the reason why the Appraisal is being carried out and that there would be two Appraisals across the Glaven Valley, to be carried out separately. The boundaries would be agreed initially, then landscape and the agreed changes would become part of the Local Plan, which would be consulted on next year. The Local Plan would be submitted to the Government Inspector in September. General discussion followed.

6. A member of the public then asked who was making sure compliance is monitored. This was discussed.

The leaflet drop was further discussed and most members of the public then left the meeting – one remained to speak on item 4.

4. To agree a response to Planning Applications NP/21/3124 Strawberry Field and PF/21/3040 Rovale

4.1 *PF/21/3040 | Single storey rear extension; front porch, demolition of attached garage and erection of detached double garage to front of dwelling; vertical timber boarding over external brickwork; replacement roof covering and replacement windows; new vehicle access and driveway | Rovale Thornage Road Sharrington Melton Constable Norfolk NR24 2PN*

The application was discussed in detail as it was noted that it was an important site down Thornage Road to the Glaven Valley. It was agreed to object to the application in its current form. Comments would be collated by the Chair, a final draft prepared by the Clerk and circulated prior to submission.

4.2 *NP/21/3124 | Prior notification of proposed erection of building for agricultural use | Sharrington Strawberries Holt Road Sharrington Melton Constable Norfolk NR24 2PH*

A member of the public outlined the planning history of the whole farm. He felt that compliance with planning conditions in the past had been poor and he objected to this application. He wished the Parish Council to note that Strawberry Field was a small separate piece of land to the main farm land and felt the main land holding should not be taken account of in the application. The member of the public then left the meeting.

The application was then discussed, the Parish Council noting that it was a Prior Notification. Comments were made on highways problems and the fact that it was a retail site and had not recently been used for production. Agreed that the Chair would forward a summary of comments to the Clerk to draft comments objecting to the application, to be circulated before submission.

5. Conservation Area Appraisal. To make parish councillors and public aware of the schedule for the appraisal and to receive any preliminary responses. (This item will be on the Agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 6th January and it will be at this meeting that recommendations will be discussed and agreed

As item 3 above. Some properties had been incorrectly names. Discussed the area to be changed. Comments to be collated and submitted at the consultation.

6. Agree payment for hire of the Village Hall for meetings from September 2021

Hire fee amounted to £44 for September, November and December. Approved. The cheque was signed.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting would be on 6th January 2022