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**BRINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7pm in Sharrington Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. D. Hyslop (Chair), Cllr. M. Bishop (Vice Chair), Cllr. E. Harland, Cllr. E. O’Kane and Cllr. P. North

Attendance: Mrs. S. Hayden (Clerk)

District Councillor Andrew Brown

3 Members of the public

The meeting was opened at 7pm by the Chair who welcomed everyone

1. Report by Chair covering the activities of the Parish Council

The Chair thanked the Parish Councillors, District Councillor and Locum Clerk for their support and advice. She also thanked the parishioners for supporting the Parish Council and taking an interest in the parish as their feedback is much appreciated. She commented that it had been disappointing not to see the County Councillor more than once. The past year had been difficult since the long-term clerk Anthony had retired. There had been a new clerk for a short time who was now retaining documents alhough efforts had been made to retrieve them. Both the Chair and Locum Clerk had put in a number of hours to reconstitute accounting documents and collate minutes as far as possible. The Parish Council continued reporting highways matters to Norfolk County Council and it was possible for anyone to do this via the NCC website. It had been a busy year for planning application and detailed comments had been made on certain applications such as Rovale, Bramblings, 18 The Street and Knockavoe. The application to remove a previous planning condition on Knockavoe had recently been refused and the Chair had attending the Development Committee meeting and spoken on behalf of the Parish Council. It had taken two years to reach a decision and it was felt that the planning authority had not handled it well. There had been a recent consultation on the Conservation Area Appraisal and the community was invited to be involved. The Parish Council supplied a number of responses to the document. The Appraisal is currently being amended by NNDC and we await the final document. The Parish Council had instigated repair of the bridge over the pond and had also had the Brinton village sign refurbished. Summing up, the Chair stated that we were privileged to live in a beautiful area, which unfortunately results in properties often being seen as business opportunities which could result in overdevelopment and substantial increased in the size of properties. Our rural villages are very fragile and the very things that attracted us here could very easily be lost. Small incremental changes can result, over the years, in quite significant changes in appearance. The Parish Council felt it was important that the area be safeguarded as a pleasant area for the future.

1. Reports by Village Organisations covering their activities
   1. Village Hall Committee

Thanks for a Government grant, work had been done to the Hall, including a new kitchen, redecoration of the storage area, new curtains, new fire alarm, Wifi upgrade and refurbishment of the room behind the stage, outside landscaping with four trees to replace the two that died, protection around the septic tank and lawn mower. Recently four planters had been placed at the front of the Hall. The Hall reopened on 21st June and in August held a post lockdown party, when everyone was pleased to be out again. Music events had been held and the first Christmas Fayre for two years. Attendance has been mixed, but exercise groups have returned and the Committee is looking forward to the rest of 2022.

* 1. All Saints Church

Events held in the Church will all be posted on the Noticeboard, including details of services held every week. The Church will not be putting on big events, but would be holding a table-top sale on the next Saturday. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for their donation of £150 for the upkeep of the Churchyard.

* 1. Friends of Brinton

Friends of Brinton is a small charity – not exclusive, with a new committee. Currently, they are organising a Jubilee event – Brinton Beano – and any funds raised will support the Church. There are working parties looking after Nine Holes and providing new bird and bat boxes. The Friends is thriving.

1. Public Questions, Representations and Discussion

3.1 The Chair thanked Mr. & Mrs. O’Kane for maintaining Jubilee Corner

3.2 A member of the public had witnessed a near accident caused by people parking in the slip road to Sharrington Strawberries. Concern was also expressed at the potential distraction to drivers of the new aerial structure. Discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm