

**Minutes of the annual parish meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April  
2013 In Brigstock Village Hall commencing at 7pm**

**Present**

Mrs D Solesbury, Mrs S Wilks (Chair), W Millen. Mr C Johnson  
E Wells

**1 Public Forum**

No issues tabled

**2 Apologies**

G Briggs S Briggs M Smith J Steward S Malcolm

**3 Minutes of previous meeting and issues arising**

The previous minutes were read and signed as a true record of the meeting

**4 Chairman's report**

Firstly I must report that our parish Queen's Jubilee celebrations were very successful with our Jubilee Queen, Courtney Farr, overseeing the celebration street market having been crowned on the Market Cross. Luckily the weather remained fair.

This year we have set the precept at £19,000 which compares favorably with other parishes of our size. The way the parish is funded via the district council has changed slightly which loads more cost onto parish councils. Our expenses are also set to increase with more maintenance costs involved with the cemetery extension and the Meadow.

Unfortunately the annual litter pick had to be cancelled this year owing to the terrible weather but the village continues to remain relatively litter free but thanks to William Millen for keeping an eye on the situation. Thanks once again to Janet and George Cooper for their efforts in keeping the war memorial and cemetery so well-tended. This year we have the extension to the cemetery which will be grassed and an area seeded with wildflowers. A list of suitable trees for planting in the area will be available for anyone wishing to commemorate a loved one.

The new posts for around the green have arrived and we hope to have these installed very soon. The village sign will also be refurbished this year and once again we have been able to take advantage of grants available to us from our County Councilor Rupert Reichhold for which we are very grateful as it means we have not had to add the cost to the precept. Later this year we will replace the parish notice board with a larger one situated in front of the village hall. Plans for a skateboard facility in the Meadow are also underway.

We hope to pay for this with local fundraising and grants. We are glad to have a post office back in the village.

The village website continues to be well used. Thanks again to Bill Simon for reporting Parish Council matters in the "Down your way" column in the Evening Telegraph. We have produced two newsletters since the last parish meeting to keep residents informed of parish and local news.

I am pleased to be able to report that the judicial review regarding the windfarm near Lyveden New Bield went in our favour with the judge deciding that the inspector had not paid sufficient regard to the affect the turbines would have on the setting of the building. We hope that this will now be an end to the matter as there would have to be another appeal hearing with all the expense and work that it would entail.

We have welcomed two new parish councilors this year who I'm sure will play an active role and it is particularly good to have the youth of the village represented. Thanks to Nigel Searle, our clerk, for all the work he has done this year on our behalf.

For the future we shall see how the changes to the planning laws affect the village. Parking in the High Street and on Hall Hill continues to be a problem that is difficult to resolve. Dog mess, particularly along Church Walk, is always an issue but we hope to be able to identify the culprits and point out the error of their ways.

I hope that the forthcoming year is peaceful and problem-free and I thank everyone for their continued support and willingness to work together to make Brigstock such a pleasant community in which to live.

## **5 Brigstock Consolidated Charities Accounts**

See appendix

## **6 Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Date of next meeting**

March/April 2014

The meeting closed at 7:20pm

# BRIGSTOCK CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

ACCOUNTS 1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013

Brought Forward:	Current Account	£936.96
	Investment Account	£1612.50
		£ 2549.46

## RECEIPTS:

Dividends	1328.04	
Rents	<u>1266.56</u>	
	2594.60	5144.06

## PAYMENTS:

Allotment maintenance	50.90	
Insurance	337.64	
Admin	<u>40.00</u>	
	438.54	4715.52

## GRANTS:

Poor	665.00	
St Andrew's Church	541.52	
1987 Scheme	<u>150.00</u>	
	1356.52	3359.00

Current Account	1746.50	
Investment Account	1612.50	
	3359.00	

## Investments

COIF Income Shares (2,963.71)	25,720.17
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