



Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting of Mileham Parish

Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 6.00pm, Mileham Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Nick Clowe, Clair Haswell and Wayne Fleming.

Also present: Cllr Robin Hunter-Clarke, Nea Horsford (clerk) and 6 members of the public

Cllr Clowe opened the meeting at 6.00pm

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Teague and Cllr Smith.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2023

The council **APPROVED** the minutes, and the Vice Chair signed them as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive a report from Cllr Clowe, Vice Chair of Mileham Parish Council, on the Council's past year

The Chair's report was presented by Cllr Clowe and is available on the website.

4. County and District Councillor's report

4.1 District Councillor's report

Cllr Kiddle Morris' report was circulated in advance and is available on the website

4.2 County Councillor's report

Cllr Hunter-Clarke introduced himself and explained he has been in his new role for a short time. The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Breckland should be 51. This is a change from the existing number, which is 49.

Further details of the Breckland review can be found on the website <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/breckland>. The Commission would like to hear what Parishes, residents and organisations think about their local area and how it should be shaped going forward through a ten-week consultation which will run from 7th May to 15th July 2024.

The preferred options phase of the Breckland Local Plan will launch on Monday 3rd June and close on Monday 15th July. Everyone is also welcome to share feedback via the Local Plan website – brecklandlocalplan.commonplace.is and they can also contact Breckland Council with any additional questions by emailing localplan@breckland.gov.uk

Breckland Council have launched a new £300K grant to support the district's health and wellbeing. The grant scheme will see funding released in rounds over the coming three years, ensuring a fair opportunity for current and future projects, and regular investment into Breckland communities between now and 2027. The scheme is delivered by Norfolk Community Foundation, on behalf of Breckland Council.

The first round of applications are now open, with successful applicants given up to £5,000 each to help them deliver their projects alongside other funding sources. Eligible applicants include local community groups and sports clubs, parish councils and community interest companies which are looking to make a difference in their area.

5. To receive reports from village organisations

- 5.1 Mileham Village Hall – report on website
- 5.2 Mileham Bowls Club – report on website
- 5.3 Mileham Playing Fields – no representative at the meeting and no report
- 5.4 Fuel Allotment and Other Charities – report on website
- 5.5 Churchlands Charity – no representative at the meeting and no report
- 5.6 W.I – report on the website

6. To receive comments and questions from the electors of the parish.

A resident asked for an update on the Mileham Free School and Cllr Clowe explained the parish council agreed to take on the charity. The parish council are currently discussing the legalities with NALC but will go to external solicitors for advice if they need to.

Meeting closed at 6.21pm