

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, April 11th 2016 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice Chairman); Cllr. A. Niven and Cllr. W. Shoote:

Also Present:

County Cllr. M. Gower; District Cllr. R. Catchpole, Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one resident:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. P. Layfield:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns declared an interest in Bramfield Village Hall.

3) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:

District Councillor R. Catchpole said that the latest estimate was that a merger of the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils would save at least £800 000 if they merged but it would mean a loss of councillors and office staff. He said that the both District Councils support the merger. The Parish Councillors felt that the Parishes were not owned by both District Councils being on the periphery of both councils and they believed that it would improve with the new East Suffolk District Council.

County Councillor M. Gower said that there was no date yet in meeting with Highways over the traffic issue north of Bramfield. He also said that the Police should be providing reports for Annual Meetings of the Parish and Council. County Councillor M. Gower said that devolution was unravelling as it was not well developed currently. Cambridgeshire was not keen on joining and whether it was worth the extra £30 million for the next 30 years was debatable.

4) Public Session:

A resident said the behaviour of some drivers on the A144 north of Bramfield was not good. They are allowed to do 60 mph and often need to go into the middle of the road or even cross over on to the other side of the road to get round the two bends at this speed. The resident said that young children need to cross the road, those parked cannot get into their cars and drivers go into the 30mph speed limit through Bramfield at a high speed. The resident reported that 70 people had signed a petition regarding not the speed cars go around the double bend but on how they drive around them.

Cllr. A. Thomas thanked the resident for his contribution and said that she was very concerned about the situation. She said that there had been three fatalities, three serious accidents and fourteen other incidents on the road in question over the past few years.

5) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 14th 2016:

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns

6) Matters arising:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she had completed some research into the ownership of the land at Pitmans Grove where perhaps play equipment could be set up. She said that Flagship say that they do not own the land and the Land Registry had reported that there was no current owner. However the Land Registry had said that this does not mean that there is no owner. It was agreed for Cllr. W. Shoote to research this further.

7) Defibrillator update:

Cllr. W. Shoote reported that the defibrillator had been ordered. He said that the defibrillators are made in the USA and that we were awaiting delivery. He said that by the next meeting, it should be installed and ready to use if necessary.

8) Emergency Planning:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that there was nothing to report except that he had sandbags (but with no sand) available at Bramfield Garage.

9) Planning Matters:

DC/16/1165/AGO – To provide dry storage for hay/straw/crops and to provide secure for farm machinery and implements.

The Shorts, Edwards Lane, Bramfield. IP19 9AA

I sent this to you all by email and had no responses. It is only if there was a strong objection that I was to reply and this is only as a comment.

DC/16/0948/FUL – New Vehicular Access from side Lane of Property.

Brook Hall Farm Edwards Lane Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9HN.

Applicant: Mr. Richard Elman, Family of Richard Elman, 13 Silver Street, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. GL8 8DH

The project is to provide a single dwelling for Richard Elman and his children and extended family. The repair and alteration of the listed farmhouse. The construction of a new single storey kitchen and glass link corridor. The repair and incorporation of a disused timber framed barn into part of the house accommodation. The part repair and part reconstruction of some disused farm sheds to provide additional accommodation. The provision of a new single storey timber framed garage. The alteration of an existing single storey workshop range to provide bedrooms. Re-landscaping the garden and reopening the original drive.

The Council had no objection to this Planning Application

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Niven:

DC/16/0949/LBC – New Vehicular Access from side Lane of Property.

Brook Hall Farm Edwards Lane Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9HN.

Applicant: Mr. Richard Elman, Family of Richard Elman, 13 Silver Street, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. GL8 8DH

Listed Building Consent - The project is to provide a single dwelling for Richard Elman and his children and extended family. The repair and alteration of the listed farmhouse. The construction of a new single storey kitchen and glass link corridor. The repair and incorporation of a disused timber framed barn into part of the house accommodation. The part repair and part reconstruction of some disused farm sheds to provide additional accommodation. The provision of a new single storey timber framed garage. The alteration of an existing single storey workshop range to provide bedrooms. Re-landscaping the garden and reopening the original drive.

The Council had no objection to this Planning Application

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: **Seconder:** Cllr. A. Niven:

DC/16/1360/TCA – G1 to SW Tithe Barn, Mixed species - To fell dead tree and formative prune remaining trees. G2 along A144 boundary, Mixed species - To remove dead, dying and dangerous trees. G3 to south of Wheelwrights Cottage, Mixed species - Prune back to site boundary. T1 Oak, to east of fork in drive - Crown lift to main fork. T2 Poplar, to NW of Hall - Fell.

Bramfield Hall Darsham Road (a144) Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9HX.

Applicant: Mr. Mark Bond, Bramfield Hall, Darsham Road (a144), Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HX.

The Council had no objection to this Planning Application

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns: **Seconder:** Cllr. W. Shoote:

10) Donations:

It was agreed to donate £50 to the Halesworth Volunteer Centre.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns Seconder: Cllr. A. Niven:

11) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received Adnams Charity Report and Accounts for 2014-2015, a flyer from AON Insurance and the Countryside Voice Magazine. The Clerk distributed these to councillors. The Clerk also reported that he had received thank you letters from those the Council gave donations to at the last meeting.

12) Financial Report:

(a) Balances at the Bank on March 31st 2016:

Business Current Account	£7 604.98
Business Savings Account	£6 594.94

The following cheques have been cashed:

Chq. No. 100995 Donation to Thorington Churchyard 2016	£150-00
Chq. No. 100998 Donation to Bramfield URC Churchyard 2016	£150-00
Chq. No. 100999 Bramfield Village Hall – Dishwasher	£256-80

Therefore the amount in the Business Current Account is currently £7 048-18

The following are still to be cashed:

Chq. No. 100994 Bramfield Village Hall – Hire of Hall for 11 Meetings	£220-00
Chq. No. 100996 Donation to Bramfield Churchyard 2015	£150-00
Chq. No. 100997 Donation to Bramfield Churchyard 2016	£150-00

Therefore the amount in the Business Current Account will be £6 528-18

(b) Cheques for payment:

Chq. No. 101000 Clerk’s Salary for March	£180-58
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Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven; Seconded: Cllr. W. Shoote:

(c) Accounts year ending March 31st 2016: Review of the internal audit and any questions:

A review of the internal audit was carried out.

Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) was confirmed to be the Internal Auditors for the 2015-2016 Accounts as this was decided in January.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns Seconded: Cllr. W. Shoote:

- (1) To approve Section 1 of the Annual return and sign declaration:**
- (2) To approve Section 2 of the Annual return and sign declaration:**
- (3) To agree the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016:**
- (4) Acceptance of financial report and year end accounts:**

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016 were agreed and they approved Section 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.

Councillors accepted the financial report and year end accounts.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote Seconded: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

13) Matters of Information from Members:

The Council agreed to thank residents who completed a litter pick across both Bramfield and Thorington Villages and the Council agreed to pay for any equipment costs involved in litter picking.

Cllr. A. Niven said that he had no news from the Police.

14) To receive agenda items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, May 9th 2016:

It was reported that PCSO Jackie Adams had offered to come and talk about the new system of policing in the area. It was agreed to ask the Police to come to an Open Public Meeting after the June Parish Council Meeting at 7-30pm.

The Meeting ended at 9-10pm