

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

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

Minutes

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County Cllr. M. Gower:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. M. Bond and District Cllr. R. Catchpole:

2) To receive Declarations of Interest:

None

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

Cllr. M. Gower reported on the progress being made in the Devolution Proposals for a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk.

4) Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

5) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 9th 2016 and June 13th 2016:

The May 9th 2016 Minutes were approved

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

The June 13th 2016 inquorate Minutes could not be approved as one of the two councillors present at the June 13th meeting was not present at this meeting.

6) Matters arising:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that in view of the inquorate meeting in June, the Council needed more councillors. A few people were mentioned and it was agreed to approach them. It was also agreed to post the vacancies for councillors on Facebook and Twitter and Cllr. A. Niven would update the website.

7) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that he met with the Police to discuss more signs regarding the speed limit through Bramfield. He said that they drove around the village discussing

possible sites for signs. The Councillors had a discussion on what works to keep drivers to the speed limit.

8) Pitmans Grove Land:

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she was still trying to establish the ownership of the land.

9) Defibrillator:

Cllr. W. Shoote reported that the defibrillator was working well. However he said it is still at his house as he has found that as the telephone box in Bramfield is a 'Listed Building', permission is needed to put a defibrillator in it and a formal process has to be followed to gain this permission.

It was agreed to follow this formal process to gain permission to use the telephone box to house the defibrillator and to buy perspex for the telephone box.

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Niven:

10) Planning Matters:

DC/16/2202/LBC Bramfield Hall Darsham Road (a144) Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9HX.
Create new bathroom in existing bedroom S06 and take waste drainage through voids to external SVP over and via boiler room.

The Council approved this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

Seconder: Cllr. P. Layfield:

DC/16/1945/FUL The Shorts Edwards Lane Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9AA.
Erection of general purpose agricultural barn to provide dry storage for Hay/Straw/Mixed crops and to protect farming equipment from the elements.

The Clerk reported that this planning application had been sent as part of the DC/16/1946/FUL pack and had not been seen as a separate planning application. As the date for reporting had been missed, the council did not give an opinion on this planning application.

DC/16/1946/FUL The Shorts Edwards Lane Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9AA.
Agricultural Machinery Store - to provide secure storage for farm machinery. In addition to construct a three sided general purpose agricultural clamp.

The Council had no objections to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

DC/16/2495/CLE Mr Arthur Flint, Flints, Thorington Road Thorington, Suffolk. IP19 9JG.
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for two dwellings:

The Council believed that they did not know enough about this planning application to make a decision.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. P. Layfield:

DC/16/2591/FUL Wild Acres, Wenhaston Lane, Thorington.

Creation of Garden room and Orangery extensions, timber cladding, replacement of some windows, new roof to garage.

Applicant: Mrs Isobel Peter-Hoblyn, Seven Hills, Church Lane, Rushford. IP24 2SE.

It was noted that having looked at the map, this property was just outside the Thorington Parish Boundary and just inside Blythburgh Parish. The Clerk was asked to contact Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department to ask them to send the Planning Application to Blythburgh Parish Council.

DC/16/2602/FUL Mrs Ruth Black, Hall Farmhouse, Darsham Road (A144), Bramfield. IP19 9AG.

Single storey rear extension providing new accessible entrance and wetroom M/C.

The Council had no objections to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

DC/16/2603/LBC Mrs Ruth Black, Hall Farmhouse, Darsham Road (A144), Bramfield. IP19 9AG.

Single storey rear extension providing new accessible entrance and wetroom A/UC.

The Council had no objections to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

DC/16/2667/FUL Mr Liam Pagliaro, Laundry Farm Barn, Thorington Road, Thorington. IP19 9JF.

Repair and alterations to converted barn; grade 2 Listed; including removal of internal first floor gallery in main barn.

The Council had no objections to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

DC/16/2668/LBC Mr Liam Pagliaro, Laundry Farm Barn, Thorington Road, Thorington. IP19 9JF.

Repair and alterations to converted barn; grade 2 Listed; including removal of internal first floor gallery in main barn.

The Council had no objections to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

11) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from HAGS, Suffolk Coastal Norse to cut the grass and the Coastal Accessible Transport Service Ltd who have signed a contract with Suffolk County Council to operate Community Rural Bus Services in the Suffolk Coastal District Council Area. The Clerk said that he had received posters which he had put on the noticeboards from the Prevent Strategy, the Benjamin Foundation and the Suffolk Age UK Benefits Advice Service for an event on Friday, July 15th. The Clerk reported that there was a Peasenhall and Yoxford Primary Schools Consultation, that he had completed the Council's Pensions Compliance on May 16th 2016 and that there was a Devolution Event on Thursday, July 21st 2016.

12) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on May 31st 2016:

Business Community Account	£7 559.59
Business Savings Account	£6 594.94

Cheques for payment:

Chq. No. 101003 A. Hewitt	£260-00
Chq. No. 101004 Village Hall – Queen’s 90 th Birthday Celebration	£239-50

The Clerk presented the balances and cheques from the inquorate June Parish Council Meeting.

b) Balances at the Bank on June 30th 2016:

Business Community Account	£6 748.95
Business Savings Account	£6 595.76

Cheques for payment:

Chq. No. 101005 Clerk’s Salary for May	£180-58
Chq. No. 101006 SALC Subscription	£181-69
Chq. No. 101007 Bramfield Village Hall - Reimbursement	£130-56
Chq. No. 101008 Clerk’s Salary for June	£180-58

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

c) National Salary Award for Clerks:

The Clerk said that there had been a pay rise for Clerks on each Spine Point for the Year 2016-2017 and a further rise in 2017-2018. The Clerk’s pay was discussed by the councillors and they agreed to a new salary rate for the Clerk.

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

d) Information Commission Office Registration:

The Clerk said that one of the recommendations from the Internal Auditors was that the Council was to register with the Information Commission Office. The Clerk said that it costs £35. It was agreed to register.

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

e) Asset Register:

The Clerk said that he had reorganised the Asset Register in view of recommendations from the Internal Auditor. The Clerk explained that when the assets had been added, they had been emphasised in the reorganised register. He also explained that assets were valued at cost when they were bought excluding VAT and do not move from that time. The Clerk said that therefore the recent addition of the Speedwatch Equipment was valued at £1318. The Clerk said that the reorganised form had been sent to the External Auditor too. The reorganised form was formally welcomed by the councillors.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Niven:

f) Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Legal Powers Identified

The Clerk said that these would be updated and brought to a future meeting.

13) Matters of Information from Members:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that a Parishioner had said that a Village Sign as you enter the Village needed a refurbishment. It was agreed to find out how much it would cost and the Parish Council would then consider whether to fund it.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns also said that the 'Bramfield in Bloom' had made the village look very nice and it was agreed to pay the full £135-84 costs incurred by Chris Collins.

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield:

Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

14) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, August 8th 2016:

There were no agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 9-20pm