# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

# A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, November 13th 2017 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

# Minutes:

## Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. A. Niven and Cllr. W. Shoote:

## Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

## 1) Apologies:

County Cllr. R. Smith and District Cllr. R. Catchpole:

## 2) <u>To receive Declarations of Interest:</u>

None

## 3) **Requests for dispensations:**

None

## 4) **To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:**

There was no report from the District or County Councillor.

#### 5) <u>Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions</u> on topics on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present therefore there was no public session.

#### 6) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 2nd</u> 2017:

The Minutes were approved with one amendment.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

#### 7) <u>Emergency Planning:</u>

It was agreed for Bramfield Garage to print four A4 sheets of the Emergency Plan and for Cllr. A. Rozkalns to approach Micropress to print 250 A5 leaflets for distribution to each parishioner's home as long as the cost was below £65.

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

# 8) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) had counted 69 000 cars go through the village in one month and in one direction only. Councillors were surprised at the volume of traffic through the village on the A144. Cllr. A. Niven said that many drivers went through the Village at 30-35mph. However there were as many who travelled through at between 36-40mph. Considerable numbers went through at between 40 and 50mph whilst a few, mostly at night, who drove through at over 70mph.

Cllr. A. Niven said that a parishioner had said that the problem was that traffic did not slow from 60mph before the 30mph sign. He said that there needed to be a speed limit of 40mph for a distance before the 30mph speed limit through the village. The Council agreed to encourage as many parishioners to write to the County Council and the media.

#### 9) **<u>Pitmans Grove Land:</u>**

Cllr. A. Thomas said that he had no report. However Councillors concluded that as the only lease on offer was of 2-3 years, it was not worth the investment in equipment. Therefore the councillors agreed to not continue the project unless the lease was longer.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

## 10) **Telephone Box:**

Cllr. W. Shoote suggested that Cllr. D. Hughes to speak to Haddiscoe Parish Council Clerk as they seem to have updated their telephone box recently.

#### 11) Bramfield Bus Shelter:

It was noted that the Council had received a quote to refurbish the Bus Shelter of £4770. The Clerk was asked to contact the District and County Councillors if they could help with some of the funding. Councillors were also asked to think about other methods of finance.

It was agreed to also clear up the Shelter and to ask Community Payback if they would do the work.

#### 12) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the Village Hall was looking at installing Wi-Fi and would be consulting the Executive Headteacher of Bramfield Primary School, Vicky Allen as they may use the resource.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns also asked if the Council would make a donation to the Christmas Dinner being put on by the 'Lunch Club' at the Village Hall. It was agreed to donate £75 to the 'Bramfield Lunch Club' so they can offer a Christmas dinner.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

#### 13) Planning Matters:

Ref: DC/17/4387/FUL Replacement Porch Address: Oak Lodge, Thorington Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP19 9JF

After some discussion, the Council agreed that:

'The Council has no objection to the planning application'.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council a letter from a parishioner regarding Coopers Wood, Thorington and the Planning Application DC/17/3514/FUL

#### 14) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Suffolk Coasts and Heaths' Newspaper from SCDC, the 'Clerks and Councillors' Newsletter and the 'Suffolk View' Magazine. He said that he had received brochures from Wickstead Playgrounds and Saltex and a letter from Barclays Bank regarding 'Changing Account Terms and Conditions'.

The Clerk said that he had received a letter asking if the Council wanted the 'Bramfield War Memorial' listed? Cllr. D. Hughes said that she would look into it.

The Clerk reminded the Council that Former Cllr. Gower's grant of £850 for the Village Hall had to be spent by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018

The Clerk said that the 'One Suffolk' Subscription of £36 to host the Cookpole Website was due. Councillors agreed to renew the subscription.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

The Clerk reported that 'Disability Advice Service' had sent a letter asking for a donation. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £200.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Halesworth Town Council asking for a donation regarding 'One Hour Free Hour Car Parking' at the Thoroughfare car Park, Halesworth. For the Council's information, the Clerk said that he was a Halesworth Town Councillor. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £250. However Councillors also wanted it noted to Halesworth Town Council that the 'speed bump' as cars entered the car park was scraping the chassis of these cars and the dips caused by wheels sitting in the car park spaces made cars hit the kerb.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Finally, the Clerk reported that an invoice of £59-58 from Chris Collins at 'Bramfield in Bloom' had been received and Councillors agreed to pay the invoice.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

#### 15) **Financial Report:**

#### a) <u>Balances at the Bank on October 31st 2017: To receive an update on the</u> current financial status.

Business Community Account	£7 184-67
Business Savings Account	£6 597-40

#### b) Cheques for payment:

Chq. No. 101070	Hy-Tex (UK) Ltd	£211-20
Chq. No. 101071	Clerk's Salary for October 2017	£192-86
Chq. No. 101072	Clerk's Income Tax for October 2017	£2-00
Chq. No. 101073	'One Suffolk' Website Subscription.	£36-00
Chq. No. 101074	'Bramfield in Bloom' Reimbursement	£59-58
Chq. No. 101075	Disability Advice Service Donation	£200-00

Chq. No. 101076	Halesworth TC Free Hour Parking	£250-00
Chq. No. 101077	Clerk's Salary for November 2017	£193-06
Chq. No. 101078	Clerk's Income Tax for November 2017	£1-80
Chq. No. 101079	'Lunch Club' Christmas Dinner Donation	£75-00
Chq. No. 101080	Westcotec Ltd – Second Charger	£72-00

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Cllr. A. Niven asked if the Council could buy another charger costing £60 plus VAT for the Sign Indicator Device (SID).

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond: Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

#### 16) Budget and Precept for 2018 - 2019:

The Clerk set out the Budget and after some questions, the councillors agreed the Budget:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns: Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £5600 for the Financial Year 2018 – 2019:

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

#### 17) <u>To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be</u> <u>held on Monday, January 8th 2018:</u>

There were no agenda items or information given for the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.

#### The Meeting ended at 9-20pm