Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

<u>An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, December</u>

10th 2018 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); Jeremy Thickett (Parishioner) (until 7-26pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key and County Cllr. R. Smith:

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no Requests for Dispensation.

4) Planning Matters:

<u>Proposal:</u> Install a 1300 litre bunded oil tank (L 1940mm, W 1540mm, H 1060mm), over 2 metres from shed, 1.5 metres from foliage, 10 metres from house and over 20 metres from watercourse. It will be almost invisible from the house behind a shed, and will be completely out of sight once the garden has grown up.

<u>Address:</u> Warren Cottage, Low Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JH <u>Ref:</u> DC/18/4616/FUL

The Council approved this planning application.

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

<u>Proposal:</u> Sycamore to side of property - to be felled. Tree has outgrown space and is causing heavy shading.

Address: Solario Cottage, Bridge Street, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JA

Ref: DC/18/4662/TCA

The Council had no objection to this planning application.

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

Address: The Stone House, Low Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JH

Ref: ENF/2018/0057/DEV

The Chairman, Cllr. A. Thomas, asked the parishioner and owner of Stone House, Jeremy Thickett, if he would like to say anything.

He said that it was a new building with new containers which are indoors thus gaining higher scores with the Food Standards Agency. He said that he was building it up as it took nine months to fit out and had written to the council regarding what he was doing. Jeremy Thickitt said that he did not know that part of his land was in a Conservation Area and thought the boundary was on the other side of the road.

Cllr. A. Thomas said that the regulations should have been adhered to and as the property was partly in a conservation area, the Parish Council wanted things to be restored to their original state. They also believed that there needed to be noise and lights comparison. Cllr. W. Shoote said that everything seems to have been done in the wrong order. District Cllr. M. Gower said that the planning application had got into a legal loop which he hoped could be disentangled by the newly appointed planning professional.

Jeremy Thickett said that he had perhaps been too busy with his large business employing many people and should have given more time to his planning applications. He said that he wanted to comply with the rules and wanted to work with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council were pleased that a planning advisor had been appointed and that the meeting had opened a conversation over the issue. They said that Jeremy's large business was valued in the area and did not want to see it damaged. Therefore the Parish Council would be very pleased to work with Jeremy and his business to make sure that the planning regulations are adhered to in the future.

5) Traffic Report on A144:

It was noted that Suffolk Highways were holding a consultation on their proposal have been requested to consider a 40mph speed limit on the A144, The Hill and Halesworth Road, Bramfield situated to the north of the village from the existing 30mph terminal signs heading towards Halesworth for 400 metres.

Cllr. D. Hughes said that the proposed 'buffer zone' did not go far enough and she thought that there would be a head-on crash as it stands and under the proposals. She said that the 'buffer zone' should go to the straight length of road and her thirteen neighbours agreed. She also said that the 'buffer zone' to the south of Bramfield should happen as well as the Village crossroads was very close to where it is currently national speed limit.

It was agreed for the council to reply to the consultation and for Cllr. A. Niven to write the letter to be sent to Mr. Mitson.

6) **Telephone Box**:

The Clerk said that he had ordered the glass below and Cllr. D. Hughes confirmed that it had been delivered to her house.

K6 Glazing Kit A £195.00 excl VAT K6 Glazing Kit B £490.00 excl VAT Defibrillator Sign £20.30 excl VAT

7) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Countryside Voice' Newspaper, a One Suffolk Reminder which the Clerk said he had told them that the Council no longer needed their service. The Clerk said that he had also received a letter regarding a Waveney Local Plan Examination with a Consultation on Main Modifications and a letter from Suffolk Coastal District Council advertising the Annual Budget Meeting. Finally he said that another letter from the Pensions Regulator had been received.

The Clerk said that he found out more about the Cil Payments saying that the council had received £2117-78, would receive another £2117-78 in March 2019 and next October, the Council will receive the final instalment of another £2181-44 making a total of £6417. He said that it can be spent on any infrastructure or the maintenance of it.

The Clerk said that a parishioner had asked about a grit bin outside the Queens Head and volunteered to distribute salt from it if it was provided. The Clerk was asked to investigate getting new grit bins and their costs. The clerk also reported that the bank had been badly damaged in Edwards Lane.

It was noted that Dominic Meek had been in touch to state that he could rethatch the roof of the bus shelter at the end of January. Cllr. A. Thomas said that this would be advantageous as it will before the Swifts come back to nest in the roof of the bus shelter. Cllr. W. Shoote said that he would ask Bramfield House School if they could build any Swift Bird Boxes. Cllr. A. Thomas also said that District Cllr. M. Gower and Suffolk Coastal District Council would like to take photographs of the completed refurbishment. It was agreed by the councillors to agree this date for refurbishment checking that Dominic Meek was happy for the District Council to have photographs of the refurbished bus shelter.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

8) **Cheques:**

| Chq. No. 101118 | Clerk Salary | £772-28 |
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| Chq. No. 101119 | Clerk Tax | Cancelled |
| Chq. No. 101120 | Community Heartbeat Trust | £50-40 |
| Chq. No. 101121 | Citizens Advice Bureau Donation | £25-00 |
| Chq. No. 101122 | HMRC | £48-39 |
| Chq. No. 101123 | Ladywell Accountancy Services | £30-00 |
| Cha. No. 101124 | X2 Connect Ltd | £888-36 |

Receipts:

Grant from SCDC for Bus Shelter £1500-00

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

The Meeting ended at 8-28pm.