

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 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. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key and Cllr. A. Niven:

### **Also Present:**

District Cllr. M. Gower (left 8-15pm); County Cllr. R. Smith (left 8pm), Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner (left 8-15pm):

#### 1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. W. Shoote:

#### 2) **To receive Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. M. Bond declared an interest in Item 15.

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

There were no Requests for Dispensations.

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

County Cllr. R. Smith said that he was very concerned to hear that Suffolk Highways were only looking at one end of Bramfield Village to have a 'buffer' speed limit. He said that he had told them twice that there should be 'buffer' speed limits at both ends of the village. He said that he would speak to Suffolk Highways again.

Cllr. A. Niven said that the police have not got back to him regarding his request as at Spexhall to use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to catch those speeding. County Cllr. R. Smith reported that the Police had not liked the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition to catch those speeding in Spexhall which is why perhaps they were not responding to Cllr. A. Niven.

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that the County Council had bought three machines that can permanently repair pot holes once placed over them. He said that with a mild winter though not so many pot holes had needed to be filled in.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that on Thursday, he hoped to get the Budget through the Council and noted in reply to question regarding bus services that more money was going to Coastal Accessible Transport Service (CATS). Councillors said that the 88 bus service needed to continue so people could get to work or college and therefore needed to be subsidised. Cllr. A. Thomas suggested a 'Transport for East Anglia' to which County Cllr. R. Smith said that it would take much council co-ordination.

District Cllr. M. Gower said that the litter pick supported the Community Information Day which was to be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Wenhaston. Cllr. M. Gower reported that if the council

had any comment to make regarding new houses or other infrastructure, they must make their comments to the local plan.

5) **Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda:**

A parishioner asked for an update on the planning application. Cllr. M. Gower suggested that the District Council was contacted for an update.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 14th 2019:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 14th 2019 were agreed.

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

7) **Emergency Planning:**

It was reported that the leaflets had been distributed to all residents and some have been left for any new comers to the village.

8) **Traffic Report on A144:**

The Clerk said that having had a telephone call from Mr. Mitson at Suffolk Highways, he had still not received a letter regarding the 'buffer' speed limits at each end of Bramfield Village.

Cllr. A. Niven said that he had sent the police an email regarding monitoring vehicle speeds through Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). However he said that the Police did not support such an ANPR Scheme.

Finally, Cllr. A. Niven reported that the speed gun needed to be recalibrated and two new batteries which would cost around £150 plus VAT. This was agreed.

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

9) **Bramfield Bus Shelter and Telephone Box:**

Cllr. D. Hughes reported that she had answered all the questions required of the grant for £350 from Suffolk County Councillor R. Smith towards the refurbishment of the Bus Shelter. It was agreed to ask June Brereton to 'open' the new bus shelter in the Spring with the dates 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 being proposed. It was also agreed to use the Chair's budget to fund any costs.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that there had been many positive comments regarding the newly thatched Bus Shelter with Cllr. A. Thomas receiving a postcard from a holidaymaker saying how nice the bus shelter looked. There was even interest from BBC Radio Suffolk who interviewed the Chair, Cllr. A. Thomas, regarding the project.

It was agreed that Cllr. D. Hughes would work with 'Bramfield in Bloom' to design the 'Green' around the Bus Shelter. It was also agreed that Cllr. A. Thomas would scrub the seats in the bus shelter and would get a price for a plaque to be put on the bus shelter to commemorate the refurbishment.

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10) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that he would be getting quotes to refurbish the kitchen with perhaps an application to Adnams for help in funding it.

11) **Bridge Meadow, Bramfield:**

The Council discussed the offer to buy the Meadow from the current owners. The Council decided to set up a Working Party to look at the proposal and Cllrs. D. Hughes, A. Niven, A. Rozkalns and A. Thomas agreed to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

12) **Sizewell C Consultation:**

As part of County Cllr. R. Smith's report, there was a long discussion on Sizewell C. It was noted that there would be a presentation on February 18<sup>th</sup> by Sizewell C and the Chair asked councillors to be ready with their questions. It was agreed that councillors would meet on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 to discuss the questions to be asked.

13) **Infrastructure for the two Parishes:**

It was suggested that Bridge Meadow could be a project to enhance the local infrastructure using Cil money.

14) **SCDC Local Plan Consultation:**

Councillors decided that they did not need to respond to the Local Plan.

15) **Planning Matters:**

*Proposal: Details as required by condition No 3 of planning consent DC/16/2202/LBC - Create new bathroom in existing bedroom S06 and take waste drainage through voids to external SVP over and via boiler room - Final position of external vertical SVP drop; External finish of SVP; Proof of brickwork having been made good around all new SVP exit/entrance points; Details of boxing (on landing). |*

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*Ref: DC/19/0487/DRC*

The Clerk said that the above planning proposal was for the councillors' information.

16) **Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:**

The Clerk asked councillors if they would like to donate to the Red Cross. The Councillors decided not to make a donation.

17) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on January 31st 2019:**

Business Community Account	£5 388-47
Business Savings Account	£6 611-72

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

**Cheques:**

Chq. No. 101126	Dominic Meek – Second Payment	£2400-00
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**Receipts:**

Grant from Cllr. M. Gower:	£1500-00
Interest:	£3-29

**18) To agree Audit Arrangements:**

It was agreed For SALC to be the Parish Council's Internal Auditors for the 2018-2019 Accounts.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:                      Seconder: Cllr. J. Key:

**19) To agree Council Risk Assessment Procedures:**

The Council Risk Assessment Procedures were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Key:                      Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

**20) To agree Council Asset Register:**

The Council Asset Register was reviewed and agreed.

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

**21) To receive information and agenda items for the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, March 11th 2019:**

Councillors agreed to add the 'George Calver Trust', Bramfield Primary School and the Village Hall should all be on the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda.

**The Meeting ended at 9-33pm.**