

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, January 14th 2019 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key; District Cllr. M. Gower and County Cllr. R. Smith:

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no Requests for Dispensations.

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

There were no reports as both councillors were not at the meeting.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 12^h 2018 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on December 10th 2018:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 12th 2018 were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on December 10th 2018 were agreed.

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

7) **Emergency Planning:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the leaflet had been distributed to each house physically. He said that it had also been sent out electronically to the Village Group. Cllr. A. Niven said that the Emergency Plan does work as he received thirteen text messages during a recent electricity power cut.

8) **Traffic Report on A144:**

The Clerk said that he had received a telephone call from Charlie Mitson at Suffolk Highways who had told him that he would be officially replying by letter to the consultation regarding a 40mph speed limit from the top of the hill out of Bramfield Village. The Clerk said that he had asked about the Parish Council's wish for a 40mph speed limit to the south of the village as well and that the 40mph speed limit to the north of the village should be longer. The Clerk was told though that the 40 mph speed limit could be only so many metres out of Bramfield Village and that the speed limit to the south had not been referred to him. Cllr. A. Niven said that he had sent an official response to the consultation and other residents had done so too.

Cllr. D. Hughes said that the Sizewell C Consultation had already shown many problems and she asked if this could be added to the consultation for consideration. She said that had been calculated that Sizewell C would bring 600 extra vehicles per day on the A144.

Cllr. A. Niven said that he would speak to County Cllr. R. Smith and it was agreed to ask Sizewell C to hold an exhibition at the Bramfield Village Hall. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would arrange for Sizewell C to come to the Bramfield Village Hall in February.

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

It was reported that the thatching of the bus shelter should be finished by the end of the week. After some discussion, it was agreed to invite the local press and to have photos published. It was agreed for the councillors to hold a ceremony to open the bus shelter around Easter involving the school and perhaps Circle 67. Cllr. A. Thomas suggested that the Chair's Budget could be used to fund the event.

It was also reported that the windows of the telephone box would be replaced in the spring when hopefully there would be better weather.

10) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the toilets flushing mechanism has gone wrong so the Village Hall was facing a large bill to rectify the problem. He also said that the pre-school numbers had fallen recently and they were still investigating why.

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

The Clerk explained that perhaps Councillors should discuss some new infrastructure projects or how to enhance existing infrastructure for Bramfield and Thorington as the Council will be receiving Cil Money over the next year.

After some discussion, Cllr. A. Rozkalns suggested that the money could be spent on a new kitchen for the Village Hall. Cllr. W. Shoote suggested developing a play area.

12) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: Condition 3 - Full specification of noise attenuation measures and associated noise survey will be provided once completed. Work has been commissioned and is underway. Condition 5 - Please see attached letter from Four Wood Forestry Limited. Plants will be planted in double staggered rows - A double row hedge requires 5 plants per metre, with two single rows in parallel, with 40-50cms between the rows. The rows will be

*staggered by placing the starting point for one row 16.5 cms further along than the other row. Species as per the quotation from Four Wood Forestry Limited.
Address: Bramfield Meats, Low Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JH
Ref: DC/19/0007/DRC*

The Clerk said that this was for information only and the Council had no decision to take.

*Proposal: Bitzer 4GE-23Y Semi-hermetic Reciprocating Compressors Output Data Sheet and Specification (2 no fitted) Image of Compressor Plate.
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13) **Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:**

The Clerk said that he had received the 'Councillors and Clerks Newsletter', a letter from the Pensions Regulator to re-enrol the Council and communication regarding the Sizewell C Third Consultation. The Clerk reported that Dominic Meek had submitted his first of two invoices for rethatching the Bus Shelter and that he had received notification that a New Telecommunications Mast was planned next to the railway line which the councillors noted. Finally the clerk gave councillors a list of the Parish Council Meetings for 2019 which was agreed.

14) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on December 31st 2018:**

Business Community Account	£9 679-22
Business Savings Account	£6 608-43

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Chq. No. 101125	Dominic Meek – First Payment	£3324-00
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15) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, February 11th 2019:**

It was agreed to have the Sizewell Consultation on the Agenda at the next meeting. The Clerk said that he would also add some policies to be agreed.

The Meeting ended at 8-55pm.