

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, November 12th 2018 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

District Cllr. M. Gower (Arrived 7-20pm and left at 8-12pm) and Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

County Cllr. R. Smith:

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

All Councillors living in the two parishes declared an interest in the setting of the Precept.

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

All councillors have signed a dispensation regarding setting the precept until 2019 in Item 14.

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

District Cllr. M. Gower said that much of the news was from Felixstowe. However he believed that as East Suffolk District Council, Bramfield and Thorington would have a much better communications with Halesworth. He reported that there was currently a Polling Station Review and that Suffolk Coastal District Council would be helping to get better broadband to everyone.

District Cllr. M. Gower said that he was going to a Planning Committee Enforcement Meeting regarding a planning application in Bramfield. The Parish Council gave their view to Cllr. M. Gower.

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 October 8th 2018:**

The Minutes were agreed.

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

7) **Emergency Planning:**

It was noted that the leaflet still had to be delivered to Walpole Road, Bridge Street and Pitmans' Grove.

8) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven said that an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) would take a long time to be agreed to and brought into action. He said that he was told that it had taken two and half years for Blythburgh Parish Council to get their 'buffer zones speed limits' into place.

Cllr. A. Niven said that there were two vacancies in the Speedwatch team. He said that there were still eleven people in the team and this and the buffer zone were needed as 140 000 vehicles travelled through Bramfield both ways each month on the A144. With the possibility of Sizewell being built this amount of traffic could rise substantially.

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

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that Cllr. M. Gower had agreed to contribute £1500 towards the refurbishment of the bus shelter.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email the supplier of the new glass for the telephone box and to have it delivered to Cllr. D. Hughes.

10) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that some parishioners are concerned that they do not get news of Halesworth so they cannot influence what happens in the town.

He also reported that numbers are down at the pre-school which led to some discussion regarding local schools. Cllr. M. Gower said that he would report back at the next meeting.

11) **Planning Matters:**

*Proposal: Cladding of the property to match the existing house colour.
Address: Rochaway, On The Hill, Bramfield. IP19 9HR
Ref: DC/18/4032/FUL*

The Council had no objection to this planning application.

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

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

The Clerk reported that he had received the Clerks and Councillors Newsletter, the Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) Newspaper, Final Recommendations for the Wards for the new East Suffolk District Council, a flyer from HAGS and a One Suffolk Website Invoice. The Clerk said that as the Council had transferred to Ro Williams, he would inform One Suffolk that the Council no longer needed their service.

The Clerk explained that a Cil Report had been received with a cheque for £2117-78 and there would be similar cheques in the Spring and Autumn 2019. He said that the money could only be spent on new infrastructure for the two parishes for the maintenance of current infrastructure ideally to make it better. Therefore he said the Council should start to think about how to spend this money.

The Clerk said that he had received a letter from Headway and from the Leiston and Saxmundham Citizens Advice Bureau asking for donations. The Council decided not to make a donation to Headway but did agree to make a donation of £25 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

13) **Financial Report:**

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

Business Community Account	£9 257-90
Business Savings Account	£6 608-43

b) **Cheques and Receipts: To review receipts and approve payments:**

Cheques:

Chq. No. 101117	Suffolk.Cloud Website	£220-00
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Receipts:

Cil Payment from Suffolk Coastal District Council	£2117-78
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Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns: Seconded: Cllr. S. Key:

14) **Budget and Precept: Councillors to agree the Budget and set the Precept for 2019-20**

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

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

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £5750 for the Financial Year 2019 – 2020:

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

15) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th 2019:**

It was agreed to discuss new infrastructure projects for Bramfield and Thorington in view of the Cil money being received over the next year.

The Meeting ended at 9-05pm.