

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, October 8th 2018 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman), District Cllr. M. Gower and County Cllr. R. Smith:

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

Cllr. M. Bond declared an interest in Item 12 Planning Application DC/18/3760/DRC

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she had met with the new District Cllr. M. Gower regarding changing the night of the meeting. It was agreed not to change the meeting night as the village hall has other activities booked on the other nights of the week.

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 September 10th 2018 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on September 20th 2018:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 10th 2018 were.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Key:

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on September 20th 2018 were agreed:

Proposed: Cllr. D. Hughes: Seconder: C

7) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, November 12th 2018:**

Cllr. A. Niven said that the leaflet had been distributed along the A144 Main Road, Low Road and Thorington Road. He said that copies would also be left in the Bramfield's Public House, Shop and Garage. Cllr. A. Niven also reported that the leaflet had been sent out electronically as well.

8) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven said that Suffolk Highways will make a decision on the traffic calming proposal at each end of the Bramfield but he reported that he did not know when.

Cllr. A. Niven said that he had a long conversation with Sexual Parish Cllr. N. Ellis who said that from Penhall's experience, buffer zones do not make any difference. Cllr. A. Niven said that he was not sure about a number recognition system as much work was needed to make it work. He said that 140 000 vehicles travel along the A144 through Bramfield every month with 85% travelling over the speed limit.

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

Cllr. D. Hughes said that the glass had not been bought yet as she wants to get the invoice sent to the Clerk. It was noted that Bramfield Garage would help.

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she had met with the new District Cllr. M. Gower to discuss whether he could contribute to the cost of the renovation. She said that Cllr. M. Gower had agreed to make a contribution but he could pay for all of the costs. It was reported that a parishioner had said that they would pay for the residual costs. Cllr. A. Thomas noted that the Bus shelter needed some Swift Boxes so that they could nest in them.

10) **Village Hall:**

It was reported that the Harvest supper had gone very well indeed. Cllr. A. Thomas apologised for not being at the supper.

11) **Archives:**

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Suffolk Archives at an appropriate time perhaps after six years have elapsed.

12) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: T1 - Sycamore - Remove the ground level - previously worked tree multiple wounds and significant basal wound with likely ground/root damage from driveway work. Owner and neighbour worried about the proximity to the building. T2 - Old apple - remove, poor tree close to the house. T3 - Yew - Reduce and

shape by 2m over all - neighbour complaining about the lack of light to the property.

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

Ref: DC/18/3961/TCA

The Council did not object to this planning application.

Proposed: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. S. Key:

Proposal: A document has been produced, containing photographic evidence to satisfy condition 3. Please refer to this document as necessary.

Address: Bramfield Hall, Darsham Road (A144), Bramfield. IP19 9HX

Ref: DC/18/3760/DRC

The Clerk said that this planning application was on the agenda for the information of the councillors and parishioners.

13) **Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported that he had received the Suffolk View Magazine, Sunshine Gym Brochure, a SCAM Poster from the Royal Mail to put on the noticeboards and a letter from the Pension Regulator asking the council to re-enrol by July 1st 2019.

The Clerk said that the Council Payroll had been transferred to Ladywell Accounting Services and the Clerk would now be paid quarterly and no longer would the clerk be paid in arrears.

It was also noted that the 'Campaign to Protect Rural England' Subscription for £36 was to be renewed. Councillors agreed to continue the council's membership and therefore it was agreed to pay the £36 Subscription fee.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

14) **Financial Report:**

a) Balances at the Bank on September 30th 2018:

Business Community Account £7 755-69

Business Savings Account £6 608-43

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

Cheques:

Chq. No. 101115	Clerk Expenses	£20-25
Chq. No. 101116	CPRE Subscription	£36-00

Receipts:

BACS – April	First Precept Payment	£2800-00
BACS – September	Second Precept Payment	£2800-00

