

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, April 8th 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; Cllr. A. Niven and Cllr. W. Shoote:

Also Present:

District Cllr. M. Gower (left 8pm) and Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

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:**

District Cllr. M. Gower reported that the new East Suffolk Council had now taken over from Suffolk Coastal District Council as the local authority for the area. However he said that pending the elections in May, the current Councillors continue working for their communities. Cllr. A. Niven asked about the new Ward Boundaries. District Cllr. M. Gower said that they were much bigger and had been agreed after consultation last year.

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 March 11th 2019 and the Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on March 20th 2019:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 11th 2019 were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on March 20th 2019 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Key:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Niven:

7) **Emergency Planning:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that all the leaflets had been distributed to all households. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she had heard only good comments about the leaflet and that it does work in informing people what to do. Cllr. D. Hughes was formally thanked for designing such a good leaflet.

8) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that he had made no progress on the A144 Speed 'Buffers' and therefore was not sure what to do next. Cllr. M. Gower advised that Cllr. A. Niven keep writing to the Suffolk Highways and to copy in County Cllr. R. Smith.

Cllr. A. Niven said that 'Speedwatch' does work and is especially good at making vehicles slow down and for providing evidence for the speed 'buffer' zones. So he said the speed gun had been sent away to be recalibrated and the invoice was given to the Clerk. Cllr. A. Niven finished by noting that the Police Speeding van is frequently on the A144.

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

Cllr. A. Thomas said that councillors needed to discuss and agree the 'opening' of the bus shelter. It was agreed to open the bus shelter at 2-30pm on Saturday, May 4th 2019 with June Brereton cutting the opening ribbon and if she was unable to do so then District Cllr. M. Gower could cut the ribbon instead. It was agreed to use the Chair's budget for any costs and to have no notices on the bus shelter in the future either.

It was agreed for Cllrs. Hughes, Niven and Thomas to meet and organise the event and to approach the Queens Head Public House if they would be willing to provide refreshments. Cllr. A. Niven thought the local media would be interested and would contact them. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he would take out all the glass from the Telephone Box, repaint it red and would then put the Perspex.

10) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he had spoken to the Bramfield School Academy (Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich) Trust Building Officer, David Jones, to discuss the use of the Village Hall Car Park as parents are using it to pick up their children.

He also said that the Village Hall is supporting the 'Stepping Stones' Nursery as they have recently lost a number of pupils.

11) **Bridge Meadow, Bramfield:**

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she had replied to the owners and no reply had been received. Cllr. W. Shoote said that he thought the Parish Council should speak to East Suffolk Council so that both councils can decide on the future use of the land.

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

After some discussion, Councillors suggested enhancing the Green where the bus shelter is or using it to help enhance the Village Hall. However it was decided to wait to see what happened regarding Bridge Meadow.

13) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: Retention of generator.

Address: Bramfield Meats, Low Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JH

Ref: DC/19/1048/FUL

The Council has no objection to the retention of the generator. However the Council is aware of the numerous noise related complaints concerning the site. Whilst the Council is not qualified to comment on the technicalities of the report, the Council urges East Suffolk District Council to make sure that the noise has no adverse impact on the neighbouring properties.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. S. Key:

Proposal: T1&T2 Holly trees behind the annex, Fell - too close to building causing damp and structural damage. T3 & T4 Hazels, Re-coppice;

Address: Street Farm House, Bridge Street, Bramfield, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9HZ

Ref: DC/19/1156/TCA

The Council approved this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Key:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

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

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Notice of Local Plan Adoption', the 'Coast and Heaths Newspaper', a letter from the 'Fly the Red Ensign' Charity and a brochure from Suffolk Coastal District Council regarding their 45 Years of Service Celebration event. The Clerk also reported that he had received a letter from East Suffolk Council explaining how the Planning Department will work in the future.

The Clerk said that a letter from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) asking for a donation had arrived. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconder: Cllr. S. Key:

15) **Financial Report:**

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

Business Community Account
Business Savings Account

£6 615-02
£2 301-87

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

Chq. No. 101131	SALC Subscription 2019-2020	£180-51
Chq. No. 101132	Cllr. A. Niven - Reimbursement of DPD Cost	£64-19
Chq. No. 101133	Village Hall – Eleven Meetings	£275-00

Proposer: Cllr. J. Key:

Seconder: Cllr. S. Key:

16) **Clerk's Pay for 2019 – 2020:**

It was agreed to accept the pay increase in Clerk's Pay agreed by the Employers and Unions and it was agreed that the Clerk's Pay should be Point 11 on the new scale for the Financial Year 2019-2020.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

17) **To receive information and agenda items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, May 13th 2019:**

It was agreed to put co-option on the agenda and to take off Emergency Planning.

The Meeting ended at 9pm.