

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and One Parishioner (left 7-57pm):

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

Cllr. M. Bond; District Cllr. N. Brooks and County Cllr. R. Smith:

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

Cllr. J Key and Cllr. S. Key declared that they had a personal interest in the Item 10 Planning Application regarding DC/19/2461/FUL. It was agreed that they could give their view but would leave the room for the Council's discussion on the planning application and vote.

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

There were no Requests for Dispensations.

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

There were no reports.

### **Agenda Item 10 (DC/19/2461/FUL) was now discussed:**

**Proposal:** Proposed extension to existing poultry farm comprising erection of 3 poultry barns, weighbridge and lodge and ancillary parts and associated landscaping.

**Address:** Park Farm, London Road, Thorington, Suffolk.

**Ref:** DC/19/2461/FUL

The Council does not have any objection to this planning application.

Nevertheless the Parish Council does have some observations. Parishioners already report that the smell from the current chicken sheds is very strong every few days and believe that more chicken sheds will bring even more smell, flies, dust and noise from the fans. There is also a concern over the pollution from the ammonia and water finding its way to the River Blyth to affect the wildlife including the otters that live further down the river. The poultry farm started on small scale but has gradually grown to the extent now that the Parish Council wonders if the business is getting too large for the site especially as this planning application is a



9) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that Suffolk County Council had noted and would be repairing the potholes on the road past the Village Hall. He also said that the numbers of pupils at the Pre-School and the Primary School were down on previous years as the birth rate had declined.

10) **Planning Matters:**

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**Ref:** DC/19/2461/FUL

This was discussed before Item 5.

**Appeal:** *The Stone House, Low Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JH*

**Ref:** ENF/2018/0057/DEV

After some discussion, Councillors agreed that they should make some response so it was agreed that Cllr. W. Shoote would make a response online to the appeal.

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

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

The Clerk reported that Suffolk County Council were no longer going to put Bus Timetables at each bus stop. They would still publish them on the website and they were asking Parish Councils and Bus companies to update the timetables at the bus stops from now on. Cllr. W. Shoote said that he would take this on for the bus stops in Bramfield.

The Clerk said that Sizewell C had begun a fourth consultation and that the Parish Council still needed to be ready for paperless planning applications from next January.

12) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on June 30th 2019:**

Business Community Account	£4 156-87
Business Savings Account	£6 618-32

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Chq 101136	Halesworth Town Council - One Hour Free Parking Donation.	£150.00
Chq 101137	Bramfield United Reform Church Donation	£150.00
Chq 101138	Bramfield Parochial Church Council Donation	£150.00
Chq 101139	Thorington Parochial Church Council Donation	£150.00
Chq 101140	Cllr. A. Thomas – Reimbursement for Bus Shelter Plan	£156-80
Chq 101141	SALC Annual Internal Audit Fee 2019	£174-00

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

13) **Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Report and to pay their invoice with any amendments:**

The Councillors reviewed the Internal Audit Report and agreed that the Asset Register be changed from £21 950 to £16 475 as recommended by the Internal Auditor.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:                      Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Councillors accepted the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Internal Audit Report 2018-2019 and agreed to pay the invoice to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) who had completed the Internal Audit.

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

14) **To receive information and agenda items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, September 9th 2019:**

There were no agenda items for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**The Meeting ended at 9-27pm.**