

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

District Cllr. N. Brooks (left 7-25pm) and Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

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

Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key 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 Councillor and the District Councillor:**

The Clerk read out an email from County Cllr. R. Smith who apologised for not being at the meeting because it clashes in time and date each month with both Walberswick Parish Council and of Saxmundham Town Council. As Saxmundham Town Council has only four councillors, the Clerk said that County Cllr. R. Smith believes that it is necessary for him to prioritise their meetings whilst they re-establish themselves so he asks for the Parish Council's understanding and that he will be attending Bramfield and Thorington Parish Meetings less frequently.

The Clerk also informed the council that County Cllr. R. Smith is doing what he can to speed up the creation of the 40mph 'buffer zones' each side of Bramfield Village's present 30mph area and appreciated the Parish Council's frustration at the time it was taking. The Clerk said that County Cllr. R. Smith reiterates in his email that it will happen and that he will cover half the costs of these changes from his small Highways Budget.

District Cllr. N. Brooks was congratulated on becoming the District Councillor for the area and was welcomed to his first Parish Council Meeting. He gave short resume of his background and said that he was the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure. He said that he would be lobbying hard for Felixstowe Docks and Lowestoft to the County Council and Government and that his Department would be taking over all civil parking in 2020 and that he had ideas for charging in the Council's car parks. Cllr. A. Niven asked about his locality budget. District Cllr.

N. Brooks said that he had £7500 and divided equally across the ward would mean around £1000 per parish. Cllr. W. Shoote asked about the car parks in Halesworth and Cllr. D. Hughes asked why the car park attendants seemed to prioritise Halesworth's Car Parks as she believed that it was driving people away from Halesworth as there was so little road car parking spaces. District Cllr. N. Brooks replied that no decision had been made regarding the car parks in Halesworth and that all the car parks across the East Suffolk Council were visited by car attendants.

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 Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 13th 2019:**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 13th 2019 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes

7) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that a neighbour had not received an answer to his 'Freedom of Information' question. The Clerk reminded the Council of County Cllr. R. Smith's email. Cllr. A. Niven said that he would inform councillors as soon as he heard anything. Cllr. D. Hughes reported that there were new initiatives now to measure vehicle noise.

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

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that local resident, June Brereton, was keen to open the newly thatched bus shelter but could not do this on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It was agreed to delay the opening until June Brereton was available. Cllr. A. Thomas gave out a draft text for the plaque to commemorate the opening of the shelter. It was agreed councillors would make amendments. Cllr. D. Hughes reported her husband had developed a tool to take out the telephone window rivets. She said that on a nice day, all the windows will be taken out.

9) **Village Hall:**

There was no report but there was some discussion over the use of the Village Hall Car Park. It was also brought to the council's attention the use of an annex of a house next to the Village Hall and it was agreed that Cllr. W. Shoote would investigate the matter.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:



Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconded: Cllr. D. Hughes:

**Financial Regulations:**

The Clerk said that the Financial Standing Orders were unchanged. The Council agreed to the Financial Standing Orders for 2019-2020.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconded: Cllr. W. Shoote:

**Code of Conduct:**

The Clerk said that the Code of Conduct was unchanged. The Council agreed to the Code of Conduct for 2019-2020.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconded: Cllr. M. Bond:

15) **To receive information and agenda items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, July 8th 2019:**

There were no Agenda Items for the next meeting on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

**The Meeting ended at 8-45pm.**