Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, November 11th 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:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk), County Cllr. R. Smith (left 8-25pm); Tom Langton (Arrived 7-35pm and left 8-10pm) and a parishioner (left 7-55pm).

1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

2) To receive Declarations of Interest:

All councillors declared an interest in Item 12.

3) Requests for dispensations:

It was agreed by the Councillors for all to have dispensation for Item 12.

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

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that Suffolk County Council had held its last meeting before going into purdah for the General Election on December 12th 2019. He said that the next meeting would be a Finance Meeting on January 7th 2020. He also said that he had laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Bramfield and in Saxmundham on Remembrance Sunday.

5) <u>Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask</u> questions on topics on the agenda:

A parishioner said that the War Memorial needed to be cleaned. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she knew someone that could help with this issue and that she would contact him.

6) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Monday,</u> October 14th 2019 and on Monday, October 21st 2019:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, October 14th were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, October 21st were agreed.

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

7) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that Suffolk Highways had contacted him to say that notices had been put in the press regarding a consultation on the 40mph 'buffer' zones at each end of Bramfield Village. He said that the consultation had ended last Friday and he thought there had been no responses. Cllr. A. Niven said that he hoped that work would start in the New Year to implement the 40mph speed limit and he would watch to see the effect it has on the Data Collection System. Finally, Cllr. A. Niven said that the cost to the Council will be around £5000.

8) Village Hall:

Cllr. M. Bond said that ten years ago, £47 000 had been spent on asphalting the Village Hall Car Park and it was agreed that the school could use it as they agreed to contribute to the cost of the car park. However he said that since it has become an academy, he cannot find the right person to speak to regarding this issue. A letter to the Bishop was suggested. Cllr. M. Bond said that the Pre-School was currently struggling as it only had six pupils. He said that the Village Hall was trying to help by allowing then a rent-free period of time.

9) Planning Matters:

Tom Langton led a discussion on the impact of new Housing and Sizewell C to the local area. He asked if the housing should be more diverse. He said that there were estuaries with much wildlife. After some discussion it was agreed that there needed to be a proper debate on the impact of Sizewell C and all the new housing.

Cllr. A. Thomas proposed that a Working Group was set up. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Thomas, Cllr. J. Key, Cllr. S. Key and Cllr. W. Shoote would be the members of this Working Group.

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

10) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk said that he had received the Clerks and Councillors Newsletter and reported that the Parish Council had received £5 595-48 in Cil money in 2018-2019 and that a Cil report for 2018-2019 needed to be submitted to East Suffolk Council. The Clerk said that all the Cil Money was spent on the new roof on Bus Shelter.

It was agreed to submit this report.

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

It was also reported that the Tree Warden, Marie Rolfe, had sent a report stating that it was the hedge planting time of year and that 420 trees had been delivered and been heeled in on the vegetable plot. Marie Rolfe said that she has permission to plant opposite Valley Farm and to infill where the hedge has disappeared. She said that they would be planting the hedge on Saturday 16th November. She said that she would also contact the school and see if they would like to take part in the hedge planting during the following week in which case she would keep some trees back for them. Cllr. A. Thomas reported that Marie Rolfe had bought mulch mat for the planting of these hedges and had the invoice.

The Clerk said that there was currently a consultation on the boundaries of the County Divisions. It was agreed for Cllr. A. Thomas to reply to the consultation with the view that Bramfield and Thorington wished to be part of the Halesworth Division.

The Clerk also noted that the invoice for the website only included putting on a minimum amount on the website. It was agreed to pay for an 'unlimited' amount that could be downloaded on to the website and for Cllr. A. Niven to contact suffolk.cloud.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

11) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on October 30th 2019: To receive an update on the current financial status:

Business Community Account £10 489-35
Business Savings Account £6 621-62

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

Cheques:

Chq 101151 Suffolk Cloud – Hosting and Uploading to Council Website £220-00 Chq 101152 Marie Rolfe – Mulchmat and Pegs £211-20

Receipts:

BACS	SCDC Second Precept Payment	£2875-00
BACS	Bank Interest	£3-30
BACS	Cllr. R. Smith Grant to Telephone Box Refurbishment	£350-00
BACS	CiL Payment from East Suffolk Council	£5595-48

12) <u>Budget and Precept: Councillors to agree the Budget and set the</u> Precept for 2020-2021

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

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

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £6000 for the Financial Year 2020 – 2021:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

13) <u>Laptop and Projector:</u>

It was agreed that the Clerk would buy a laptop and projector and the Parish Council would pay a rent and for its consumables.

14) To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, January 13th 2020:

To discuss the link with Halesworth.

The Meeting ended at 9-10pm.