Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, October 14th 2019 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. R. Smith (left 7-20pm); Annette Dunning (Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan) (left 7-50pm) and one parishioner (left 7-50pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman) and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

2) To receive Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. J. Key and Cllr. S. Key declared a personal interest in Item 12 DC/19/3924/VOC Planning Application. It was agreed that they would not vote on this Agenda Item.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no Requests for Dispensations.

Agenda Item 5 was now received:

County Cllr. R. Smith apologised for not having been to a Parish Council Meeting for some time but he had been helping Saxmundham Town Council as they only had four members elected in the May Elections. He said that they were now in a position where he was able to catch up with his other councils including Walberswick Parish Council which he apologised for having to rush off to hence asking to be early in the agenda. County Cllr. R. Smith said that he hoped to attend Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council Meetings at least four times a year. He congratulated the Council and Bramfield Village for the new thatched roof on the Bus Shelter.

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that after a consultation, the new 40mph 'buffer' zones at each end of Bramfield Village will be signed and put in place. He said that Cllr. A. Niven should be congratulated for his tenacity in making these 'buffer' zones become a reality. Cllr. A. Niven asked if County Cllr. R. Smith would contribute to the cost of creating the 'buffer' zones. He said that he would pay for half the cost.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that he would like to lay a wreath in Bramfield. It was agreed to discuss this further. He noted that the Sizewell C Fourth Consultation had now closed but he said that he was increasingly concerned at the potential effect on the localities close to Sizewell and that the Parish Council was first to know that he had resigned from the Cabinet at Suffolk County Council. Finally he

noted the review of Suffolk County Council Ward Boundaries as there are 75 Councillors currently and there will only be 70 Councillors elected at the next County Council Elections.

4) Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan – Annette Dunning to give a presentation:

Annette Dunning said that Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan was set up in 2003 by some farmers' wives who bought a caravan to visit farmers having a tough time. It grew to providing coffee to those outside farming adding cake to its menu to each village it visited. Soon it brought information like bus times as well and began to transfer information between the villages. It began then to help villages gain facilities such as a village hall. Currently the Coffee Caravan is promoting the Warmer Home Project from money bid for by east Suffolk Council in order to get information regarding making the home warmer and to have a SMART Meter. Annette Dunning said that she was holding an Energy Event Meeting on Wednesday, November 13th 2019 at Holton Village Hall at 10am for Councillors from all the local Parish Councils.

5) <u>To receive a report from the County Councillor and the District Councillor:</u>

This was discussed before Item 4.

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

The Village Recorder, June Brereton, said that current events and future history of the village are not being recorded enough. She said that she was looking for someone to record the current events on a computer. She noted that there were people coming to live in the village who did not know the history of the village.

7) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Monday,</u> September 9th 2019 and on Monday, September 30th 2019:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, September 9th were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, September 30th were agreed.

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

8) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the cost of the "buffer' zones proposal was £7000-£10000. This was for drawing up the plans, completing the consultation and for changing the road markings and signs for the 'buffer' zone. Cllr. A. Niven noted that County Cllr. R. Smith had said that he would contribute £3500-£5000 from his Highways Budget towards the scheme. The Clerk was asked to tell Suffolk highways that the Parish Council was happy to continue with the scheme.

9) Grit Bins:

Cllr. A. Niven said that with the assistance of Cllr. J. Key, they had located all the Grit Bins in the two parishes. They said that there were five in Bramfield and two in Thorington. Cllr. A. Niven said that one more bin was perhaps needed and he said that he would contact the County Council asking for a new bin.

10) Telephone Box:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that no progress had been made since the last Parish Council Meeting.

11) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that he had met with the Pre-School who have recently lost much funding with their numbers of children declining considerably. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he had been told that pupil numbers were rising again but they were struggling financially. He said that Village Hall Committee had agreed to give them a term rent free.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the white lines and upkeep of the Village Hall Car Park cost money so a way had to be found to pay for this amenity. Finally he said that bookings were quite good.

12) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of DC/18/2841/FUL - Renewable ground source heat pump system underground pipework collectors and heat pump module.

Address: Park Farm, London Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP17 3QU

Ref: DC/19/3924/VOC

The Council had no objection to this planning application.

The Council would like to reiterate previous concerns over the noise of the site and therefore would like these changes to not exacerbate the noise over that previously approved.

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

Proposal: Discharge of Condition No.5 of DC/19/2461/FUL - Proposed extension to existing poultry farm (EIA development) comprising erection of 3 poultry barns, weighbridge and lodge and ancillary parts and associated landscaping - Construction Surface Water Management Plan.

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

Ref: DC/19/3858/DRC

The Clerk said that this was for the councillors' information.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk said that he received the 'Suffolk View' Magazine, a flyer and telephone call from an Electrical Testing Businesses, a Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Subscription Reminder and an invitation to fund a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) through a partnership with other organisations. The Parish Council decided not to participate in a partnership.

14) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on September 30th 2019:

Business Community Account £5 410-60
Business Savings Account £6 621-62

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

There were no cheques to be paid. However the following Receipts were reviewed.

BACS Interest Paid £3-30
BACS Second Precept Payment from East Suffolk Council £2 875-00

15) Laptop and Projector:

The Clerk gave out a handout with a recommended projector. After some discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. W. Shoote and Cllr. S. Key would look at suitable projectors and systems.

16) <u>To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting</u> to be held on Monday, November 11th 2019:

It was agreed to discuss Christmas Trees for the stage at the Village Hall at the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8-57pm.