

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, September 9th 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:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

District Cllr. N. Brooks 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:**

There were no reports.

5) **Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda:**

There were no parishioners at the meeting.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, July 8th 2019:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, July 8th were agreed.

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

7) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven said that the South of Bramfield Village 40mph consultation had closed. He said that he was sure that it would happen sometime. Cllr. A. Niven reported that the Sign Indicator Device Recording Unit had recorded over 85% of all traffic through Bramfield travelled through above the speed limit. Cllr. D. Hughes suggested double white lines were needed at both ends of Bramfield Village. The Clerk drew attention to a parishioner's email that had been sent to the council regarding this issue.

8) **Grit Bins:**

The Clerk said that he had received an email from Suffolk Highways regarding filling them up for the winter and for any new ones to be put in place. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Niven would note all the current grit bins and would inform Suffolk Highways which needed refilling. He would also look at any new ones especially as it has been suggested that a new one could be put outside the Queens Head Public House.

9) **Telephone Box:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns and Cllr. D Hughes said that progress was ongoing.

10) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the Village Hall does not have a PPL/PRS Licence so cannot hold functions requiring one. He said that the Village Hall committee are looking into whether to get one. He said that the Pre-School numbers were rising again, the Rural Coffee Caravan would be parked in the village on 4th October 2019. Finally he said that the Village Hall would be hosting a Harvest Supper.

11) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: *Demolition of single storey flat roof rear extensions. Proposed single storey pitched roof rear extension. Re-roof existing flat roof side extension with new tiled pitch roof and apply new render to walls. Proposed dormer window on rear elevation. Replacement windows.*

Address: *Bell Inn, The Street, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HT*

Ref: *DC/19/3417/FUL*

The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

The Parish Council however made the following observations. The Parish Council supported the renovation of this important building in the village. The Parish Council would like the pargetting on the West Elevation to be retained.

Proposal: *Request for screening opinion of proposed holiday park development within the FCC Environment Thorington Landholding, Thorington.*

Address: *Gravel Pit, London Road, Thorington, Suffolk.*

Ref: *DC/19/3275/EIA*

The Clerk said that this had been included for Councillor Information as they were not required to give a view by the District Council. There was some discussion about the proposals by the Councillors.

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation of a submission made by the Parish Council to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Appeal Reference APP/33530/C/19/3220721.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) 'Countryside Voice' Magazine, a letter from them regarding their aims and the 'Clerks and Councillors' Newsletter. The Clerk said that he had also received letters from the Red Cross trying to make communities aware of their activities in the UK and Barclays Bank regarding how Online Payments are changing.

13) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on August 31st 2019: To receive an update on the current financial status:**

Business Community Account	£3 063-56
Business Savings Account	£6 618-32

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

Chq 101142 Clerk's Pay for July – September 2019	£528.00
Chq 101143 Clerk's Tax for July – September 2019	£132.00
Chq 101144 Ladywell Accountancy Services	£32.00
Chq 101145 Information Commissioner subscription 2019-2020	£25.00
Chq 101146 SuffolkBiz	£40.00
Chq 101147 CAS Insurance 2019-2020	£271-04
Chq 101148 East Suffolk Council – Uncontested Election Fee	£76-16

Proposer: Cllr. S. Key: Secunder: Cllr. M. Bond:

14) **Financial Regulations:**

The new Financial Regulations from the National Association of Local councils (NALC) were adopted by the Parish Council.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Secunder: Cllr. M. Niven:

15) **Insurance Renewal:**

The Insurance Renewal was agreed for 2019-2020

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns: Secunder: Cllr. M. Bond:

16) **Laptop and Projector:**

The Clerk said over the summer he had been thinking how the Council should plan for the East Suffolk Council to go paperless especially in the field of planning. He had concluded that the Parish Council buys with the Clerk's other Parish Councils a laptop and projector which the clerk would look after and use for meetings to project planning applications and other data on the wall instead of paperwork.

Whilst it was agreed that it was a very good idea, Cllr. W. Shoote worried that as the Clerk looked after four councils, if each council bought a quarter of the laptop and projector then if the clerk left one or two of the Parish Councils it could become problematical. He thought one council should buy the equipment and the others should pay a rent to that Parish Council for its use. This was seen as a very good idea. The Clerk said that he would take the ideas to the other councils so see what their ideas were.

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

Cllr.M. Bond said that the parking at the Queens Head Public House in Bramfield was becoming overcrowded. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Niven would look into how to enforce safer parking.

The Meeting ended at 9-12pm.