# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Google Meet on Monday, July 13th 2020 at 7pm.

#### Minutes:

#### Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman) (arrived 7-17pm); Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key and Cllr. A. Niven:

#### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District Cllr. N. Brooks (left 7-17pm):

#### 1) Apologies:

Cllr. W. Shoote and County Cllr. R. Smith:

#### 2) <u>To receive Declarations of Interest:</u>

There were no Declarations of interest.

### 3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

Cllr. N. Brooks said that he had sent the briefing from East Suffolk Council with the news from the Council and therefore asked for any questions. Cllr. D. Hughes asked when all the car parks would become half an hour for free. Cllr. N. Brooks said that the Council could not change all the car parks at once but they would change.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

# 6) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday,</u> June 8<sup>th</sup> 2020:

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

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

#### 7) Sizewell C:

The Clerk said that he had received a letter from Sizewell C together with a memory stick with all the documents being given to the planning inspectorate on it. The Clerk said that the public can make comments on the contents of this memory

stick and also noted for Councillors that he had received many emails which he had sent on to Councillors.

There was some discussion and Cllr. A. Thomas asked why there was not a presentation in Halesworth. It was agreed that each councillor could make a submission if they wish.

### 8) Traffic Report on A144:

The Clerk reported that £5680 had been paid to the Council for the 40mph 'speed buffer zone' to the south of the village and he had received a receipt. Cllr. A. Niven reported that he had emailed Suffolk Highways last Friday and had received an email that work will be completed by Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The Clerk also said that he had been informed that there had been a near accident where cars are parked on the corner by the former 'Bell Public House'. He said that southbound drivers cannot see round the corner.

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the police had sent many documents regarding Speedwatch. He said that he hoped to restart Speedwatch very soon.

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) had been turned round. He said that this had been corrected with the SID once again facing the traffic.

#### 9) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Village Hall is still closed although this will not stop a large cupboard in the Village Hall being dismantled. He said that to reopen the Village Hall was going to be very difficult as each user's needs are different. Cllr. A. Niven said that the Village Hall would need to be cleaned constantly and after each user too.

#### 10) **Defibrillator**:

The Clerk reported that Cllr. W. Shoote had said that the defibrillator in the Red Telephone box in the centre of Bramfield needed a new battery which would cost £175-20. Cllr. A. Niven said that he would clean and tidy up the telephone box

It was agreed to buy the new battery for the defibrillator and for Cllr. A. Niven to clean and tidy up the telephone box.

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

#### 11) Planning Matters:

The Clerk said that there were no planning matters.

Cllr. A. Thomas noted that a local planning application had been sent for appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the 'Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)' with their subscription renewal as the current subscription ends on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Clerk said that the minimum cost is £36-00 but it could be £50 or higher. After some discussion, it was agreed to renew the subscription and to pay £50.

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

The Clerk said that he had paid for a Zoom Annual Subscription as the Council had asked him to do so at the last meeting. He said that the cost had been £143-88 including VAT. He reported that he had asked his other Parish Councils for whom he is the clerk to pay a proportion and Cookley and Walpole Parish Council had paid a quarter of the cost which was £35-97. The Clerk explained that the other two Parish Councils where he is the Clerk only met half the number of times as Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council. The Councillors agreed to pay for a third of the cost of the subscription which was £47-96.

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

### 13) Financial Report:

### a) Balances at the Bank on June 30th 2020:

Business Community Account	£8 211-00
Business Savings Account	£6 629-02

### b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Chq. 101168	Heartbeat New Battery for Defibrillator	£175-20
Chq. 101169	Clerk for Zoom Annual Subscription	£47-96
Chq. 101170	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	£50-00

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

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

The Councillors reviewed and accepted the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Internal Audit Report 2019-2020 and agreed to pay the invoice to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) who had completed the Internal Audit.

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

# 15) <u>To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting</u> to be held on Monday, September 14th 2020:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that a parishioner was thinking of standing for the Council and would like to watch a council meeting in September or October 2020.

#### The Meeting ended at 8-20pm.