Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Google Meet on Monday, June 8th 2020 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. D. Hughes and Cllr. A. Niven:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); District Cllr. N. Brooks (left 7-31pm) and County Cllr. R. Smith (left 7-43pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. J. Key, Cllr. S. Key and Cllr. W. Shoote:

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 Councillor:</u>

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that the last Full Council Meeting was held virtually and that the two 40mph 'buffer zones' around Bramfield would happen.

District Cllr. N. Brooks said that the Sizewell C project was continuing with the 41 000 page application highly likely to be accepted as Electricite de France (EDF) had acted on all the items that they said that they would do including the suggestions made by East Suffolk Council (ESC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC). He said that these application documents could be inspected soon by those wishing to do so and those wishing to make a representation would have to register to give their view. County Cllr. R. Smith said that he had personally concluded that the project for Sizewell C was too large and would affect the local community too much.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) had never run out at Suffolk's care homes but explained that there were more deaths in Suffolk's Care Homes than in Norfolk's because Suffolk has more Care Homes. He said that the coronavirus pandemic had cost Suffolk County Council £77 million with only £40 million being reimbursed by the government. He said more shops would be open next week with a one-way system being put in place in Saxmundham. He reported that testing was going well at Copdock and mobile units were also going around Suffolk. Finally, he paid tribute to the NHS and food suppliers.

District Cllr. N. Brooks confirmed that East Suffolk Council was in agreement with Suffolk County Council over Sizewell C in that the two Councils accepted that building Sizewell C would cause much disruption to the area however the two councils could not see the government stopping its construction.

District Cllr. N. Brooks said that during the coronavirus pandemic staff had moved well around East Suffolk Council and done very well. He said that it had cost East Suffolk Council much money and the reserves were much depleted. He said that Green Bins were being collected again and this seemed to be going well whilst car parking charges had been reintroduced at the car parks and fines had been introduced on the road as District Cllr. N. Brooks said that liberties had taken place during the lockdown.

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she echoed County Cllr. R. Smith's tribute to the supermarkets whilst Cllr. A. Rozkalns asked about the reopening of schools. County Cllr. R. Smith said that most schools were open but the uptake of places in the schools was disappointing with 17% of all Suffolk school children going to school on Friday 5th June.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, May</u> <u>11th 2020:</u>

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, May 11th were agreed.

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

7) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the Parish Council had received an invoice for £5 860 for the remodelling and building the A144 southern approach 40mph 'Buffer Zone'.

He said that it appears that the A144 Northern Approach 40mph 'buffer zone' would be funded from County Cllr. R. Smith's Highways budget and this would be paid direct to Suffolk Highways.

After some discussion, it was agreed to pay the invoice for £5860-00

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

8) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Village Hall was still closed with a parishioner visiting periodically to check the premises. However he also reported that the Village Hall had received a grant of £10 000 from the government to cover lost income owing to the corona virus lockdown and the pre-school had opened and had been in the Village Hall to move furniture.

9) Planning Matters:

There were no planning applications.

10) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter', a letter from the Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk and a letter from Barclays Bank stating that the Interest Rate is falling from 0.1% to 0.01%.

11) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on May 31st 2020:

Business Community Account	£13 133-35
Business Savings Account	£6 627-24

b) Cheques and Receipts:

Chq 101165	SCC – 40mph Buffer Zone south of Bramfield	£5 860-00
Chq 101166	Clerk's Pay	£528-00
Chq 101167	Clerk's Tax	£132-00

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

12) <u>Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Code of Conduct – Councillors to</u> review each document and agree each document for 2020-2021:

Standing Orders

The Council reviewed the Standing Orders and agreed to adopt them for the year 2020 - 2021.

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

Financial Regulations

The Council reviewed the Financial Regulations and agreed to adopt them for the year 2020-2021.

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

Code of Conduct

The Clerk said that the Suffolk Code of Conduct was unchanged. The Council agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct for 2020-2021.

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

13) <u>To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to</u> <u>be held on Monday, July 13th 2020:</u>

It was agreed to have a post-virus party.

After some discussion, it was agreed for the Clerk to buy an Annual Subscription to Zoom so that the Parish Council Meetings could take place without interruption.

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

The Meeting ended at 8-34pm.