Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, October 12th 2020 at 7pm.

<u>Minutes</u>:

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman) (arrived 7-30pm); Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key and Cllr. A. Niven:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County Cllr. R. Smith (left 7-36pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. W. Shoote and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3) <u>Requests for dispensations:</u>

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

District Cllr. N. Brooks was not at the meeting so there was no East Suffolk Report.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that Suffolk Public Health had reported that the current figure for the East of England was 42 cases per 100 000 people in comparison with England being 110 people per 100 000. According to Suffolk Public Health, Covid-19 infections had not increased much in over 70-year olds whilst it had increased the most amongst the under 30-year olds.

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that Suffolk County Council had joined an initiative to get car electric charging points around Suffolk at a low price. He said that the website www.greensuffolk.org/plug-in-suffolk was very informative.

Finally, County Cllr. R. Smith said that he was very pleased to see the Local Government Consultation for the Suffolk County Council's Electoral Divisions in 2025 was on the agenda. He said that the main criterion was to equalise the number of electors in each division.

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,</u> <u>September 21st 2020 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday,</u> <u>September 29th 2020:</u>

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, September 21st were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 29th 2020 were agreed.

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

7) <u>Traffic Report on A144:</u>

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the new 40mph speed limits had been installed and that a year should be allowed to go by before discussing its effect. He said that he was urging the police to have their speed camera van visit Bramfield as much as possible and he noted that the Parish Council should discuss the effect on the A12 if the Sizewell C is to be built.

8) Parking in Bramfield Village:

Cllr. A. Thomas reported on the parking on the grass around the Bus Shelter. The Clerk was asked who owned it to which he replied that East Suffolk Council possibly owned it. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would investigate its ownership. The Clerk said that even if East Suffolk Council owned it, they may be quite happy for the Parish Council to look after the area around the bus shelter.

It was agreed to consult 'Bramfield in Bloom' regarding perhaps planting some flowers. Cllr. A. Rozkalns suggested that bollards could also be put up.

9) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the Pre-School was very busy and that it had been agreed to refurbish the kitchen. Before deciding on a new kitchen design, it was agreed to visit other Village Hall Kitchens to gain ideas.

10) Internet Banking:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he had spent an hour on the telephone trying to get through. He said that would try again tomorrow and may visit a branch if he could still not sort it out on the telephone.

11) Local Government Consultation:

The Clerk showed Councillors the new electoral maps proposed for Suffolk County Council in 2025 showing that Bramfield and Thorington would be in the Blyth Estuary Division.

Cllr. A. Niven asked what the difference would be if they were in a different division such as Halesworth. After a long discussion, which centred on how much the

Bramfield and Thorington Parishes were attached to Halesworth, it was felt that the parishes were attached to equally to both Halesworth and Southwold. Therefore two motions were agreed.

It was agreed that the two parishes of Bramfield and Thorington should be in the same Electoral Division for Suffolk County Council.

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

It was agreed that the two parishes of Bramfield and Thorington should be in the proposed Blyth Estuary Division for Suffolk County Council.

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

12) Planning Matters:

The Clerk said that there were no planning applications for this meeting. However the following planning application came in too late for this meeting but will require a meeting in the last week to discuss it.

<u>Proposal</u>: Brick, timber and tile open sided gazebo over patio area. Single storey. <u>Address</u>: Norwin Lodge, Darsham Road, Bramfield, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3QP.

<u>Ref:</u> DC/20/3980/FUL

It was agreed to hold an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday, October 26th 2020 at 7pm.

Cllr. M. Bond asked about an Enforcement Order. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would look into this.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had submitted the planning application replies and the Sizewell C reply. He reported too that he had paid the £40 by Credit Card after consultation with the Chairman, Cllr. A. Thomas to the Information Commissioner who has sent the Certificate.

14) **Financial Report:**

a) Balances at the Bank on September 30th 2020:

Business Community Account Business Savings Account £10805-84 £6 629-94

b) Cheques and Receipts:

Cheques:

Chq. No. 101183 Clerk Reimbursement for Information Commissioner £40-00

Receipts:

BACS	First Precept Payment	£3000-00
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Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

It was agreed to look at where the two parishes need attention such as a donation to the Foodbank as it was very much needed and parishioners were being very generous in their contributions.

15) <u>To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting</u> to be held on Monday, November 9th 2020:

There was no further information given and there were no items for the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8-48pm.