

Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting of the parishes of Bramfield and Thorington held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4th 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A. Thomas (Chairman), Cllr A. Rozkalns (Vice Chairman), Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. A. Niven, Cllr W. Shoote and Paul Widdowson (Clerk).

1) Apologies:

There were no apologies.

2) Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on March 9th 2020:

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, March 9th 2020 were read, confirmed and signed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

3) The Parish Council - A report from Chairman Cllr. A. Thomas:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that it had been quite a year but she hoped that there was now a brighter future. She thanked the Clerk for his work over the past year which had been in exceptional circumstances and wished him well on the new radio station for the area where he was one of the presenters. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she was concerned at the increasing number of retrospective planning applications. She was pleased that there was a collection point for the food bank in Bramfield and thanked Cllr. A. Niven for leading speedwatch as it went a long way to help the safety of the Bramfield residents. Cllr. A. Thomas said that the local primary school was being asked to give a name for the field at the top of Pitman's Grove.

Cllr. D. Hughes agreed that there were too many retrospective planning applications and this needed to be discussed with the East Suffolk Cllr. N. Brooks.

4) East Suffolk Council – A report from District Councillor Norman Brooks:

Cllr. N. Brooks submitted a written report to the meeting.

5) Speedwatch – Cllr. A. Niven:

Cllr. A. Niven said that the pandemic had stopped the Speedwatch but it would be returning as soon as the government guidelines allowed. He said that Bramfield were beginning to see the effects of the 40mph and the first statistics show that the new speed limit is slowing traffic down. However he said that the new speed limit needed further monitoring and he noted that the Police Camera van came regularly. Finally Cllr. A. Niven said that it would be interesting to see how much the new housing around Halesworth and the possible building of the new Sizewell C increase the traffic along the A144 through the village.

6) Pre-School 'Stepping Stones':

It was noted that they were busy but working hard to be Covid-19 safe.

7) Neale and Archer Charities:

There was no report.

8) Bramfield Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Village Hall was waiting for the money to arrive from their application.

9) Any questions/comments/matters of interest.

There were no questions, comments and matters of interest.

The Meeting ended at 8-22pm.