

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Bramfield on Monday, December 6th 2021 at 7pm.**

**The Meeting began at 7-19pm when the meeting became quorate**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. A. Rozkalns and Cllr W. Shoote:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner:

#### 1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. M. Bond, Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key; Cllr. A. Niven 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 dispensation.

#### 4) **Planning Matters: To discuss and agree the following planning matters:**

*Proposal: To convert and extend existing series of former farm buildings to part holiday accommodation and part hospitality use and create a camp site with parking area.*

*Address: Red House Farm, Hazel Lane, Hinton, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3RF  
Ref: DC/21/5046/FUL*

The Parish Council agreed to raise NO OBJECTION to the change of use of the existing barns to holiday let accommodation. It was agreed that the retention and renovation of the barns was desirable. However, the Councillors were concerned regarding the camping element of the proposal. This element of the application lacked any detail making it impossible to judge the impact the proposal would have on the area. Therefore in the absence of sufficient detail the Parish Council felt unable to offer a formal recommendation on the 'glamping' part of the scheme. Concerns were raised regarding the potential visual intrusion of the campsite (impact on AONB) and also the implications for highway safety from a significant increase in traffic (particularly at the junction on to the A12). It was interesting to note that visual concerns and highway safety (including at the A12 junction) formed a reason for refusal at the adjacent site previously (eg C13/1208).

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

5) **Purchase of a Shovel:**

Councillors discussed the purchase of a shovel for Community Use to grit pavements and to be kept at Bramfield Garage.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Zurich Insurance regarding what is covered in the insurance and also East Suffolk Council.

6) **Clerk's Pay:**

It was agreed that the Clerk's Pay should be Point 13 on the NALC scale for the Financial Year 2021-2022.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

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

The Clerk reported that he had received the magazine 'Countryside Voices'.

8) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns wondered if the trees on the A144 by the Old Vicarage should be replaced. The Councillors discussed the idea and decided to discuss it at a future meeting.

**The Meeting ended at 8-08pm.**