Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Monday, April 4th 2022 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District Cllr. N. Brooks (Left 7-25pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Niven and County Cllr. R. Smith:

2) To receive Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns and Cllr. M. Bond declared a personal interest as member of the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. M. Bond declared a pecuniary interest in Item 11 and the planning application DC/22/0772/FUL and would leave the room when this was discussed.

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>

District Cllr. N. Brooks reported that East Suffolk Council would be paying £150 into the accounts of the Council Tax people who pay by Direct Debit. He said that those who do not pay by Direct Debit should contact the Council and ask for the Council Tax Team who would facilitate the payment.

District Cllr. N. Brooks said that the National Triathlon was taking place in Suffolk and the new huts in Felixstowe were selling well as part of East Suffolk Council's plan to update and regenerate Felixstowe. He said that the new Lowestoft Road Bridge was being built on time and on budget and the Transport Minister had visited the £147m investment. Finally electric companion pets had been trialled with the elderly who have dementia and it has worked so well that it is to be expanded.

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) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 14th 2022 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on March 21st 2022:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 14th 2022 were agreed with two amendments.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on March 21st 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

7) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he could talk to the Pre-School and see if a Children's Event could take place. He said that it was too late to book a catering business as they were already booked by other events. Cllr. A. Rozkalns suggested that people came with their own picnic. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Rozkalns would work with Cllr. A. Thomas to arrange an event for the Jubilee.

It was also noted that the trees on the A144 could not be cut down in time for the Jubilee so that new saplings could be planted during the Jubilee celebrations. It was agreed to wait until 2023 to deal with the trees.

8) Traffic Report on A144:

There was no report.

9) Village Hall:

Cllr. M. Bond and Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the Village Hall was hosting a play on April 5th 2022.

10) Internet Banking:

Cllr. W. Shoote said that he had set up the ability for the Parish Council Payments to be made by Bank Transfer. Cllr. A. Niven said that he was still having issues setting up his ability to second the payments but he would continue to try and sort out these problems. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he would also speak to Barclays Bank regarding being an 'electronic signatory' too.

11) Planning Matters:

a) Proposal: Erection of pergola

Address: Bramfield Hall, Darsham Road, Bramfield, Halesworth, Suffolk.

IP19 9HX

Ref: DC/22/0772/FUL

Cllr M. Bond left the room and went outside as he had a pecuniary interest in this planning application.

The Parish Council has no objection this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

b) Proposal: Replacement of all existing modern double glazed timber windows with high quality timber effect upvc glazed windows. Replacement front door.

Address: Ashdene, Bridge Street, Bramfield, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9JA. Ref: DC/22/0808/FUL

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application provided they are of the nature described in the planning application in order to maintain the same vernacular style of the village architecture.

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

c) Proposal: Replacement of existing conservatory with oak framed orangery. Address: Stonehouse Farm, Thorington Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP17 3RB Ref: DC/22/0929/FUL

The Parish Council has no objection this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk said that he had received a brochure about Speed Radars from Elan City. He also said that he received a follow up letter from Suffolk County Council regarding Consultation SCC/0011/22SC at the North Manor Bungalow, Main Road, Bramfield, Suffolk IP19 9HT.

Finally the Clerk said that he had received letters enabling the Parish Council to co-opt applicants to be a councillor to replace former Cllrs Jasmin and Simon Key.

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on March 31st 2022:

Business Community Account £1 998-48
Business Savings Account £6 630-96

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Payments:

Chq. 101218	SALC Payroll Service	£22-80
Chq. 101219	Clerk's Pay – January until March 2022	£604-80
Chq. 101220	Clerk's Tax – January until March 2022	£151-20
Chq. 101221	Clerk's Expenses – January until March 2022	£63-29

Receipts:

BACS Interest from Premium Account – September 2021 £0.17

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

14) **Notable Residents:**

Councillors discussed a notable resident who was leaving Bramfield and it was agreed to buy a card and a bowl for the notable departing resident.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

15) New Policies:

Data Protection Policy:

The 'Data Protection Policy 2022' was agreed and adopted by the Parish Council.

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

Homeworking Policy

The 'Homeworking Policy 2022' was agreed and adopted by the Parish Council.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote:

16) To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, May 9th 2022:

It wad agreed to put the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the next Parish Council Agenda.

The Meeting ended at 8-45pm.