# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Monday, February 14th 2022 at 7pm.

#### Minutes:

# Present:

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

The Clerk reported that on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, former Cllr. J. Key and former Cllr. S. Key had lost office as they had not attended a meeting at least once in the previous consecutive sixmonth period.

#### Also Present:

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

# 1) Apologies:

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. W. Shoote declared that he was Treasurer of the Friends of Bramfield Primary School

#### 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 £1 million had been spent updating the Beach huts on Lowestoft Sea Front. He said that the Jubilee Bridge was to be refurbished and the Felixstowe Regeneration had been completed. District Cllr. N. Brooks said that he was glad that Suffolk had been included in the Levelling Up agenda and that approval had been given for the Felixstowe Freeport.

District Cllr. N. Brooks reported that the Sizewell C announcement had been delayed for six weeks and the campaign to have the A12 transferred back to 'National Highways' control was not looking good. Finally, he said that the new Lowestoft Bridge building work was on time and on budget and East Suffolk Council had set a new budget as well.

Cllr. W. Shoote noted that no decision seemed to have been taken regarding a planning application and it seemed to be taking a long time to get a decision.

# 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 January 10th 2022 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022:</u>

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 10th 2022 were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 were agreed.

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

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

Cllr. A. Niven reported that there had been a small number of volunteers coming forward to help organise events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. He said that he would send out an email asking for people to come forward.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Village Hall would be open all day and it was planned to have a band playing music on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the pre-school children putting on an event too. He said that the Village Hall Committee was still thinking about catering.

The trees on the A144 were discussed. It was discussed whether to invite a contractor to look at cutting the current trees down. The Clerk advised checking with East Suffolk Council and an arborist. Cllr. W. Shoote said that he believed that the trees were in a Conservation Area so he also thought that East Suffolk Council should also be consulted. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the parishioner was looking into what to plant along the A144.

#### 8) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the team had filled in the required paperwork and that a new recruit had joined the team bring its strength back to eleven. He said that the team had completed two sessions last year and more were planned. He noted that when the team were out, there was no speeding. Finally Cllr. A. Niven said that the Speedwatch Team had received a new lighter Speed Gun. He noted that the Team still had the old one.

#### 9) Bramfield Green Verge:

Cllr. A. Niven said that he had contacted Suffolk County Council who had said that the Parih council had two options. The Parish Council could contact the Police or pay for Double Yellow Lines to be painted on the road. There was some discussion as to the ownership of the Village Green. Cllr. A. Niven said that he would try to find out about the history of the Village Green and would start at the Land Registry.

### 10) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the Village Hall committee were now looking to set up Wi-Fi at the Hall. He said that the Village Hall Committee now had to decide who would supply the Wi-Fi. He said that he would look at different prices. It was noted that the television was owned by the Parish Council and needed storage. It was agreed to approach a local carpenter to build a cupboard.

### 11) Internet Banking:

Cllr. W. Shoote said that he had completed his form. Cllr. A. Niven said that he had tried to fill in his form but had yet to complete it.

# 12) Bramfield Hedge Planting:

It was noted that this was now complete.

# 13) **Churchyard Donations:**

After some discussion, Councillors decided to follow the advice from the auditors not to make these donations. They decided to meet representatives of the three churches to explain why they cannot make the donations.

# 14) Planning Matters:

The Clerk said that there were no planning applications.

### 15) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk said that he had received the 'Clerk and Councillors Newsletter.'

#### 16) **Financial Report:**

# a) Balances at the Bank on January 31st 2022: To receive an update on the current financial status:

Business Community Account £1 998-48
Business Savings Account £6 630-79

# b) Cheques and Receipts: To review receipts and approve payments:

#### Payments:

Transfer to Savings Account TEST of Internet Banking £0-01

#### Receipts:

BACS	Interest from Premi	um Account – September 2021	£0.17
BACS	Interest from Premi	um Account – December 2021	£0.17
Transfer to 0	Community Account	TEST of Internet Banking	£0-01

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

# 17) To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, March 14th 2022:

It was decided to discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the next Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk was asked not to include the Bramfield Verge on the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he had to give his apologies for not attending the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8-38pm.