

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Monday, January 10th 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:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. R. Smith (left 7-22pm) and two parishioners (one left at 7-50pm and the other left at 8-54pm):

1) **Apologies:**

Cllrs. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

2) **To receive Declarations of Interest:**

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

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensation.

4) **To receive a report from the County Councillor and the District Councillor.**

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that the Planning Inspectorate was writing to the Government with their report on building Sizewell C. He said that there was some discussion regarding a desalination plant but he thought that the project would now probably go ahead with the 10-12 years building probably changing things locally.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that the Council was setting its Budget and he said that the County was raising its budget to £625 million so there would be no cutbacks. He said that the Council Tax rise of 1.99% and the Social Care Precept rise of 1% was still 3% less than the current rise in inflation. He noted that £120 million of the £625 million budget would be spent on Nursing Home Fees.

5) **Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda:**

A parishioner asked what the parishioners planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Chairman, Cllr. A. Thomas, said that this would be discussed in Agenda Item 7.

11) **Internet Banking:**

Cllr. W. Shoote reported that he had made progress and with Barclays Bank had set up Internet Banking. He said that he tested the system by transferring 1p from the Current Account to the Deposit Account and back again. The Clerk said that paying a bill through internet banking must need the consent of two councillors.

12) **Bramfield Hedge Planting:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the hedges had been planted.

13) **Churchyard Donations:**

Cllr. D. Hughes said that the Audit 2021 had highlighted that a Parish Council could be challenged by giving a donation to a graveyard. There was some discussion on how to donate to the churches whilst keeping without risking challenge.

14) **Planning Matters:**

"Proposal: Construction and operation of a Holiday Park comprising holiday lodges, reception and amenities building and ancillary infrastructure." ("Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council")

Address: Thorington Quarry, London Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP17 3QZ

Ref: DC/21/3251/FUL

The Parish Council refused this planning application.

The Parish Council believed that they should refuse this planning application because of the History of the Quarry, Environmental and Overdevelopment of tourism reasons. Cllr. D. Hughes agreed to write the submission for East Suffolk Council.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

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

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter', a letter from St. Elizabeth Hospice asking for a Donation whilst the Planning Inspectorate looking into the proposal to build Sizewell C had sent a communication.

16) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on December 31st 2021:**

Business Community Account	£2 731-68
Business Savings Account	£6 630-79

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Chq. 101215	Hy-Tex UK Ltd	£223-20
Chq. 101216	Clerk's Pay – October until December 2021	£586-60
Chq. 101217	Clerk's Tax – October until December 2021	£146-60

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Second: Cllr. A. Rozkains:

17) **Cil Report:**

The Cil Report was agreed.

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

18) **To agree Audit Arrangements:**

It was agreed to use Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) for the Internal Audit 2021-2022.

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

19) **To agree Council Risk Assessment Procedures:**

The Council Risk Assessment Procedures for 2021-2022 was agreed.

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

20) **To agree Council Asset Register:**

The Council Asset Register for 2021-2022 was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Second: Cllr. W. Shoote:

21) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, February 14th 2022:**

It was agreed to discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Bramfield Green Verge and Churchyard Donations at the next Parish Council Meeting on February 14th 2022.

The Meeting ended at 9-17pm.