

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

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

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County Cllr. R. Smith:

1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman) and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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 Suffolk County Council had increased their share of the Council Tax by 2.99%. He reminded the meeting that a rebate of £150 was available to all Council Taxpayers in Bands A-D Properties.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that Suffolk County Council had bought ten Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) devices and he said that Parish Council were welcome to apply to have an ANPR for one week. County Cllr. R. Smith reported that only Police Staff operate the devices.

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that Suffolk County Council had their gas supplied at a very advantageous rate by the Russian Company Gazprom. He said that the contract will be ended as soon as possible in view of events in the Ukraine even though the County Council would probably lose money. County Cllr. R. Smith said that it was also the right thing to sell the £3 million worth of investments that Suffolk County Council had invested in Russian companies as soon as possible to again even if money is lost.

Cllr. D. Hughes asked if the ANPR device could only be used in 30mph speed limit areas or could it be used in a 40mph stretch of road. County Cllr. R. Smith replied that he thought that it could be used for all speed limits including 40mph.

