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) <u>To receive Declarations of Interest:</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

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>

County Cllr. R. Smith reported that Suffolk County Council had increased their share of the Council Tax by 2.99%. He remined 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.

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) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February</u> 14th 2022:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 14th 2022 were agreed.

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

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

Cllr. A. Niven said that preparations were ongoing at the Village Hall.

8) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven said that there was no report except that preparations to expand Speedwatch again after the pandemic were ongoing.

9) Parliamentary Boundary Changes:

Councillors discussed the new Parliamentary Boundaries and although they noted that they were in a different parliamentary constituency to Halesworth and some other villages around them, they decided not to ask for any changes.

10) Village Hall:

There was no report but Cllr. M. Bond said that changes were ongoing.

11) Internet Banking:

As Internet Banking had now been set up, the Clerk suggested that Cllr. W. Shoote and Cllr. A. Niven made all the Bank Transfer Payments that had signatures from two councillors.

12) Planning Matters:

There were no planning applications to be discussed at this meeting.

However the Clerk said that he had received a Consultation Letter from Suffolk County Council with Planning Consultation SCC/0011/22SC. He also said that East Suffolk Council Planning had sent a planning application regarding North Manor Bungalow, Main Road, Bramfield, Suffolk IP19 9HT. The Clerk said that a meeting needed to be convened soon to discuss these plans.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk said that a Local Government Pay Agreement had been reached for 2021-2022. He said that the agreement was for a salary rise of 1.75%. The Clerk noted that negotiations for 2022-23 would now begin.

14) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on February 28th 2022:

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

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Internet Banking	SALC Payroll Service	£22-80
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – January until March 2022	£604-80
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – January until March 2022	£151-20
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses – January until March 2022	£63-29

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

15) To agree Internal Control Statement and Reports:

The Internal Control Statement and Report 2022 by Cllr. M. Bond was agreed.

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

16) Notable Residents:

It was agreed to discuss this item at the next Parish Council Meeting.

17) To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, April 4th 2022:

County Cllr. R. Smith gave his apologies for the meeting on April 4th 2022. It was also agreed to put 'Notable Residents' on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 7-50pm.