

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Monday, November 8th 2021 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) and a parishioner (arrived 7-47pm):

#### 1) **Apologies:**

Cllrs. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key; County Cllr. R. Smith 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. Councillors do not need to declare an interest in setting the Budget or Precept in Item 18.

#### 3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

There were no reports from County Cllr. R. Smith and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

#### 5) **Presentation (15 Minutes): A proposal for a small development of houses in the field known as 'Silverstile' opposite Pitmans Grove.**

Councillors watched a presentation from the 'Modice Architects' regarding their proposal for a small development of housing called 'Silverstile' opposite Pitman's Green.

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

A parishioner said that they supported the presentation proposals and believed that the Parish Council should support the proposal. The Councillors said that they would wait for the planning application and make a judgement on it then.

7) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 11th 2021:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 11th 2021 were agreed.

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

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

The Councillors discussed how to use the grant of £250 from East Suffolk Council towards celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A tree was suggested and Cllr. D. Hughes was asked to approach Bramfield Primary School for any suggestions.

It was agreed that Cllr. Niven would ask for suggestions on the Village Email and to further discuss this at the next Parish Council Meeting.

9) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven said that there was nothing to report.

10) **Bramfield Green Verge:**

It was noted that parking was still taking place on the Village Green and it was agreed to look at putting planters on the Village Green.

11) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that members do not wish to go out in the current circumstances with Covid-19 and therefore the Christmas Fayre had been cancelled. He reported that the Bookings for the Village Hall had not returned to pre-pandemic levels. However, he said that the Pre-School was doing very well now.

12) **Internet Banking:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that this was ongoing.

13) **Bramfield Hedge Planting:**

It was noted that the Tree Warden would complete the hedge planting.

14) **Churchyard Donations:**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Internal Auditor had commented in their last report that these donations should be reviewed. The Clerk said that he had consulted the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and they advised to find another way to help the church.

15) **Planning Matters:**

*Proposal: Removal of Condition(s) 4 on application DC/20/3141/FUL - Addition of new classroom block to west of site; addition of new gym building with associated changing facilities with additional two classrooms; extension to D.T. Workshop; replacement of large garage with new motor workshop. Replaces lapsed Granted permission DC/15/1826/FUL.*

*Address: Bramfield House School, Walpole Road, Bramfield. IP19 9AB  
Ref: DC/21/4618/ROC*

The Parish Council approved this planning application.

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

16) **Clerk’s Report and Correspondence including Donations:**

The Clerk reported that he had received a ‘Thank You’ Letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau, an East Suffolk Council Consultation on Planning, Housing and Cycling/Walking Poster, an ‘Observe Community at Heart’ Letter, a Suffolk View Magazine from the Suffolk Preservation Society and a Sunshine Gym Brochure.

17) **Financial Report:**

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

Business Community Account	£3 214-66
Business Savings Account	£6 630-62

b) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Chq. 101214	Suffolk Cloud – Hosting and Supporting Website	£220-00
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Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:                                  Seconded: Cllr. A. Niven:

18) **Budget and Precept 2022-2023.**

The Clerk set out the Budget and after some questions, the councillors agreed the Budget:

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

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £6750 for the Financial Year 2022 – 2023:

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

19) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, January 10th 2022:**

It was agreed that the Bramfield Green Verge, Clerk’s Pay and Churchyard Donation would be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.

**The Meeting ended at 9-10pm**