Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Monday, September 13th 2021 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and Cllr. N. Brookes (District Councillor):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. J. Key; Cllr. S. Key, and County Cllr. R. Smith:

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

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) <u>To receive a report from the County Councillor and the District</u> Councillor:

District Cllr. N. Brooks

5) <u>Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda:</u>

There were no members of the public at the meeting

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 12th 2021 and an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on August 12th 2021:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 12th 2021 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on August 12th 2021 would be reviewed at the next meeting.

7) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that Speedwatch had started again and that there had been a new recruit to the Speedwatch team.

He also said that the Speed Gun's batteries were obsolete. It was agreed to continue using the speed gun. Cllr. W. Shoote asked if the new 40mph had been effective. Cllr. M. Bond said that he thought that the new 40mph was slowing traffic down and had been a success so far.

8) **Bramfield Green Verge:**

It was noted that several cars/vans now park on the verge. It was agreed to ask a Parishioner/Bramfield in Bloom for ideas on what to plant on the Village Green.

Cllr. A. Niven said that he would check with Suffolk County Council Highways regarding what plants were safe to plant on a Village Green. It was agreed to make a decision once all the information had been gathered.

9) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the kitchen had been finished and the Village Hall Website was now in operation. He said that Wi-Fi was coming. Cllr. A. Rozkalns noted that the bingo evenings were not restarting but the Harvest Supper would be taking place on October 8th 2021.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Village Hall was now pushing that it is in Suffolk on the website as he said that the Village Hall was being mixed up with the Bramfield Village in Hertfordshire.

10) Car Boot Sale:

Councillors discussed where car boot signs should be placed in the future.

11) Internet Banking:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that he had spent much time on the telephone and would continue to do so in October when he believed that he had more time.

12) **Planning Matters:**

a) Proposal: Construction of a private access road within the grounds of Bramfield Folly, tying into Edwards Lane.

Address: Bramfield Folly, Edwards Lane, Bramfield. IP19 9AA

Ref: DC/21/3922/FUL

The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

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

b) Number of Planning Applications in July/August.

Councillors discussed how the number of applications had been high over the summer period. It was agreed though not to take any further action.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received a poster from Community Action Suffolk and a brochure from Elan City.

14) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on August 30th 2021:

Business Community Account	£5 149-29
Business Savings Account	£6 630-45

b) Cheques and Receipts:

Chq. 101205	Clerk's Pay – September 2021	£553-40
Chq. 101206	Clerk's Tax- September 2021	£138-40
Chq. 101207	Clerk's Expenses – Zoom Expense 2021-2022	£35-97
Chq. 101208	Information Commissioner Subscription 2021-2022	£40-00
Chq. 101209	Bramfield in Bloom	£16-98

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

15) **Insurance Renewal 2021-2022:**

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council's current Insurance Policy ended at the end of September and that the Parish Council's Provider was not offering any renewals.

The Clerk said that he had been given a list of alternative providers and he would be contacting them for quotes.

Councillors agreed that as the insurance would have to be renewed before the next meeting, the Clerk and the Chair would email councillors for their views on quotes and would make the decision based on their views.

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

16) **Data Protection Fee 2021-2022:**

It was agreed to pay the £40 Data Protection Fee for 2021-2022.

17) To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, October 11th 2021:

There were no agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, October 11th 2021.

The Meeting ended at 8-57pm.