

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Monday, July 11th 2022 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. D. Hughes (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. F. Ryder; Cllr. A. Niven; Cllr. W. Shoote and Cllr. A. Thomas:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

Councillors accepted the apologies from Cllr. M. Bond:

County Cllr. R. Smith and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

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

Cllr. A. Rozkalns and Cllr. F. Ryder declared a personal interest as members 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:**

There was a written report from Cllr. N. Brooks.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 13th 2022:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 13th 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. F. Ryder:

7) **Traffic Report:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that Cllr. F. Ryder had joined the Speedwatch Team. He said that the team had been having a temporary break having been only one hour a week. Cllr. A. Niven said that the Speedwatch Team would start again in September. He said that some parishioners had suggested that a static Speed Indicator Device (SID) and data collection unit should be put at each end of the village. There was some discussion on buying a new camera.

8) **Village Hall and Wi-Fi Donation:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that Wi-Fi would be installed at the Village Hall on July 21st 2022. He said that the provider was Plusnet, the cost of installation was £50 and it would then cost £25 a month for unlimited downloads.

Councillors agreed to donate £175 this year to the Village Hall towards the cost of the Wi-Fi as it would help the Village Hall, tourism and helped the Council as they held their Parish Meetings at the Village Hall.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

9) **Internet Banking:**

Cllr. W. Shoote and Cllr. A. Niven said that the Internet Banking was going well but more signatories were needed. Cllr. D. Hughes and Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that they would become a signatory.

10) **Planning Matters:**

There were no planning applications however Cllr. D. Hughes said that there were several local planning issues over which the Parish council was working with parishioners and East Suffolk Council.

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

The Clerk explained the current situation with the Internal Audit. He reported that he had received a brochure from Glasdon and that there were three consultations with the first from East Suffolk Council regarding 'Draft Housing in Clusters and Small-Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Supplementary Planning Documents,' a second from the Community Action Suffolk regarding the 'Rural Services Survey and a third from Sizewell C. The Clerk asked who would answer the Community Action Suffolk surveys and Cllr. A. Thomas agreed to answer them on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk said that the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Subscription had been received for renewal. Councillors agreed to renew the subscription.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

12) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on June 30th 2022:**

Business Community Account	£7 644-23
Business Savings Account	£6 631-46

b) **Payments and Receipts:**

Payments:

Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – January until March 2022	£574-60
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – January until March 2022	£143-60
Internet Banking	CPRE Subscription 2022-2023	£50-00

Receipts:

BACS	Interest to June 6 th 2022	£0-50
BACS	VAT Refund	£98-40

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

13) **Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Report and to pay their invoice with any amendments:**

The Clerk said that he expected the Internal Auditors Report within the next few days. He said that the Internal Auditors Report would be on the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

14) **New Policies:**

Councillors discussed and agreed to adopt the Local Government Association Councillor Code of Conduct.

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

15) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, September 12th 2022:**

It was agreed for the Jubilee Field and the Internal Auditors Report to be on the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

The Meeting ended at 8-55pm.