

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Bramfield Village Hall on Monday, 14th October 2024 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr. Hughes (Chair), Cllr. Rozkalns (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Bond and Cllr. Niven

Also Present:

D. Cllr. Ashton, Karen Lewis (Clerk)

69/24-25 Chairs Welcome: The Chair welcomed the attendees

70/24-25 Apologies: Cllr. Ryder

71/24-25 To receive Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:
Dispensations were requested for Cllr. Rozkalns and Cllr. Bond in relation to the Village Hall

72/24-25 Public Session: NONE

73/24-25 To receive a report from the County Councillor: None received

74/24-25 To receive a report from the District Councillor: D. Cllr. Ashton updated the meeting on the recently distributed mental health leaflet which gave information on how to access support via a website. He is struggling to arrange a suitable date for the planned local council meet up but will email out once more with a set date which hopefully most can attend. One of the key common issues the neighbouring parish councils have is speeding and a wish to install a 20mph speed limit on key roads

75/24-25 To consider the Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 23rd September for accuracy and for the Chair to sign as a true record: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed.

76/24-25 Planning Matters: No planning applications

77/24-25 Clerk's report: The Clerks' report was shared and the Council **NOTED** that the website had now moved to .gov.uk domain

78/24-25 Finance Matters:

78/24-25.01 To approve items on the Authorisation to pay Sheet: The Authorisation to Pay Sheet was **APPROVED** and signed. Cllr Hughes to authorise the online payments.

78/24-25.02 To Approve the Bank reconciliation to end Sept 2024: The Bank reconciliation was checked and **APPROVED** by Cllr. M. Bond

78/24-25.03 To review bank receipts/payments against budget as at 30th September 2024: Receipts/payments were reviewed against budget and **APPROVED**

78/24-25.04 To review anticipated 12 month spend vs budget and to action any virements: The anticipated spend vs budget was reviewed and a number of virements **AGREED** with an updated 2024/2025 Budget **APPROVED**

78/24-25.05 To review 2025-2026 draft budget/precept: The draft 2025/2026 budget was reviewed and discussed with a target to finalise it in November's meeting. It was noted that there is a change in legislation surrounding second homes for 2025-2026. Cllr. Ashton agreed to advise the Council on how many second homes were in the Parish

79/24-25 Highways:

79/24-25.1 Grit Bins: Cllr. Niven confirmed that all the Grit bins were in good condition and contained sufficient salt/grit except for the Thorington bin which was going to be filled imminently. Travis Perkins was the cheapest supplier found for salt/grit to fill the new VH car park grit bin and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would go ahead and buy the grit to be delivered and liaise with Cllr. Niven regarding delivery and filling of the bin.

80/24-25 Mobile Library service: The request to Bramfield residents to contact the Parish Council had not resulted in anyone coming forward. This coupled with the information from the Services Manager informing us that they had not received any customers this year meant it was therefore reluctantly accepted that there was no basis on which the Council could argue for the service to continue. It was **AGREED** that an email informing the community would be sent

81/24-25 Thermal Imaging Project: No one from the community had stepped forward to offer their support for this project. It is therefore unlikely this initiative will be able to be progressed

82/24-25 Date of Next Meeting: It was **AGREED** that the date of the next meeting would be Monday, 11th November at 7pm

The meeting ended at 19:50

Councillors to forward any matters for the next Agenda to the Clerk by 31st October 2024