

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council held at Bramfield Village Hall on
Monday, 8th April 2024 at 7pm**

Present:

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

Also Present:

D. Cllr. Ashton and Karen Lewis (Clerk)

120/23-24 Chair's welcome: The chair welcomed those present and reminded the meeting that the APM is next month on the 15th and is looking for reports from various community groups

121/23-24 Apologies: No apologies were received

122/23-24 To receive Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations: Dispensations were requested for Cllr. Rozkalns and Cllr. Ryder in relation to the Village Hall

123/23-24 Public Session: None

124/23-24 To receive a report from the District Councillor (if present):
D. Cllr Ashton confirmed the £2,000 for the Village Green project had been sent by SDC. He also updated the meeting on the latest situation regarding Lionlink and the planned route of the cable trench. All present expressed their dismay at the plans.

125/23-24 To consider the Minutes of the Meeting Monday, 11th March 2024 for accuracy and for the Chair to sign as a true record: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed.

126/23-24 Planning Matters: Planning application comments for DC/24/0914/LBC & DC/24/0623/FUL considered under delegated authority were **NOTED** as "No Objection"

127/23-24 Clerks' report was shared: Cllr. Ryder confirmed that the form to request a change of planning use for the Village Green will be filled in by their team and passed to the clerk for submission. She confirmed that this was the least cost option (zero cost if the PC submit the application)

L.S. Hughes

13.5.24

128/23-24 Finance Matters:

128/23-24.1 To review bank receipts/payments against budget as at 31st March 2024: It was **AGREED** to accept the report including the update on earmarked reserves now being £6,900 following the donation to the Easter Egg Hunt

128/23-24.2 To approve the Bank Reconciliation to 31st March 2024: It was **AGREED** to accept the figures as presented and the document was signed by Cllr. Bond

128/23-24.3 VAT reclaim: The VAT reclaim was **NOTED** for the period July 2021 to February 2024

128/23-24.4 To approve items on the Authorisation to pay Sheet: The Authorisation to Pay sheet was **APPROVED** and signed

129/23-24 Highways

129/23-24.1 Update on Grit Bins: The location for the new Village Hall Grit Bin was agreed with the Village Hall Chari and the Clerk was authorised to go ahead and place the purchase order

129/23-24.2 Dog Bin Stickers: D. Cllr. Ashton advised there was a future project at District level to create a new reporting website for problems with Dog Bins. As part of this project was the intention to place stickers advising the public where to report any issues. As the timescale was unknown it was agreed the Clerk would establish the cost for the Council to produce their own stickers in the meantime

130/23-24 Asset Condition report: The asset register was updated with the information submitted

131/23-24 To establish whether a Defibrillator at Thorington Theatre is possible/desirable: The chair is waiting to discuss with the Theatre owners and hopefully will report at the next meeting

132/23-24 Actions to be taken regarding co-option of new councillors: It was agreed that a new poster containing links to the website would be created to circulate via email and on Facebook to try and generate some interest within the villages

133/23-24 Date of next meeting
It was **AGREED** the date of the next meeting would be Monday 13th May 2024

The meeting ended at 20.23

Councillors to forward any matters for the next Agenda to the Clerk by 30th April 2024