

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Bramfield Village Hall on Monday, 8th September 2025 at 7pm

Present:

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

Also Present:

D. Cllr. Ashton and Karen Lewis (Clerk).

50/25-26 Chairs Welcome: The Chair welcomed those present and advised everyone that the meeting would be recorded and once the minutes were approved and signed that recording would be delete. She read out her report relating to the recent meetings with Sizewell C regarding the High Lodge Development:

Sizewell C and the High Lodge Development

At a meeting with Darsham Parish Council, Westleton PC, Blythborough and Hinton PC and ourselves, it was announced that Sizewell C had bought land at High Lodge, Hinton with the intention of putting 140 lodges to house workers for the Sizewell development. Whilst Sizewell C had consulted with Darsham PC alone, Darsham PC felt it was only fair to involve all of the councils who would be affected by the development. It was decided that each council would table two questions at the Sizewell C Northern transport forum held in August.

As Bramfield and Thorington will be directly affected by the development at High Lodge it was agreed that we would ask questions regarding the junction of the A12 and the A144, the A144 through Bramfield and the junction of the A12 and Hinton Road.

It is intended to house 680 workers at High Lodge with parking for 400 cars. The questions asked by Bramfield and Thorington PC looked at the proposed mitigations by Sizewell C at each of these junctions. Both junctions are notorious for accidents and the proposed increase in vehicles for the workers, ancillary staff needed to operate the site and delivery vehicles into Hinton will increase existing problems. The workers will need to use the facilities offered by Halesworth (supermarkets, take-aways, pharmacies etc) and therefore even more traffic will be using the A144 through Bramfield.

It was pointed out to Sizewell C that their intended alterations to the junction of the A144 and the A12 (designed before the purchase of High Lodge) were insufficient and that the PC was not happy with the current plans.

Bramfield and Thorington PC were offered a private meeting with Sizewell C at the end of August that Councillor Hughes attended. This provided an opportunity to outline our concerns and hopefully those concerns will be addressed by Sizewell C, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council.

She further advised that the Sizewell C Team had asked to present to the Council at our October meeting. It was **AGREED** that an invite would be extended to them as an item on the Agenda

51/25-26 Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Ryder which were accepted

52/25-26 To receive Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

Dispensations were requested and granted for Cllr. Rozkalns and Cllr. Bond in relation to the Village Hall

53/25-26 Public Session: None

54/25-26 To receive a report from the County Councillor: None received

55/15-26 To receive a report from the District Councillor: D. Cllr. Ashton updated the meeting on how well the Tour of England cycle race went in particular the excellent publicity the areas received

56/25-26 To consider the Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 14th July 2025 for accuracy and for the Chair to sign as a true record: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed.

57/25-26 Planning Matters:

Application no.: DC/25/3217/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - To replace dining room window with patio doors, install an exterior oil boiler and various internal alternations.

Site address: The Laundry , Thorington Road, Thorington, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 9JF
The Council **AGREED** to submit the comment of "No objection"

58/25-26 Clerk's report:

58/25-26.1 The Clerk advised that an email had been received from Mr Gower updating the Council on the good progress being made on clearing the Thorington Graveyard.

58/25-26.2 The new email addresses were mostly set up and should be complete within the next few days. The Clerk would then arrange for the Website address to be updated

59/25-26.3 Community Payback Scheme: The Council were very happy with the standard of work done and were now happy to proceed with buying the materials needed for them to paint the Telegraph Box housing the defibrillator. In particular, the Council wished to express their thanks to Cllr. Hughes and her husband for refurbishment of the Bus Stop notice board.

59/25-26 Finance Matters:

59/25-26.1 To approve items on the Authorisation to pay Sheet

The Authorisation to Pay Sheet was **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair. Cllr Hughes to authorise the online payments.

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Authorisation of Payments at Council Meeting 8th September 2025

Invoice Date	Inv No.	Payee	Item Description	Net Amount	VAT	TOTAL
31/03/2025	29599	SALC	Provision of 6 months payroll service ending March 2025	£ 19.00	£ 3.80	£ 22.80
30/05/2025	26552	Community Heartbeat	Replacement Adult Pads	£ 74.95	£ 14.99	£ 89.94
10/10/2025		ICO	Yearly Subscription (by DD)	£ 47.00	£ -	£ 47.00
01/10/2025	ZA198822	Ansvar Insurance	Yearly Insurance premium 2025-2026	£ 398.08	£ -	£ 398.08
TOTAL				£ 539.03	£ 18.79	£ 557.82

59/25-26.2 Clerk's Salary increase: It was **AGREED** to follow the NJC Salary recommendations and increase the Clerks salary for 2025/2026 from £14.60 to £15.06

59/25-26.2 Audit Notice of Exempt status: It was **NOTED** that PKF Littlejohn had confirmed our Exempt status for the 2024/2025 audit

60/25-26 Highways:

60/25-26.1 Pitman's Grove Grit Bin: The new grit bin is in place and is approx. half full. The old, damaged one will be removed by Cllr. Hughes

60/25-26.2 Grit Bin Filling: Cllr. Niven will check the levels of our grit bins in advance of the annual filling commencing shortly

61/25-26 Date of next meeting: Monday, 13th October 2025 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 20:05

*Councillors to forward any matters for the next Agenda to the Clerk
By 30th September 2025*