

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Bramfield Village Hall on Monday, 14th July 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). C. Cllr Smith arrived at 19:38

38/25-26 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 updated the meeting on her recent visits to Bramfield House School and the concerns over a number of issues including speeding cars. She was also invited to and attended a Darsham Parish Council Meeting where the meeting focus was on the fact Sizewell had bought High Lodge Land to site 140 lodges – each housing 6 to 8 workers. Sizewell had failed to identify that the boundary of High Lodge is within the boundary of Thorington and therefore Bramfield and Thorington PC should have been a consultee. The implications of the additional people moving into the area was discussed and all agreed that the focus needs to be on the mitigation of the negative impacts this will create.

39/25-26 Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Ryder which were accepted

40/25-26 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

41/25-26 Public Session: None

42/25-26 To receive a report from the County Councillor: C.Cllr. Smith advised the meeting that Budget planning had started and there was currently a £33m shortage.

43/15-26 To receive a report from the District Councillor: D. Cllr. Ashton updated the meeting on the progress of Local Government Reorganisation. He also raised local concerns regarding the introduction of 30mph speed limits around Leiston.

44/25-26 To consider the Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 9th June 2025 for accuracy and for the Chair to sign as a true record: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed.

45/25-26 Planning Matters:

Application no.: DC/25/2309/FUL
Proposal: Construct a SCC Highways approved Agricultural Access Type 05 – to provide a safe entrance
Site address: Agricultural Land Situated at Adjoining Coopers Wood, High Street, Thorington, Suffolk, IP17 3QW

LX Hughes

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The Council **AGREED** to submit the comment of "No objection"

46/25-26 Clerk's report:

46/25-26.1 It was agreed that Cllr. Hughes would complete the NALC flooding survey on behalf of the Council and complete the Planning Policy Consultation Questionnaire. She will also attend the online forum held by Suffolk Highways in September focusing on drainage and flooding.

46/25-26.2 The request for financial support from Citizens Advice Bureau was discussed but it was felt that the priority for the Council had to be their 20mph project and support of the Village Green. The Council were supportive of promoting the Bureau's services and if a suitable poster was available would share that within the community.

46/25-26.3 Cllr. Hughes and Cllr. Bond confirmed they had already moved to their new email addresses and the Clerk asked that the other councillors let her know when they were up and running so she could make the necessary website changes.

46/25-26.4 The Clerk advised the Council that a member of the Public had come forward with an offer to purchase some of the items needed for the community payback painting project. The Council were very appreciative of this offer and the Clerk will take contact to arrange. It was agreed that the Bus Shelter was priority and if time allowed the storage Shed in the village hall could be added to the items being painted using the paint previously purchased by the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk advised that Cllr. Ryder had suggested the aluminium bridge supports could be considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would explore whether this was a possibility

47/25-26 Finance Matters:

47/25-26.1 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.

LS Hughes

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**Authorisation of Payments at Council Meeting
14th July 2025**

Invoice Date	Inv No.	Payee	Item Description	Net Amount	VAT	TOTAL
13/06/2025	30248	SALC	Audit Fee 24-25	£ 183.00	£ 36.60	£ 219.60
30/06/2025		K Lewis	Q2 2025 Pay	£ 812.76	£ -	£ 812.76
29/04/2025		Lloyds Bank	Bank Account Monthly Service Charge	£ 4.25		£ 4.25
30/05/2025		Lloyds Bank	Bank Account Monthly Service Charge	£ 4.25		£ 4.25
30/06/2025		Lloyds Bank	Bank Account Monthly Service Charge	£ 4.25		£ 4.25
14/07/2025		K Lewis	Reimbursement of payment for paint & brushes	£ 93.93		£ 93.93
TOTAL				£ 1,102.44	£ 36.60	£ 1,139.04

Chair:

Date: 14th July 2025

47/25-26.2 To approve the Bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2025: Cllr. Bond reviewed the Bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2025 and the Council **APPROVED** it

47/25-26.3 To review bank receipts/payments against budget as at 30th June 2025: Bank receipts/payments against budget as at 30th June 2025 were reviewed and **AGREED**

48/25-26 Highways:

48/25-26.1 11.1. Review of SID data analysis: The Clerk shared charts created using the available SID data showing the no. of cars travelling through the village. The data shows an increase over time but not sufficiently comprehensive to support a Sizewell C Grant application. It was agreed that a second SID is needed and could potentially be bought using the CIL money - this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

48/25-26.2 11.2. Replacement Grit Bin for Pitman's Grove: It was **AGREED** to purchase a new Grit Bin

49/25-26 Date of next meeting: Monday, 8th September 2025 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 20:28

*Councillors to forward any matters for the next Agenda to the Clerk
by 31st August 2025*

LD Hughes

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