

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. A. Niven; Cllr. D. Hughes (from 8-05pm); Cllr. W. Shoote (until 8pm); Cllr. P. Layfield:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. M. Gower and one member of the public (until 8-05pm):

#### **1) Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice Chairman) and District Cllr. R. Catchpole:

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

Cllr. P. Layfield declared a personal interest in the planning application DC/16/3465/FUL as he was a neighbour. All Councillors declared a personal interest in planning application DC/16/3666.FUL

#### **3) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:**

None

#### **4) Requests for dispensations:**

All Councillors requested dispensation for planning application DC/16/3666.FUL. It was agreed that they would not give a view to the Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Committee.

#### **5) Co-option of one Councillor:**

##### **a) To consider the applicant that has applied for the vacancy on the Council:**

Debbie Hughes was nominated and unanimously co-opted as a member of the Council.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas:                      Second: Cllr. P. Layfield

##### **b) To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to note any declarations of interest if co-opted:**

Cllr. D. Hughes filled in the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Clerk said that he would inform Suffolk Coastal District Council who would require her to fill in her Register of Interests.

#### **6) Speaker on Traffic Calming – David Chenery from SCC Highways Department:**

Mr. D. Chenery reported that Bob Clench was moving to the Drainage Department and that a new person was taking his place in Highways. One role will be to make sure Contractors and SCC Highways work more closely together. Mr. D. Chenery said that Highways was moving to Halesworth depot on the Industrial Estate. He reported that the A144 was 17<sup>th</sup> in the list of Main 'A' Roads and is below the midpoint of all 'A' Roads for accidents per million of car journeys travelling along the 'A' Road. He said that enhancing signs, making sure the signs are consistent and changing driver behaviour rather than dealing with blackspots is now seen as the way to cut accidents.

Mr. D. Chenery said that the first thing to do was to the speed of the traffic and suggested that flashing speed limit signs shared with other parishes where there was sufficient visibility was one method to slow traffic. He noted that poor driving often owing to alcohol or speeding were the culprits of many accidents. Further suggestions made by Councillors such as a speed limit of 50mph in the lead up to the 30 mph speed limit through the village, solid white lines in the middle of the road and reflector posts on the bends were all accepted as ideas that could be looked at as long as they were in keeping with the SCC Suffolk Speed Limit Policy which is on the website.

**7) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:**

District Cllr. R. Catchpole was not at the meeting. County Cllr. M. Gower was present and reported that there was not much to add to the Highways issue except that he would support the council in slowing traffic through the village. He also reported on the latest news regarding devolution.

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

There were no members of the public present.

**9) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 12th 2016:**

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. P. Layfield:                      Second: Cllr. M. Bond:

**10) Matters arising: To discuss issues in the Minutes but not on the Agenda.**

There was no Matters Arising.

**11) Emergency Planning: Councillors to discuss an Emergency Plan for the Parishes.**

It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting as a speaker was speaking on the subject.

**12) Traffic Report on A144: To update councillors on A144 Traffic Calming.**

The subject had already been discussed earlier in the meeting with the speaker.

**13) Pitmans Grove Land: To update councillors on the status of this land.**

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she was going to Ipswich to look at the old maps to see if these show who owns the land.

**14) Defibrillator: To update councillors on the availability of the defibrillator.**

Cllr. W. Shoote was not present but his report said that the planning application was going through Suffolk Coastal District Council's Planning Committee.

**15) Planning Matters: To agree and discuss the following planning applications:**

Conversion of redundant farm buildings to three family dwellings for related parents and families.

Address: Hill Farm, Thorington Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9JD: Ref. No: DC/16/3465/FUL

The Councillors had no objection to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:                      Seconded: Cllr. A. Niven:

Installation of defibrillator and associated housing. Installation of signage identifying defibrillator. Replacement of old scratched/discoloured perspex. Repainting (Same colour) of phone box.

Address: Telephone Box, Adjacent Queens Head Public House, The Street, Bramfield, Suffolk.

Ref: DC/16/3660/LBC

The Councillors gave no view as the Council had made the planning application and felt that there was a conflict of interest

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:                      Seconded: Cllr. P. Layfield:

**16) Clerk's Report and Correspondence: The Clerk to update the council on correspondence received and the administration of the council.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a HAGS 2016 and the Wenhaston with Mells Neighbourhood Plan.

**17) Financial Report:**

**a) Balances at the Bank on September 30th 2016: To receive an update on the current financial status.**

Business Community Account	£8 628-43
Business Savings Account	£6 596-58

**b) Cheques for payment: To review receipts and approve payments.**

Chq. No. 101019 CAS Insurance 2016-2017	£304-90
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Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:                      Seconded: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Chq. No. 101020 CAS Website Fee	£60-00
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Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:                      Seconded: Cllr. A. Niven:

Chq. No. 101021 Clerk's Salary	£185-58
Chq. No. 101022 Clerk's Income Tax – September 2016	£1-40
Chq. No. 101023 Clerk's Expenses Jan 2016-Oct 2016	£149-65

