

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, February 13th 2017 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice Chairman); Cllr. M. Bond; Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. A. Niven and Cllr. W. Shoote:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. M. Gower and District Cllr. R. Catchpole:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. P. Layfield

2) To receive Declarations of Interest:

None

3) Requests for dispensations:

None

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

District Councillor R. Catchpole said that they were awaiting a decision as to whether Suffolk could have devolution alone. He said that Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils had both agreed to merge and form East Suffolk District Council in 2019. He said that a Shadow Authority would be set up, the Boundaries Commission would draw up new boundaries and the 2019 District Elections would be fought on these boundaries for election to the new Council. He said that there would be fewer Councillors as there are 90 currently across the two District Councils. He said that the new East Suffolk District Council would begin to build many houses as Suffolk Coastal District Council had the money and Waveney District Council the expertise. He said that Suffolk Coastal District Council was also looking at getting many more empty homes back into habitation. In answer to a question, District Cllr. R. Catchpole said that each council still separately ran its own refuse collections.

County Councillor M. Gower said that he believed that Devolution issue was now dead and that Suffolk would not be able to go it alone. He reported that the Sizewell Consultation had ended and that he was still very worried at the inadequacy of the plans for the supply lorries to travel via the A12 and the B1122. He said that a new seven kilometre temporary road should be specially built from the A12 at Benhall to Sizewell which he said would cost £40million. He said that this was not a lot of money in view of the £2 600 million being earmarked to alleviate the effect on those affected by the Heathrow third runway. He also said that he thought that the decommissioning costs would be much higher than the amount budgeted for by the consultation.

As the Parish Council was looking to add to Speedwatch in trying to keep cars going through the village at the Speed Limit, County Councillor M. Gower said that he would

recommend buying a Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS). In answer to how much they cost, Cllr. A. Niven said that they cost around £3 500. It was reported that the poles were free. County Cllr. M. Gower said that VAS gave hard data such as the speed of traffic and the Police could analyse the data. County Cllr. M. Gower offered £1000 from his budget toward s the VAS and District Cllr. R. Catchpole offered £1000 from his Enabling Fund.

The Council agreed to buy a Vehicle Activation Sign and apply for the two grants from the two Councillors.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond: Seconded: Cllr. D. Hughes:

5) Public Session:

A Parishioner said that in 1987, it had been agreed that Bramfield would be a 'no development village' or would have any infill. The parishioner asked if this non-development is to be rescinded. District Councillor R. Catchpole said that he thought it had gone already. Councillors felt that there were natural barriers for development in Bramfield with only the road to Thorington being a possible development area.

6) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 14th 2016:

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond: Seconded: Cllr. D. Hughes:

7) Matters arising:

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she had met with the Parishioner as indicated in the Minutes.

8) Emergency Planning:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would bring the Cookley and Walpole Parish Council Emergency Planning Materials to the next meeting.

9) Traffic Report on A144:

County Cllr. M. Gower reported that David Chenery has suggested that perhaps a 40mph buffer speed limit is implemented to the north of Bramfield's 30mph speed limit round the two double bends. It has also been suggested that double yellow lines are painted at the junction with Church Farm Road to protect the junction. Councillors asked County Cllr. M. Gower to ask Highways to go ahead with their suggestions. County Cllr. M. Gower said that Highways would fund it. Councillors asked County Cllr. M. Gower to convey their thanks to David Chenery for all his work and assistance.

10) Pitmans Grove Land:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she had received Land Registry Documentation regarding the Pitmans Grove Land and it confirmed that the land belonged to Flagship Housing. She said that there was a covenant stating that it should be a children's play area. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would email the Land Registry Documentation to all Councillors.

It was agreed by the Council to have more detailed proposals for the land before approaching Flagship. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would write to the surrounding residents regarding the site.

11) Telephone Box:

Cllr. W. Shoote said that on March 16th, the Heartbeat Trust would be showing how the defibrillator works and if there is much interest, he said that he would consider a putting on a First Aid Course.

12) Planning Matters:

*Retrospective Application - Erection of a single storey building (shop) with 2 small adjacent cold stores. This replaces the buildings lost in a fire here on site.
Address: Bramfield Meats Low Road Bramfield Suffolk IP19 9JH
Ref. No: DC/17/0078/FUL*

The Council do not object to this planning application. The Council would like to know what is going to happen to the site where the old buildings were lost in the fire and whether the new building is temporary. Although the Council recognises the exceptional circumstances surrounding the planning application, the Council would like to see a planning application made before building work begins.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that Community Heartbeat and UK Power Networks had sent communications. He said that the Sizewell C Consultation had closed recently and the Public Space Protection Orders Consultation had begun. The Clerk said that Kerry Burns from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils had rung regarding claiming expenses for the implementing the Transparency Code.

Finally the Clerk said that the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service had asked for a donation.

The Council agreed to make a donation of £50-00.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Second: Cllr. A. Niven:

14) Financial Report:

a) **Balances at the Bank on January 31st 2017:**

Business Community Account	£6 552-78
Business Savings Account	£6 597-40

b) **Cheques for payment:**

Chq. No. 101034 Clerk's Salary for January 2017	£184-78
Chq. No. 101035 Clerk's Income Tax for January 2017	£1-20
Chq. No. 101036 Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)	£50-00

15) To agree Council Asset Register 2017:

The Asset Register was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Second: Cllr. M. Bond:

16) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, March 13th 2017:**

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would contact George Carver Charity, Bramfield Primary School, Stepping Stones and the Museum for reports for the Annual Parish Meeting in March.

The Meeting ended at 9-15pm

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