

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 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. P. Layfield; Cllr. W. Shoote:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. M. Gower:

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

Cllr. A. Niven; District Cllr. R. Catchpole:

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

None

#### **3) Requests for dispensations:**

None

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

County Councillor M. Gower said that the Sizewell Consultation would end on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and he was 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 £35million. For a twelve year project this was a justifiable cost especially as £2 600 million was being earmarked to alleviate the effect on those affected by the Heathrow third runway. He also said that the railways needed to be upgraded too. County Councillor M. Gower said that there was another issue in the campus at Eastbridge. Councillor A. Thomas said that Leiston did suffer last time and with 5 600 workers descending again on the town, plans needed to be much better this time. County Councillor M. Gower said that he was working hard to mitigate all these issues with the building of Sizewell C.

County Councillor M. Gower said that he was monitoring the A144 road issues and was in discussion with the Village Hall over a grant for their kitchen. Cllr. A. Thomas asked about a grant for a cupboard which County Councillor M. Gower would look at too.

#### **5) Public Session:**

Chris Collins of 'Bramfield in Bloom' said that he hoped to have two planters at each end of the village of Bramfield by the Village sign. He said that it would cost £61 per planter plus compost at £27 giving a total of £88. He also said that equipment was required and this cost would be £83 plus VAT.

The Councillors agreed to make up to £300 available for both projects.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Layfield:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

**6) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016:**

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

**7) Matters arising:**

None

**8) Emergency Planning:**

There was no report.

**9) Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Thomas said that a Vehicle Activation Sign would add to Speedwatch in helping to slow traffic down. She reported that owing to ice last week there were a series of accidents on the A144. She also reported that the A144 monitoring has finished and the results are being analysed by Suffolk County Council Highways Department. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would contact Highways to see how soon David Chenery's report would be made available.

**10) Pitmans Grove Land:**

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she had spoken to District Cllr. R. Catchpole who had helped Cllr. A. Thomas contact the Suffolk Coastal District Council Land Agent. She said that she was awaiting the Land Agent's answer.

**11) Telephone Box:**

Cllr. W. Shoote said that the paint and the Perspex had arrived ready for use in the spring on the Telephone Box. He also reported that the training to use the defibrillator was available on Thursday Evening. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Village Hall was free on March 16<sup>th</sup> and this date was booked for the training.

**12) Planning Matters:**

Demolishment of existing bungalow and sheds with new house and double garage built  
Address: The Drive Bungalow, Edwards Lane, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HN  
Ref. No: DC/16/4122/FUL

The Council has no objection to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Layfield:

Demolish some dilapidated farm buildings and erect a general purpose building of the dimensions and using materials as indicated on drawings AS1 to AS5 attached. In a position as indicated on the O/S extracts 1:2500 and 1:500 scale.  
Address: Whitepost Farm, Yoxford Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9AD  
Ref. No: DC/16/5085/FUL

The Council has no objection to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconded: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

The project is to provide a single dwelling for Richard Elman and his children and extended family. This application follows the previous application where permission was granted for planning permission and listed building consent in July 2016 - reference numbers DC/16/0948FUL and 0949 LBC. The work is fundamentally the same as the previous application and is for the repair and alteration of the listed farmhouse. The construction of a new single storey kitchen and glass link corridor. The repair and incorporation of a disused timber framed barn into part of the house accommodation. The part repair and part reconstruction of some disused farm sheds to provide additional accommodation. The alteration of an existing single storey workshop range to provide additional family bedrooms. Re-landscaping the garden and reopening the original drive. The differences between the two applications are (1) the inclusion of an access platform type lift in the farmhouse to give access to the first floor bedrooms. (2) The detailed design of the proposed new garage block and (3) the inclusion of an open sided covered link between the garage and the new accommodation south of the barn to allow dry access from garage to the house. There have also been some minor alterations to the ground and first floor layouts in the Farmhouse.

Address: Brook Hall Farm, Edwards Lane, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HN  
Ref: DC/16/5134/FUL

The Council approves this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns

Seconded: Cllr. M. Layfield:

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Seconded: Cllr. M. Layfield:

### **13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk said that he had received a STC Brochure, a letter regarding the Bramfield and Thorington PC Precept which confirmed no extra grant this year, a letter from Community Payback requesting work, the Clerks and Councillors newspaper, the Local Councillor

Newspaper, the Countryside Voice Magazine and two packages regarding the Sizewell C Consultation.

Cllr. A. Thomas read out a letter from a parishioner regarding the continued accidents on the A144 and said that therefore she would go and see the parishioner about the issue.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that the Parkinson's Disease support Group would like to hold a meeting. One suggestion was Walpole Pavilion and Cllr. A. Thomas would consult with a councillor at Cookley and Walpole Parish Council.

Finally, the Clerk said that he had received a letter from Fresh Start – New Beginnings asking for a donation. The Council agreed to donate £50 to Fresh Start – New Beginnings.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Layfield                      Seconder:      Cllr. W. Shoote:

**14) Financial Report:**

**a) Balances at the Bank on December 31st 2016:**

Business Community Account	£6 938-76
Business Savings Account	£6 597-40

**b) Cheques for payment:**

Chq. No. 101031 Clerk's Salary	£184-98
Chq. No. 101032 Clerk's Income Tax – September 2016	£1-00
Chq. No. 101033 Fresh Start – New Beginnings Donation	£50-00

Proposer: Cllr. M. Layfield                      Seconder:      Cllr. W. Shoote:

**15) To agree Internal and External Audit Arrangements:**

The Council agreed to appoint Suffolk Association of Local Councils as the Internal Auditors. The Clerk said that he hoped that this would be done during May and then on to the BDO as External Auditors.

The Councillors agreed the Internal and External Audit Arrangements.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Layfield                      Seconder:      Cllr. W. Shoote:

**16) To agree Council Risk Assessment Procedures:**

The Clerk said that the Council must annually agree the Risk Assessment Procedures.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Layfield                      Seconder:      Cllr. W. Shoote:

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

It was agreed to discuss the Asset Register on the next agenda.

**The Meeting ended at 9pm**