

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, October 2nd 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:

County Cllr. R. Smith; Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

District Cllr. R. Catchpole gave his apologies:

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

None

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

None

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

County Cllr. R. Smith said that he had been visiting all the schools in his Ward and the only one left was Bramfield Primary which he was visiting on November 15th. County Cllr R. Smith said that he was working on the county budget which he said would be £502 million including £28.3 million cuts. He said that the County had not increased the Council Tax since 2011 but it was likely that the increase this year would be 1.99% maximum not to trigger a referendum. He noted that a 1% increase raises around £2.7 million whilst 1.99% raises around £5.5 million.

County Cllr. R. Smith said that the issue of Sizewell C was quiet. Meetings are being held and a Community Forum will be held soon. He said that Stage 3 Consultation will be held at the earliest in Autumn 2018 and it was a minimum of four years before any building starts if then. Finally County Cllr. R. Smith said that there was much lobbying to get a bypass of the four villages on the A12.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 11th 2017:**

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

7) **Tree Report from Marie Rolfe:**

Unfortunately Marie Rolfe could not attend the meeting. However Cllr. A. Thomas said that 420 saplings had been ordered. The Council agreed to discuss the issue further at the next Parish Council Meeting.

8) **Emergency Planning:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he was still gaining a price from a printers in Felixstowe. It was agreed to make a decision on a printer of the new laminated Emergency Plan Leaflet at the next meeting.

9) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the 30mph extension in Bramfield had been refused. He concluded that no more could be done within the 30mph area with Speedwatch, the Sign Indicator Device (SID) and speed signs. County Cllr. R. Smith said that Highways had moved and that Bramfield had done all it could and been very successful in slowing traffic down. He said that he was compiling all his Parish Councils views on speeding. It was agreed that Highways could improve its communication with Parish Councils and County Cllr. R. Smith was asked to facilitate this. Cllr. Niven said the focus now was to lower the speed of traffic between the 30mph and the level crossing.

10) **Pitmans Grove Land:**

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she had met with Andrew Long from Flagship. She said that he had been very pleased to offer a short to medium lease but he could not rule out flagship redeveloping the land in the future. It was thought that Flagship would offer a lease of around 2/3 years. The Council decided to call a meeting of residents in how to use the land.

11) **Telephone Box:**

Cllr. D. Hughes gave the costs of a new door for the telephone box. She gave the costs of the frames as £68-80 and the rivets as £28-19. However glass would cost £81-90 whilst polycarbonate would be £55-36. Therefore a glass door would cost in total £178-89 whilst a polycarbonate door would cost in total £159-87. Cllr. D. Hughes said that a polycarbonate kit costs £525 whilst a glass kit costs £685.

Councillors felt that whilst glass would be more expensive, it would look better and be more last longer. Therefore the Councillors agreed to have and pay for a 'glass' telephone box and to accept the offer of £350 from County Cllr. R. Smith's locality budget. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to County Cllr. R. Smith requesting the £350 grant.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Seconder: Cllr. W. Shoote

12) **Bramfield Bus Shelter:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that he had not received any reply from Community Payback. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she could move a Community Payback Booking from Walpole to Bramfield on possibly October 11th as the Pavilion at Walpole was being used for a funeral. She said that the Village Hall could be used for toilets and water could be obtained from there as their job would be to clean out the Bus Shelter.

Councillors agreed for Cllr. A. Thomas to have £50 in order to buy materials for renovating the Bus Shelter.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Second: Cllr. W. Shoote:

13) **SCC Local Plan – First Draft Consultation:**

Councillors discussed the local plan and concluded that there was not much designated for the village. They noted that much development was concentrated on Halesworth and Holton. Councillors decided not to make any comment.

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

14) **Planning Matters:**

*Reconstruction of existing rear lobby extension of previously converted barn (Resubmission of DC/16/2667/FUL)
Laundry Farm Barn, Thorington Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP19 9JF
DC/17/3855/FUL*

The Council has no comment to make as the Council does not feel that it has the Conservation Expertise necessary to judge this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Second: Cllr. D. Hughes

*Removal of modern fireplace and chimney internally. Replacement windows and external doors. New principal entrance doorway. Internal alterations. Upgrading thermal performance of external envelope. (Resubmission of DC/16/2668/LBC)
Laundry Farm Barn, Thorington Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP19 9JF
DC/17/3856/LBC*

The Council has no comment to make as the Council does not feel that it has the Conservation Expertise necessary to judge this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Second: Cllr. D. Hughes

*Use of Land for commercial purposes (including storage of building materials and reclamation items and parking of commercial vehicles);
Use of Land as amenity land ancillary to residential uses (including the keeping of vehicles including hobby vehicles; the keeping of animals; and the use of land as garden land);
Use of Land for siting a caravan providing a permanent and independent unit of residential accommodation;
There is no single main use of the Land nor are there physically separate or distinct areas of the Land occupied for substantially different and unrelated purposes. The commercial and residential uses are completely intertwined.*

*The evidence demonstrates that a variety of activities are undertaken on the Land with these activities fluctuating in their intensity and not being confined within separate and physically distinct areas. As such, the Land must be treated as one planning unit.
Flints, Thorington Road, Thorington, Suffolk. IP19 9JG
DC/17/3877/CLE*

The Council believes that it has insufficient information to make any referendum has no comment to make as the Council does not feel that it has the Conservation Expertise necessary to judge this planning application.

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

15) **Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors' Newsletters

16) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on September 30th 2017: To receive an update on the current financial status.**

Business Community Account	£11 878-01
Business Savings Account	£6 597-40

b) **Cheques for payment:**

Chq. No. 101068	Clerk's Salary for September 2017	£193-06
Chq. No. 101069	Clerk's Income Tax for September 2017	£1-80

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes

c) **Receipts:**

Second Precept Payment	£2750-00
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17) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, November 13th 2017:**

It was noted that there was a Village Halls Course. Cllr. A. Thomas and Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that they would like to go. It was agreed to pay £25 for each to attend.

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

Councillors agreed to get a quote for renovating the thatched roof of the Bus Shelter.
Councillors agreed to get a quote for further road calming measures.
Councillors agreed to consult with the church regarding grass cutting equipment.
Councillors agreed to look at installing Wi-Fi in the Village Hall.
Councillors agreed to look at installing a play area at the Village Hall or in Pitman's Grove.

The Meeting ended at 9-15pm.