

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, July 9th 2018 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) and one parishioner (left 7-31pm):

1) **Apologies:**

County Cllr. R. Smith and District Cllr. R. Catchpole:

11) **Kingstall Wood:**

The Council voted to move this issue from Agenda Item 11 as it had come to the attention of Councillors that the system to fund the upkeep of permissive paths for the general public was being changed. A local farmer, Richard Symes, was asked to come to the meeting to explain the changes. He said that the system where farmers could agree to be locked into an agreement for ten years for an annual fee from Natural England to maintain these paths was ending. Farmers now had to have evidence that the public do use the footpaths, they can only apply once and cannot cut the grass until August. Richard Symes said that there are only a limited number of payments made now within the new system. He said that farmers need a base payment to maintain these paths.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a letter of support.

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

Cllr. A. Niven declared an interest in the Planning application DC/18/2710/TCA.

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

There were no reports.

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

There were no questions

12) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the lights had been replaced by LED lights and that the toilets were now fixed. He said that the Village Hall was considering installing Wi-Fi.

13) **Website:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that the new website was going well. It was agreed for Cllr. A. Niven to ask the website administrator to put a notice on the old website about the website.

14) **General Data Protection Requirements:**

The Clerk said that there was nothing to report.

15) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: T1 and T2 Holm Oak in church grounds: Crown reduce both by 30% (3-3.5m.), remove epicormic growth to 3.5m height.

Address: United Reformed Church, The Street, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HT

Reference: DC/18/2710/TCA

The Council did not object to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

Proposal: Details as required by conditions 5, 12, 16 and 17 of Planning Consent DC/17/4444/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of a new self-contained dwelling house and associated infrastructure and works.

Address: Former Waterloo Farm, Halesworth Road, Bramfield, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9HW

Reference: DC/18/2458/DRC

The Clerk reported this planning application to the Council.

There was some discussion on planning issues in Bramfield.

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

The Clerk reported that the 'Electoral Review of East Suffolk: Draft Recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission had been published and responses had to be returned by August 27th 2018.

17) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on June 30th 2018:**

Business Community Account
Business Savings Account

£6124-17
£6605-14

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

Chq. No. 101102	Clerk's Salary for June 2018	£220-34
Chq. No. 101103	Cancelled	
Chq. No. 101104	Clerk's Expenses for Feb - July 2018	£127-90
Chq. No. 101105	Clerk's Salary as No Tax for June 2018	£8-00
Chq. No. 101107	Suffolk.Cloud - Website Updating	£50-00
Chq. No. 101105	Clerk's Salary for July 2018	£206-02
Chq. No. 101106	Reimbursement to Parishioner - Speedwatch	£33-00
Chq. No. 101108	Community Heartbeat	£45-60
Chq. No. 101109	Clerk's Salary for July 2018	£206-02

c) **Receipts:**

Bank Interest £3-29

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

18) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, September 10th 2018:**

There were no agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, September 10th 2018:

The Meeting ended at 9-25pm