

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, January 13th 2020 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and a parishioner (left 7-40pm):

1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. J. Key and Cllr. S. Key:

County Cllr. R. Smith and District Cllr. N. Brooks:

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

Cllr. A. Rozkalns and Cllr. M. Bond declared an interest in the Village Hall.

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

There were no reports. The Clerk read out an email from each Councillor.

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

A parishioner asked about the lack of public transport in Bramfield. They said that it used to be much better with links to the railway timetable at Darsham and it was not a useful service to Halesworth which is the centre for most services for those who live in Bramfield. The parishioner wondered if the MP could help. It was pointed out that the 521 daily ran several services into Halesworth and to Saxmundham where it linked into the railway timetable.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, November 11th 2019 and to ratify and confirm the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, December 16th 2019:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, November 11th were agreed.

Proposer:

Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconder:

Cllr. D. Hughes:

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, December 16th 2020 were ratified and agreed.

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

7) **Traffic Report on A144:**

Cllr. A. Niven reported that Suffolk Highways had informed him that they were going ahead with the new speed restrictions on the approach to Bramfield. Cllr. A. Niven said that no date has been set but he hopes that it will be completed before Easter. He said that a new 40 mph speed limit would be introduced at the Monarch Water bend to the north and at the Sibton Turning to the south.

Cllr. D. Hughes suggested that solid white lines be introduced down the middle of the A144 so that there is no overtaking.

Cllr. A. Niven also reported that a new recruit had joined the Speedwatch team and was currently being changed.

8) **Village Hall:**

Cllr. M. Bond reported that parishioners were talking about the Car Park at the rear of the Village Hall. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that there was no news on this topic.

Cllr. W. Shoote reported that he completed some research regarding Wi-Fi. He said that a Wi-Fi Personal Account is £30 a month with no setup fee whereas a Business Account is £40 per month with a £50 setup fee.

It was agreed for Cllr. W. Shoote to gain written quotes.

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

9) **Planning Matters:**

*Proposal: TPO No. SCDC/88/00038 T1 Oak - Reduce branches over property to suitable growth points Reason: excessive shading and to prevent damage to property. T2 Holm Oak - Fell Reason: dieback and a lot of decay near base of tree. Address: Stone Cottage, Bramfield Road, Darsham, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3QN
Ref: DC/19/4890/TPO*

The Clerk said that this did not need any Council decision but it was to let councillors know about this proposal.

10) **Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:**

The Clerk reported that the Cil Report 2018-2019 Report had gone to the East Suffolk Council and is on the Website. As Bramfield & Thorington Parish Council has received £5595-48 in 2019, he said that the Council now had five years to spend the money but had to submit an annual Cil Report for 2019-2020 with the next one to be submitted by December 31st 2020 with the money is still being held or with something that improves or is new to the Parish.

13) **Link with Halesworth:**

Cllr. M. Bond said that he believed that Bramfield was being pushed away from Halesworth. He said that the numerical divisions of the population into different Council Divisions were taking precedence over the natural connection of Bramfield and Thorington with Halesworth. It was felt that Bramfield and Thorington did not have much connection with Westleton, Wrentham and Wenhaston as they are all larger villages.

It was agreed to further discuss this issue at a future date.

14) **Laptop and Projector:**

The Clerk reported that currently Sibton Parish Council were buying a projector and a new laptop unless the Clerk could get this equipment elsewhere.

15) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, February 10th 2020:**

There were no agenda items for the next meeting on Monday, February 10th 2020.

The Meeting ended at 9-05pm.