

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

An Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, May 11th 2020 at 11am.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Chairman); Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman) (Arrived 11-21am); Cllr. D. Hughes; Cllr. J. Key, Cllr. S. Key and Cllr. A. Niven:

Also Present:

District Cllr. N. Brooks (left 11-25pm) and Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) To elect a Chair for 2020 – 2021 and receive the Chair’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr. A. Thomas was nominated unopposed and was elected Chair for 2020-2021

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven Second: Cllr. J. Key:

2) To elect a Vice-Chair for 2020 - 2021:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns was nominated unopposed and was elected Vice-Chair for 2020-2021

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Second: Cllr. J. Key:

3) To appoint a Responsible Finance Officer for 2020 - 2021:

The Clerk was nominated unopposed for 2020-2021

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes: Second: Cllr. S. Key:

4) Apologies:

Cllr. M. Bond and Cllr. W. Shoote:

5) To receive Declarations of Interest and confirm all members have reviewed their Declarations of Interest Forms: Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting.

Cllr. A. Rozkalns declared an interest in the cheque being agreed in Item 7.

6) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

District Cllr. N. Brooks said that he had sent a written report. He reported that East Suffolk Council had been concentrating keeping businesses operating during the coronavirus crisis and that he was on the telephone rota to help them. District Cllr. N. Brooks said that he was working very hard on his transport portfolio and that car park charges and the new regulations regarding road parking started next Monday with those parking dangerously being fined as well as those on yellow lines.

Cllr. A. Thomas thanked District Cllr. N. Brooks for coming to the meeting. There were no questions.

8) 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.

9) To confirm the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on May 4th 2020:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, May 4th were agreed.

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

Cllr. D. Hughes asked District Cllr. N. Brooks about the number of retrospective planning applications. He said that the planning department were getting through the backlog and therefore the number of retrospective planning applications would rise.

10) Traffic Report on A144:

Cllr. A. Niven reported that he had been contacted by Suffolk Highways regarding the two 40mph 'buffer zones' on the A144 around Bramfield. He said that Suffolk Highways had confirmed that the work would be done but could not say when it would be completed. Suffolk Highways also said that the cost of the two 'Buffer zones' had risen from £10 000 to £11 600.

It was agreed to inform Suffolk Highways to go ahead at the new price but with a full breakdown of all the costs.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Key: Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes:

11) Village Hall:

Cllr. A. Rozkalns reported that the Village Hall was currently closed. He said that the Village Hall had received a grant for £10 000 from the government to cover its costs during the current coronavirus crisis. Cllr. A. Rozkalns also reported that a parishioner was keeping the services going at the Village Hall and the Monitor had been purchased and was currently being stored. It was agreed that installing Wi-Fi at the Village Hall would be deferred until the hall reopened.

