

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, September 29th 2020 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner:

1) **Apologies:**

None

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

There were no Declarations of interest.

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensation.

4) **Planning Matters: To discuss and agree the following planning matters:**

Proposal: Redevelopment of golf course and vacant paddock land for the siting of 170 holiday lodges, 3 tree houses, new Facilities Building, Maintenance and Housekeeping Building, car parking and associated highway works.

Address: High Lodge Leisure, Darsham Road, Hinton, Blythburgh, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3QT.

Ref: DC/20/3142/FUL

The Clerk presented the following view taken from the previous week's meeting on this planning application.

The Parish Council is concerned that the size of the proposed development will unduly disturb the local residents. It believes that with the considerable increase in traffic despite the improvements indicated within the proposals, the junction with the road to High Lodge may not be adequate and the Environmental Report does not seem to appreciate the amount of wildlife local people believe to be there. The Parish Council also believes that the visual effect will be detrimentally impacted by the proposal, that the current water supply, sewage, drainage and power infrastructure is not enough to service the lodges and the amenities do not seem to be expanding to meet the extra numbers of guests.

Cllr. W. Shoote said that he would like to write a reply using the information above. It was agreed to object to this planning application and for Cllr. W. Shoote to give the reasons for the objection.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Key:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes

Proposal: Proposed two storey rear extension
Address: 1 Mill View, Halesworth Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HP
Ref: DC/20/3620/FUL

The Parish Council approved the planning application

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

5) **Internet Banking:**

Councillors agreed to add the payment option to the Barclays Bank Community Account. Cllr. A. Rozkalns said that he would contact Barclays Bank.

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

6) **Local Government Consultation:**

Having discussed the proposals, Cllr. A. Niven and Cllr. A. Thomas agreed to draft a response for the next Parish Council Meeting.

7) **Sizewell C:**

Councillors discussed the draft submission below by Cllr. D. Hughes and the Clerk was asked to send it to the Planning Inspectorate.

24th September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council present our response to the proposals regarding Sizewell C which we do not support for the following reasons, most of which have been covered by other local councils:

** As a parish we would be directly affected by the impact on transport via A144. An increase in population in the parishes and Halesworth would increase the dangers already evidenced in local records.*

** Halesworth and its surrounding villages are already impacted by overloaded medical and educational concerns an increase in population would cause more problems.*

** The local schools both primary and secondary have insufficient capacity for increased populations without considerable support.*

** Water, sewerage and electrical supplies are both basic and inadequate already in Halesworth and surrounding villages and would struggle to cope with increased population.*

** The proposals for Sizewell C within our Heritage Coast are too great and irreparably damaging for an Area of Outstanding Beauty. No amount of mitigation would ever restore this important corridor which currently runs from Lowestoft to Ipswich. The economic damage to the tourist industry for which this area relies could never be replaced.*

* *The impact of the building process itself will have an enormous and disrupting effect on residents covering a very wide area. Official figures admit that it will take at least 20 years to recoup the carbon release caused by the construction site. It is universally acknowledged that greenhouse gasses need to be lowered now, not in 20 years' time. The potential for this figure to be exceeded is entirely feasible.*

* *The seismic impact of the build should also be taken into account. When Sizewell B was constructed the noise could be heard and felt as far away as Wenhaston. The depth of the proposed construction will surely result in greater impact in the local area.*

* *The previous experience of residents, particularly from Leiston and the surrounding villages when Sizewell B was built that it had a tremendous socio-economic impact which has lasted for decades. House prices in Leiston have never truly recovered and the fear is that once again a similar impact will occur. Trouble caused in the local area in the evening and at weekends during the build in terms of alcohol, drugs and sexually related incidents would not be tolerated.*

* *The long-term future of Sizewell C should also be considered. The rising of sea levels internationally and the already fragile nature of the East coast could result in the power station becoming an island. The obvious dangers from the North Sea in the future could impact severely on the facility despite numerous safety systems being put in place. The experiences in Japan should surely be at the forefront of any considerations, remembering that human error is often at the bottom of any nuclear problems seen worldwide.*

Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Bond:

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter stating that East Suffolk Council had the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and that he had also received an Information Commissioner Renewal Reminder.

9) **Cheques and Receipts:**

Payments:

Chq. 101176	CAS Insurance Parish Protect 2020-2021	£271-04
Chq. 101177	Information Commissioner Fee 2020-2021	£40-00
Chq. 101178	Bramfield PCC (St. Andrews) Donation	£150-00
Chq. 101179	St. Peters Church Donation	£150-00
Chq. 101180	Bramfield URC Donation	£150-00
Chq. 101181	Cllr. D. Hughes reimbursement for Silicon for the Telephone Box	£17-46

It was also agreed to send the Information Commissioner's Cheque as 'Signed For' so there was proof that it had arrived.

Receipts:

BACS	Second Precept Payment	£3000-00
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Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

The Meeting ended at 8-03pm.