

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, May 4th 2020 at 10-30am.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. M. Bond:

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

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

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensation.

4) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 10th 2020:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, March 9th were agreed.

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

5) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: Retention of subdivision of dwelling to form 2 dwellings & single storey side extension

Address: Castle Meadow, Darsham Road (A144), Bramfield, Suffolk.

Ref: DC/20/1430/FUL

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application. However as a more general point, the Parish Council is concerned at the number of retrospective planning applications taking place in the two parishes.

Proposer: Cllr. W. Shoote: Secunder: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

Proposal: Non-Material Amendment of DC/19/3417/FUL - Demolition of single storey flat roof rear extensions. Proposed single storey pitched roof rear extension. New window and reduction in width of bi-folding doors on South Elevation, removal of one proposed roof light on South Elevation |

Address: Bell Inn, The Street, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HT

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

The Clerk reported that he had received the Countryside Voices Newsletter, the Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) Members Guide and the Suffolk Heaths Newspaper.

He also said that he had received the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) Annual Subscription 2020-2021. It was agreed to pay the subscription.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Rozkalns: Seconder: Cllr. S. Key:

The Clerk said that he had been asked by Peter Wilkinson in Peasenhall to bring the following Draft Letter which he hoped would be signed by all the local parish councils near to Sizewell C to the attention of the Councillors.

Dear Cllr Hicks and Cllr Gallant,

We are writing in response to your letter to EDF of 9 April concerning its Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Sizewell C.

We are very disappointed that your Councils state they are "supportive" of EDF submitting the DCO at this time. Just knowing the Sizewell C application is about to be submitted is creating additional anxiety in our communities at a very difficult time. We do, however, note and appreciate that the Councils are questioning whether the public consultation period should start after the application is accepted. We urge you to strongly hold the line that it would be completely inappropriate for this period to start unless coronavirus restrictions are entirely lifted. It would be unfair to begin for example while libraries remained shut and public meetings prohibited. We recognise that EDF is proposing this period could be extended. However, time is not the main constraint for those who would struggle to access EDF's proposals online, or would be unable to get together with others to discuss the implications of EDF's plans. We are depending on you to be extremely robust on this point when EDF will be applying considerable pressure to proceed.

We further note that the Planning Inspectorate still does not know how examinations would work for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. We understand PINS will likely issue more guidance on this, but their representatives have repeatedly stated that digital examinations will not be suitable for all projects. Given its scale, it is vital that you uphold the view that the Sizewell C DCO would be totally unsuitable for a digital examination process.

Signed by X Parishes and Towns (32 at the time of writing)

Following some discussion, the Councillors agreed for the Parish Council to sign the letter.

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

7) **Coronavirus Decisions: Ratification of Decisions Taken by Council Members by email since the last Parish Council Meeting held on March 9th 2020.**

Proposal: The installation of a 1 No. 30m high telecommunications slimline lattice tower, with 2 No. multi-band antennas, 2 No. 0.6m DIA dishes, 3 No. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto. Installed within a 2.2m timber fence in a 9.15m x 7.7m compound.

Address: Brook Hall Farm, Edwards Lane, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HN

Ref: DC/20/1034/FUL

Under the present circumstances regarding coronavirus, the Parish Council has been unable to meet to discuss this planning application. However Councillors have consulted by email and the general view is that there is no objection to this planning application.

Proposal: Change of use from Water machine manufacturing and distribution to Car Repairs and Sales premises by appointment only. Existing workshops at rear, existing showroom at front, existing offices adjoining showroom. Display of vehicles on existing concrete hardstanding at front of buildings.

Address: Suffolk Cars, Halesworth Road, Bramfield, Suffolk. IP19 9HP

Ref: DC/20/1126/FUL

Under the present circumstances regarding coronavirus, the Parish Council has been unable to meet to discuss this planning application. However Councillors have consulted by email and the general view is that they cannot support this planning application until the following issues are resolved.

Councillors are very aware of the residents' views who live opposite the planning application site who note that:

- 1) The current working hours are not the ones stated on the application with the lights being regularly on beyond 10pm and early in the morning;
- 2) The signage on the A144 are unnecessary distractions;
- 3) There is 'language'/swearing and shouting, which is inappropriate for a rural site with domestic dwellings opposite;
- 4) Although the planning application seems to indicate that parking considerations are not relevant, it is felt that the parking of cars in the short layby and the deliveries/collections of several vehicles is very unsafe in view that this stretch of road is currently a speed limit of 60mph. It is believed that even with the new 40mph speed limit, it is still very close to the 60mph sign where it is believed that unfortunately the psychology of many drivers will be to start to speed as soon as they can see the derestricted sign whether or not they have passed it, so that the parking issues will remain:

The Councillors are also concerned that oil, petrol, paint and other liquids and scrap may not be appropriately removed from the site for disposal as this is in an agricultural area and not an industrial area.

Councillors believe that if the working hours are those stated in the planning application, the signage on the A144 is removed, the language is moderated, any pollution is disposed of appropriately and customers have parking spaces within

the curtilage of the property and not in the lay-by, then councillors will not object to this planning application.

Payments:

Chq 101162 Cllr. A. Rozkalns – TV Monitor for Village Hall	£409-00
Chq 101163 Halesworth Town Council – Donation Foodbank	£300-00

The above planning application responses and cheques paid were agreed and ratified by the Parish Council.

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

8) **Financial Report:**

a) **Balances at the Bank on March 31st 2020: To receive an update on the current financial status:**

Business Community Account	£8 492-40
Business Savings Account	£6 627-24

b) **Cheques and Receipts: To review receipts and approve payments:**

Chq 101164 SALC Subscription 2020-2021	£186-61
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Receipts

BACS	CiL Payment	£2181-95
BACS	First Precept Payment from East Suffolk Council	£3000-00

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

9) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, May 11th 2020:**

It was agreed to look at the Audit at the next meeting on Monday, May 11th 2020.

The Meeting ended at 11-24am.