

# **Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council**

**Members are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council which will be held at the Village Hall on Monday, March 13th 2023 at 7pm.**

## **Present:**

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

## **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); District Cllr. N. Brooks and one parishioner:

### 1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Thomas gave her apologies. The Councillors accepted her apologies.

County Cllr. R. Smith also gave his apologies.

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

Cllr. A. Rozkalns (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. M. Bond and Cllr. F. Ryder all declared a personal interest in the Village Hall and the Village Green.

### 3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

The Clerk said that County Cllr. R. Smith had sent an email giving his apologies for both this meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting as he had to attend Saxmundham Town Council's Meeting.

The Clerk added that County Cllr. R. Smith had originally planned to give £1000 towards purchase of the land for the Village Green but as it is such a good and worthy scheme, he had increased the amount to £2000.

District Cllr. N. Brooks reported that East Suffolk Council had set a Budget requiring a 2.8% increase in the Council Tax. He said that all was well at East Suffolk Council noting that East Suffolk Services were taking over the collection of Refuse Collection. District Cllr. N. Brooks added that East Suffolk Council was buying Industrial Units and developing properties to create income. District Cllr. N. Brooks offered £1 000 towards the Village Green.

District Cllr. N. Brooks said that from Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, 'purdah' would begin for all the councillors. He said that he very much supported the 'Village Green Project' and hoped that it could be developed further. Cllr. F. Ryder and Cllr.



Proposer: Cllr. A. Niven:                      Seconded: Cllr. M. Bond:

11) **To agree Internal Control Statement and Reports:**

The Internal Control Statement and Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Hughes:                      Seconded: Cllr. A. Rozkalns:

12) **Policies:**

The Clerk suggested that the new Parish Council elected after the next elections should agree which policies are adopted by the Parish Council.

13) **Replacement of Clerk Report:**

Cllr. D. Hughes reported that one applicant had applied for the post. However the closing date was March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 so there may be more applicants.

It was agreed that Cllr. D. Hughes, Cllr. A. Rozkalns and Cllr. W. Shoote would interview those who were selected and that provisionally, the interviews would be on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

14) **To receive information and agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, April 17th 2023:**

There were no information or further items for the next Parish Council Meeting.

**The Meeting ended at 7-43pm.**