

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Bramfield Village Hall on Monday, 22nd July 2024 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr. Hughes (Chair), Cllr. Rozkalns (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Bond and Cllr. Ryder

Also Present:

C. Cllr. Smith, D. Cllr. Ashton, Karen Lewis (Clerk) via Zoom

39/24-25 Chairs Welcome: The chair welcomed those present and updated the meeting on her recent attendance of Walberswick Parish Council. She was pleased to report that comparisons between the two parishes gave her confidence that Bramfield meetings and ways of working were in line with best practice. She was particularly impressed with the Hybrid working arrangements where both the Clerk & RFO routinely attend via ZOOM on a large TV screen.

40/24-25 Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Niven

41/24-25 To receive Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations: Dispensations were requested for Cllr. Rozkalns and Cllr. Ryder in relation to the Village Hall

42/24-25 Public Session: NONE

43/24-25 To receive a report from the County Councillor: C. Cllr. Smith advised that they were catching up on delayed meetings due to the elections and he had Cabinet responsibilities for Skills. They are awaiting information from the new Government to ensure they are aligned. The overspend on 23/24 budget was less than expected mainly due to a bonus due to higher income from electricity generation from the burning of refuse collection. Cllr. Hughes mentioned that some work had been done recently towards flood mitigation but there was still a lot needed to be done to try and ensure the risk of future flooding is reduced. She also highlighted the huge traffic issues caused by the recent work mainly due to the reduced parking available.

44/24-25 To receive a report from the District Councillor: D. Cllr Ashton updated the meeting on several issues including the available funds from the Sizewell C Project. In particular the District Council are waiting for the Housing targets from the new Government.

45/24-25 To consider the Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 24th June 2024 for accuracy and for the Chair to sign as a true record: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th June 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed.

46/24-25 Planning Matters: NONE

47/24-25 The Clerks' report was shared and it was agreed the Clerk would continue investigating the option to move to a gov.uk email address and report back at the next meeting

48/24-25 Finance Matters: To approve items on the Authorisation to pay Sheet: The Authorisation to Pay Sheet was **APPROVED** and signed. Cllr Hughes agreed to authorise the online payments

49/24-25 Policy Reviews: To review and approve the revised and updated Financial Regulation: The revised Financial Regulation Policy was **APPROVED**

50/24-25 Highways: Cllr. Ryder suggested consideration was given to the installation of a speed camera on The Street using a grant from the Sizewell C. community Fund. The Clerk will investigate options and report back for the September meeting.

Cllr. Niven had asked what action the Council was going to take regarding the HiViz jackets left from the now disbanded Speed Watch Team. Cllr. Hughes agreed to establish how many we had and what condition they were in to help aid a decision.

51/24-25 Date of Next Meeting: It was **AGREED** that the date of the next meeting would move from the Monday 9th September to Monday 23rd September 2024 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 19.55

*Councillors to forward any matters for the next Agenda to the Clerk by
10th September 2024*