

Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council held at Bramfield Village Hall on Monday,
11th March 2024 at 7pm**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Attending remotely via zoom was Karen Lewis (Clerk)

109/23-24 Chair's welcome: The chair welcomed those present

110/23-24 Apologies: C. Cllr. Smith and D. Cllr Ashton sent their apologies

111/23-24 To receive Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations: Dispensations were requested for Cllr. Rozkalns and Cllr. Ryder in relation to the Village Hall

112/23-24 Public Session: None

113/23-24 To receive a report from the District Councillor (if present). As D.Cllr Ashton was not able to attend he shared information with the Chair prior to the meeting regarding traffic along Walpole Road past Bramfield House School. The Chair gathered input from all councillors to share with D. Cllr. Ashton to aid further discussions.

114/23-24 Planning Matters:

114/23-24.1 Planning reference: DC/23/3445/FUL (Reconsultation)
The Parish Council welcomed the opportunity to discuss the application further and given a greater understanding of the Planning regulations regarding this type of development have decided that there is no need for us to change our original response of No Objection

114.23-24.1 Planning reference: DC/24/0624/FUL
Comments to be submitted were AGREED to be "No objection"

115/23-24 Clerks' report was shared: Councillors discussed the changes to the website that have been met with approval. The date of the Internal Audit was NOTED for the week commencing 28th May to 31st May 2024

115/23-24 Finance Matters: The Authorisation to Pay sheet was APPROVED and signed

C Hughes 8.4.2024

116/23-24 Highways

116/23-24.1 Update on Grit Bins: Cllr Niven updated the council with regard to his research on the grit bins in Bramfield and Thorington. Suffolk Highways have now accepted ownership of all bins noted by Councillor Niven with the exception of the Grit Bin in the Village Hall Car Park as it is not on a highway. The Village Hall Bin is damaged and needs replacing. Three quotes were obtained by Cllr. Niven and it was agreed to go with Manutan at a cost of £89.25 without VAT and the Clerk was authorised to go ahead with the purchase.

116/23-24.2 VAS Machine: Cllr Niven reported that the VAS machine needed to be sent away to Westcotec for updates and recalibration. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Niven would furnish the clerk with the relevant details in order for a quote to be obtained to service and update the machine.

Cllr Niven asked for the council's input on what to do with the now redundant equipment from the Speed Watch Team, in particular the High Vis jackets that are part of the Council's assets. Cllr, Niven agreed to collect said jackets from the team and a decision will be made as to their future storage at the next meeting.

117/23-24 Asset Condition report: It was noted that not all of the assets had been checked as was agreed in the previous meeting. The report will be filled out in full in the next council meeting.

118/23-24 Actions to be taken regarding co-option of new councillors: It was **AGREED** that the poster Cllr. Hughes had created will be put up around the village

119/23-24 Date of next meeting

It was **AGREED** the date of the next meeting would be Monday 8th April 2024 (a change from the 15th April)

The meeting ended at 8.15

Councillors to forward any matters for the next Agenda to the Clerk by 30th March 24

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