

**Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting of the parishes of Bramfield and Thorington held in the Village Hall, Bramfield on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7-45pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Hughes (Chairman); Cllr A. Rozkalns (Vice Chairman); Cllr M. Bond, Cllr. A. Niven; Cllr. F. Ryder; Cllr W. Shoote; five parishioners and Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

**1) Apologies:**

Cllr. A. Thomas; County Cllr. R. Smith and District Councillor N. Brooks.

**2) Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2022:**

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 were confirmed and signed.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Bond:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Hughes

**3) The Parish Council – A report from Cllr. Debbie Hughes:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the attached report on the activities of Parish Council over the last twelve months.

**4) East Suffolk Council – A report from District Councillor Norman Brooks:**

Cllr. D. Hughes reported that District Cllr. Norman Brooks had contributed £1000 to the Village Green.

**5) Suffolk County Council – A report from County Councillor Richard Smith:**

Cllr. D. Hughes reported that County Cllr. Richard Smith had contributed £1000 to the Village Green.

**6) Speedwatch Report – Cllr. A. Niven:**

Cllr. A. Niven said that Speedwatch had lost four members but the teams did still go out every fortnight. Cllr. A. Niven said that more people were needed to join speedwatch as it reminds motorists that the speed limit is 30mph through the village. He also said that it was one part of several measures to slow traffic down using flashing lights, monitoring, the Police Speed Van and Speedwatch.

Cllr. A. Niven said that there had been success in that there were the 40mph speed limits at each end of the Village. He thanked County Cllr. R. Smith and District Councillor N. Brooks for their help and money in making this change. However Cllr. A. Niven said that traffic volumes are rising and around half of all drivers still drive through Bramfield over the speed limit.

Cllr. D. Hughes and Cllr. A. Niven said that they were well aware of the speed issues in Bridge Street. However to reduce the speed limit to 20mph, the two councillors said that they had been told that it would cost around £10 000.

### **7) Neale and Archer Charities Report:**

There was no formal report but a Parishioner reported that it was still operational and purchasing books for schools. He said that they were also helping the elderly. The Parishioner said that the accounts had been accepted and a meeting was to be held soon. The Parishioner said that the Charity had money and would like to buy something for the children in Bramfield as the charity was moving to buying equipment for children.

### **8) Bramfield Village Hall Report:**

Cllr. A. Rozkals gave the attached report on the activities of Village Hall over the last twelve months.

Cllr. F. Ryder wished to thank everyone who had financially contributed to the Village Green. She also thanked all those involved for their enthusiasm and ideas.

### **Any questions/comments/matters of interest.**

Cllr. D. Hughes said that she had reports from the Bramfield Stepping Stones Pre-School and the Tree warden and they were both attached to these minutes.

A parishioner said that a Climatic Convention was coming to Halesworth in September which led to a discussion on litter picking.

A local Team Vicar introduced herself to the meeting saying that the Team looked after fourteen churches in the area and would like to be informed of any event that they could become involved.

### **The Meeting ended at 8-43pm.**