

**A meeting of the Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council was held on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the Village Hall, Bramfield at 7.30pm.**

**Minutes:**

**Present:**

Cllr C Mullett (Chairman); Cllr M Bond; Cllr A Thomas; Cllr P Layfield; Cllr W Shoote:

County and District Cllr. M. Gower and two members of the public.

**Apologies:**

Cllr M Hart; Cllr A Rozkalns (Vice Chairman):

**To receive declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest from councillors.

**To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2014:**

The Minutes were amended at the bottom of the second page in that the 'Strategic Plan' should be more accurately described as a 'Core Strategy'.

Proposed: Cllr. Philip Layfield                      Seconded: Cllr. Will Shoote

**Matters arising:**

Cllr. Philip Layfield reported that the Queens Head Public House would be open until Christmas.

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

Cllr. Michael Gower asked if the council had any projects needing funding as he said he did have a little money left in his 'Localities Budget'. It was suggested that the school playground needs more space. It was agreed that this would be further discussed. Cllr. Michael Gower said that the County Council owns much farmland and he wondered if it could be used more efficiently in other ways.

**Questions from Parishioners at the meeting:**

A spur of a footpath that runs through Hill Farm was discussed as its 'right of way' seems to have changed over time. In 1953 the path is shown to have a 'right of way' along one side of a ditch but by the 1990's the County Council showed it had transferred to the other side of the ditch via a bridge although there does not seem to be any evidence of an application to have it changed. If there was no application then it was suggested that the 1953 document is still the official 'right of way'. It was agreed to publicise the issue on the council noticeboard asking for residents' views and recollections of this path so opinions can be given at the meeting in January.

## **Parish Council Matters:**

### **Local Plan – Engagement with SCDC:**

Cllr. Philip Layfield and Cllr. Will Shoote attended the District Council Surgery. They reported that they looked at the plan first and were told that whilst the consultation was next month perhaps anything new could be suggested now so it could be in the consultation. They reported that the policy was to protect the environment and two small areas of land had been added to the 'Bramfield Village Limits'. Despite some concern that these two areas of land had been added to the village boundary could now be built on and councillors could not see the need for their addition, they decided not to contest the amendments to the village boundaries.

### **Parish Plan – Results Update:**

Cllr A Thomas gave a summary of the findings of the Village Review mentioning the concerns of speeding through the village, the school is too small and there is no pathway to the school. She also stated that the focus for further development was Bridge Meadow and therefore suggested that Flagship were invited to a meeting. Cllr A Thomas suggested that councillors met weekly to discuss solutions to concerns mentioned in the review so they could be put forward as a plan to be discussed by the community. Councillors agreed to meet on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7-30pm in the Queens Head Public House and for a copy of the Village Review to be put on the Village Website and in the Information Centre outside the Queens Head.

### **Healthwatch Suffolk:**

It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

### **Planning Matters:**

DC/14/3149/PN3 Proposed Barn Conversion at Redundant Farm Buildings, Hill Farm, Thorington Road.

The councillors decided to **REFUSE** permission as it was too large a dwelling to be situated where it is and it did not have sufficient merit to be used as a house.

Proposed: Cllr. Will Shoote                      Seconded: Cllr A Thomas

Cllr. Philip Layfield expressed a declaration of interest as the building was close to his farm and therefore he abstained from the discussion and the decision.

### **Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported that he had received a 'Therese Coffey Poster' for a surgery at the Queens Head on October 8<sup>th</sup>. He also said that there was a seminar on recording and filming meetings on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> between 10am until 2pm at Elmswell. The Clerk said that there was a Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council and Police Budget Review Liaison Meeting for Town and Parish Councils in the Suffolk Coastal District Council Chamber on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 6-30pm. Finally, the Clerk said that he was getting literature on cost, how to attract candidates and procedures for the Parish Council Elections on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015. He said that Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is the changeover day for the council. As the

Council would have a meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> the Clerk recommended that this should be our AGM as the AGM must be held within 14 days of the changeover day ie May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report:**

a) Balances at the bank on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014

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| Community Account | £7521-27 |
| Business Account  | £6590-02 |

The Clerk reported that the Council had received the precept for April to September into the Community Account to the value of £2731-71.

b) Cheques for payment

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| Chq. No. 100946 | Community Action Insurance | £273.09 |
| Chq. No. 100947 | Tate Clerk's Salary        | £159.38 |
| Chq. No. 100948 | Tate HMRC PAYE             | £ 39.80 |
| Chq. No. 100949 | Widdowson Clerk's Salary   | £176.60 |
| Chq. No. 100950 | Widdowson Expenses         | £ 14.99 |

**Matters of Information from Members:**

It was agreed to put the District Council's 'Pre-application Planning Charges' on the council noticeboard.

**To receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2014:**

None

The Meeting ended at 9-05pm