

Bramerton Parish Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present :Mr R Bennett (Chairman), Mrs J Coles, Dr A Darwood, Mr G.Shaw, Mr R.Smith and Mr B Ansell (Clerk),  
Apologies for absence Mrs B.Hawes & Mr. D.Blake,  
Also present Councillor S Thomson, Mr J. Fairclough (SNDC), and six parishioners.

15.06 Declaration of Interests – None

15.07 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014, and the Budget/Precept meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015, which had been circulated, were both approved, following amendment.

Matters arising

15.08 Collection of waste from The Common.

The Chairman welcomed James Fairclough ,Waste & Cleansing Manager from SNDC to the meeting, and expressed the Council's gratitude for SNDC assistance in managing this problem which had arisen following the withdrawal of collections by the Broads Authority at the end of March 2014.

The Chairman again outlined the options which had been discussed at the previous meeting. Mr Fairclough confirmed that SNDC could continue with the fortnightly collections from the Common but would recommend increasing the size of the Store for 2 larger bins. He suggested that a weekly collection could be arranged but would involve a further contractor to collect in between the SNDC collections and that cost would be between £500 -£1,000 per annum depending on the contractor. The third option- removal of the store- may result in fly tipping – and would cost in the region of £40 per visit to clear any mess. The parishioners present reiterated their concerns that doubling the size of the store and bins could exacerbate the problems with all saying that without their involvement , monitoring and ensuring the litter was placed in bins (the refuse staff would only take away the rubbish in the bins – not left adjacent to the bins) the situation would have been much worse. General cleanliness of the site was being undertaken by parishioners.

Councillors were apprehensive that the facility could become a major waste disposal site on the southern broads if enlarged. They were critical of the Broads Authority that in the week the Authority was changing its branding to attract more holiday makers to come to the Broads, essential facilities to service the boats, were being removed across the “Broads National Park”. Councillors, having considered the various options felt minded to remove both bins and store which was supported by the parishioners who had undertaken looking after the site. .However, as tenants, the Broads Authority were

responsible for keeping the Quayside tidy and as most of the rubbish emanated from the boats (mainly private craft) it was suggested that the Rangers should monitor the area more closely than they do. The Clerk would advise the

Broads Authority that the Bins & Store would be removed by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015, and request that Notices be placed along the Quayside and in the Toll/ Licence reminders that “ No waste disposal facilities are available at Bramerton”.

Separately, it was suggested that a Dog waste bin be purchased and placed adjacent to the road in place of the store. Mr Fairclough was thanked for his help in trying to resolve this problem, and then he left the meeting.

15.09 Village Sign - Mark Williams had suggested a start date of January 2015 for re-instatement – the Clerk would chase.

- 1 15.10 District Councillor’s Report – Sue Thomson tabled her Report noting that South Norfolk had included within the Local Plans proposals for the Long Stratton by pass which will be the subject of the Inspectors hearing at the SNDC Offices. Council tax will again be frozen although the police portion will probably increase.. Finally she reminded Councillors of the availability of grants from herself and the area funds.
- 1 15.11 County Councillor’s Report – Councillor Roger Smith’s report had been circulated to Councillors. He drew attention to the burst pipe and lack of water over the holiday and the splendid response by Anglian Water which drew much praise from parishioners; work by Highways to reduce flooding at Church Farm corner; the free NHS Health check this month and the “Caring for Dementia” day on Wednesday at the Kings Centre – open to all carers.
- 2 15.12 Parishioners Questions – Bowls Club would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and was looking to celebrate the occasion.
- 3 The Bugle – an article on the Surlingham footpath had drawn a letter noting efforts to restore the footpath after damage by floods. The letter also raised whether a right of way had been established over the Common – it would be acknowledged by the Clerk.
- 4 Access to Bramerton Woods End – possible right of way – to be placed on Agenda for next meeting.
- 5 15.13 Correspondence

Clerks & Councillors Direct – Magazine -received.

SNDC – Big litter pick – details.

Norfolk Constabulary – Providing 50/50 finance for PCSOs.

Charlie Taylor(deceased) – a commemorative bench on the Common – agreed in principle– details to be discussed.

15.14 Planning

Bramerton Woods End - Waters Edge – Enforcement Order – ongoing.  
Broads Authority – Consultation  
BA 2015/0014 HOUSEH – 2 storey side extension for Hill Crest, Hill House road - Approved -no further comment.

#### 15.15 Finance

The Clerk tabled the Schedule;

Balance; @16th December 2014- £11,206-58

Receipts- None

Grants – Byrus – youth worker – proposed £25 as last year.

#### Payments

100960 Chilman Gotts Hedge/topping - £150-00

100961 D. Blake – Bugle Print - £27-70

100962 B. Ansell - Clerks Sal/Admin (Dec/ Jan) £494-48

100963 HMRC -PAYE - £111-60

100964 Four Seasons (S.Atkins) bowls gate & posts - £200-00

100965 DHS Landscaping – Common – hedge \_ £540-00

100966 Byrus (Yelverton PCC) grant youth work - £ 25-00

The Schedule was approved for payment by Rob Bennett, seconded by Tony Darwood. and passed for payment.

Precept setting – The precept was confirmed.

#### 15.16 Parish Land and Property

a, Parish owned land – Registration.- Still waiting for confirmation from Mills & Reeve that all documents had now been submitted to HM Land Registry ( copies would be retained at Mills & Reeve (Cambridge Offices) and by the Clerk). A letter from Simon Mitchell on access would be investigated.

b, Grazing Field - The gate had been padlocked.

c, Allotments – All 13 tenants had been accommodated although some had not cultivated this year..

d, Village Pond – Tony Darwood & Geoff Shaw had met with Norwich Fringe and discussed “reed cutting” - but response for a Management Plan still awaited.

e, Gates – bowls gate repaired but repairs needed for the small wooden gate (Smithson suggested).

f, Play area – It was agreed to arrange the Inspection for March 2015

g, Tree Week – trees/ hedging for patching hedges along Hill House Road had been collected and planted by Rob Bennett

h, The Street – Higham's Hedges –Highways requested to clear footpath along The Street.

i, Hedge on The Common – completed however scrub encroachment noted, Roger Smith to organise working party.

j, Jubilee bench – Requires staining and cleaning- Tony Darwood

k, Anglian Water -Grant of £1000 – a number of suggestions received

including Water aid, Byrus, Bowls Club, Church clock, river footpath and community orchard.

15.17 Parish Council elections – The Clerk reminded Councillors of elections in 2015 – The Chairman Rob Bennett, Joan Coles, and Tony Darwood stated that they were stepping down – a search for prospective candidates to replace them was suggested to commence with an early edition of The Bugle. The date of the Annual Parish meeting was discussed including possible speaker.

15.18 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Dates for 2015 are 26/01; 23/03; 18/05; 27/07; 28/09; 23/11. APM 27/04

Meeting closed 22-05hrs