

Bramerton Parish Council held on 21st March 2016
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present Mr. D.Blake(Chairman),Mrs V. Knowles, Mrs G. McArthur ,
Mr G.Shaw, Mr R.Smith, Mr K. Wheeldon and Mr B Ansell (Clerk).
In attendance Mrs J. Wheeldon – Tree Warden,
Apologies – Mr R. Simmonds & District Councillor Mr V Thomson

David Trower – Councillors remembered David Trower whose funeral would be held on Wednesday 23rd March at St Peter’s Church. David Trower had served as Councillor, Vice Chairman & Chairman spanning a period of 10 years as well being an active member in Village & Church life and other local Organisations. The Council’s condolences were extended to Heather and the family.

16.18 Declaration of Interests –None.

16.19 Minutes of the previous meeting held 18th January 2016, which had been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

16.20 2016/17 Budget & Precept

Parishioners had now received their Council Tax demand and, as expected, the increase in the Parish Precept had been noted, The Chairman would respond at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2016.

16.21 Appointment of Internal Auditor – a response had been received setting out what Chris Jay would require however it was not a Letter of Engagement which was still awaited.

16.22 Playground Inspection Report – It was suggested that a walk to assess any outstanding works prior to requesting an Inspection might be useful. The purchase of the scrambling net (cost in the region of £600) and other works, was again deferred.

16.23 Anglian Water grant

The Bramerton Society had commenced planting the Community Orchard,. The Clerk had not yet drawn up the tenancy agreement between the Bramerton Society and the Parish Council on the lines of the allotment agreement but hoped a draft would be available for the next meeting, setting out the responsibilities of both parties.

Regarding the remainder of the monies - £340 – this had been deferred as neither the Village Pond nor the Playground had the additional funds to complete either project at the last meeting.

Gillian McArthur briefed the meeting following discussions with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and others on both the Recreation Ground & The Street Ponds. The Recreation Ground Pond was currently full but contained a plant that should be removed. The scrub around the pond should also be removed but given the close proximity of Sunbeams and the playground its removal would expose the children to a further hazard and require

considerable expenditure in fencing the pond. The possible use of “volunteers”, from Norfolk & Suffolk Rehabilitation Company – Community Payback Unit to assist in the work, was noted. It was agreed that no work could be carried out until the pond was dry. The removal of reeds from the Street Pond was again discussed and further quotes would be obtained by Gillian McArthur. It was proposed that the grant remain in the “reserve”.

16.24 Village Sign - Keith Wheeldon would inquire progress on sourcing a builder.

16.25 Moorings Lease The Broads Authority were looking to extend the mooring lease, which expires in 2016 and a draft of the proposals had been received from the Broads Authority. It was noted that apart from a fixed term of 50 years and a rent based on that set 5 years ago, the main stumbling block was change to the repair and maintenance clause from full repairing to “keep the premises.... in such a condition to be fit for the purpose as visitor moorings”. Having failed to repair the parish moorings last year when the remainder were replaced, Councillors were insistent that the parish moorings were repaired within the existing agreement before entering into a further agreement. A sub committee of Keith Wheeldon, Geoff Shaw and Richard Simmonds would meet representatives in due course.

16.26 District Councillors report

Vic Thomson - District Councillor – An update on the roll out of Broadband had been circulated.

16.27 County Councillors report

Roger Smith, having circulated his most recent report noted a further update on proposed changes to the Bus schedule in September.

16.28 Parishioners Questions

.Precept queried.

Allotments – A request for a shed and poly tunnel on an allotment was considered. The Clerk would respond.

16.29 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils direct

SNDC – Litter Pick

NCC – Mobile Library

Mr S. Mitchell – confirming his actions.

16.30 Planning

SNDC Appeal – Orchard House – The Street - Mr Walker has appealed against the refusal for a solar panel array in his back garden,

SNDC – 2014/0525 Mr Tavernini - Darenth House Bullockshed Lane First Floor extension over existing Garage and single storey extension.

It was felt the inclusion of a “flat roof” was not in keeping with the SNDC vernacular.

16.31 Finance

Balance @ 15/3/2016 £6,907-13

Receipts -, Nil

Grants –none.

Payments

101013 B. Ansell –Clerks Sal/expenses Feb/Mar£ 399-74

101014 HMRC PAYE £73-80

101015 Four Seasons (S Atkins) tree works - £220-00

101016 Amitola Ltd – Rec Gds –tree works - £2220-00

The payment schedule was proposed by Geoff Shaw, seconded by Keith Wheeldon, and passed for payment.

Rents - It was agreed to raise rents for Allotments to £18 per annum and Moorings to £190 per annum. All tenants had been notified.

16.32 Parish Land & property- Geoff Shaw gave an update on the current position.

Footpath Report – A report from Richard Simmonds on the paths (all walkable) in Bramerton was noted.

Tree Warden – A comprehensive update and report from Jane Wheeldon was received.. Despite difficulties over road closure/ stop go boards, the work had proceeded with the removal of the trees. Also the filling of the hole left by the removal of the tree by using hardcore from Bramerton Lodge had also been carried out at a cost of £220-00.

Land Registration –

Common - Extensive mole damage at the far end of the Common was noted and would be raised with Norse. The removal of the fence at the far end adjacent to Hill House was noted and would require replacement – position to be noted.

Common –Cars & boats – An abandon boat reported to the Broads Authority had gone but the car remained (subsequently vandalised – reported to Police).

16.33 Annual Parish meeting – Monday 25th April - Flyers
Roger Smith would assist with Eleven Says for their distribution.

16.34 Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 23rd May 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Meeting closed 22-18 hrs

