

Bramerton Parish Council held on 26th September 2016
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present Mr. K. Wheeldon(Chairman), Mr D. Blake, Mrs V. Knowles, Mrs G. McArthur , Mr G. Shaw, Mr R. Simmonds, Mr R. Smith and Mr B Ansell (Clerk).

In attendance Mrs J. Wheeldon – Tree Warden, & Mr V. Thomson District Councillor and one parishioner.

Apologies – None.

16.64 Declaration of Interests –Mr R. Simmonds – planning matters.

16.65 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2016, which had been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

16.66 Moorings – discussion with Broads Authority

A number of comments concerning a future lease had been made to Angie Leper – Broads Authority- but as yet still no response had been received – Chairman to progress via District councillor. It was felt that as the Council’s solicitors Mills & Reeve were already familiar with the matter, they should be asked for a fee proposal to review and give advice on the document when received by the Clerk.

16.67 Playground Inspection Report

The Council reviewed the schedule of works compiled by Roger Smith noting what had been completed and what remained. The provision of rubber matting / safety bark would be taken forward and costs assessed or purchased. It was suggested that the Aviva Insurance Company was offering grants for play schemes and Councillors Knowles & McArthur would compile a submission.

A “play ground” sign on the highway would be raised with Highways by the Clerk

16.68-Community Orchard,. The Clerk had drafted and circulated a simple lease, based on the Allotment Tenancy agreement, with the Bramerton Society. Comments would be incorporated into the Lease.

16.69 Broadband cabinet – moved from Easthill Lane to Surlingham Road - installed but not operational for some months.

16.70 District Councillors report

Vic Thomson’s–lengthy report had been circulated covering ward boundary changes for the District and Parishes; Devolution; Clerk of the Year; Pub of the Year; Electoral Review and noted progress on broadband in the County.

16.71 County Councillors report

Roger Smith's report had also been circulated noting an overspend of £21million on Children and Adult Care Services. He also noted that Syrian refugees would be arriving in the County in January 2017 and finally a correct timetable for Service 85 to match the bus services now provided by Anglian was expected to be published asap.

16.72 Parishioners Questions

Flooding was still occurring at the junction of the Rockland road with Framingham Lane and The Street adjacent to Bramerton Grange. Parishioner advised to contact Highways.

16.73 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils direct

.Precept setting – a paper setting out proposed changes to the precept, capping and extending referendums to towns and parishes were noted with some concern as the cost of holding a referendum for small parishes would have possible serious financial impact and, after discussion, not agreed in principle. The Councils views to be passed to Richard Bacon MP, Vic Thomson and SNDC.

SNDC – Electoral Review of South Norfolk – changes to Rockland Ward but still includes Bramerton.

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Sustainability Appraisal – noted.

Norfolk Constabulary – new Beat Manager Tom Harvey.

Better Broadband- details of a new provider based in Whitlingham.

CPRE – Housing, devolution – requesting support/ petitions.

16.74 Planning,

Tree Preservation Order for Lime & Beech at Hill View Hill House Road.

SNDC – 2014/1462 resubmission - Mr Tavernini - Darenth House

Bullockshed Lane – approved

SNDC 2016/2225 Darenth house – Proposed extension to proposed garden room – no comment.

SNDC 2016/1252 Church Farm Close – Mrs Crane – new dwelling – refused

SNDC 2016/1163 Land north of Church Farm Close -3 dwellings refused.

SNDC 2016/2122 & 2016/2222 Bramerton Grange – Alterations/ new terrace and retaining wall – no comment.

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16.75 Finance

Balance @ 15/08/2016 - £8,538-87

Receipts – HMRC Vat refund £1593-47, Precept £4,700; Mills & Reeve £40-00 refund.

Grants – none.

Payments

101029 Norse Eastern Ltd – Churchyard - £515-82

101030 “ “ “ Grass cutting - £ 563-38

101031 B. Ansell – Clerks Sal/expenses Aug/Sept £365-58

101032 HMRC PAYE £74-60

The payment schedule was proposed by Richard Simmonds, seconded by Gillian McArthur, and passed for payment.

Auditors(Mazars) Comments - Noted changes next year to “fixed costs” to be discussed at next meeting together with Insurance Schedules /asset registers. Letter from Internal Auditor also to be circulated.

16.76 Parish Land & property-

Footpath Report – A report from Richard Simmonds on the paths in Bramerton was noted. Good rapport with James Andrews –Farmer. Tree Warden – A further update and report from Jane Wheeldon was received. A quote for a full survey of the trees on the Recreation Ground and elsewhere, had been received but had not been able to obtain a further 2 quotes. It was agreed to accept the quote from Ace of Spades for £610-00 plus VAT on a proposal from Roger Smith, seconded by Veronica Knowles, and passed.

Street Pond – Gillian McArthur noted a volunteer group was willing to tackle the pond – provisional costs had been assessed at £300-00 –on the proposal from Gillian McArthur, seconded by Roger Smith, it was accepted and approved. Gillian McArthur would draw up the work schedule, advise immediate neighbours and discuss options for the disposal of the reeds. Similar arrangements were required for work on the pond at the Recreation Ground.

Common - A number of issues were emerging on The Common - a hedge from Holly Cottage was encroaching onto the Common – agreed Clerk to write to suggest it should be cut back.. The posts and stanchions required retrenching or replacing if they were to be effective. Recent parties on the Common proved their ineffectiveness. The Chairman tabled proposals for new plates and lockable sockets for the stanchions together with costs .Three replies had been received from suppliers and it was agreed to purchase 2 of the most robust from Versa Street Furniture for £105 plus Vat & delivery On a proposal from Geoff Shaw, seconded by David Blake, it was agreed to purchase and arrange installation. A proposal to apply for a Public Space Protection Order was discussed however enforcement was likely to remain a major problem to be resolved.

Moorings – Parish – 2 tenants had not renewed and the moorings were thus available and had been advertised on the web site –8 applicants had applied including 3 from Bramerton. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the first 2 that had contacted the Clerk – with addresses in the Parish.

Allotments – some allotments had fallen into disuse – It was agreed not to renew their tenancy – Veronica Knowles to advise.

Registration – The Clerk noted that all documents relating to Council’s property were now held either by Mills & Reeve or Geoff Shaw as lead on this matter.

16.77 Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 28th November 2016 – 7-30pm
Precept Discussion – provisional date Tuesday 13th December at 7pm.
Meeting closed at 22-45 hrs.

Chairman