

Bramerton Parish Council held on 24th March 2015
at Bramerton Village Hall - Unadopted Minutes

Present Mr R.Bennett (Chairman), Mr. D.Blake. Mrs J.Coles, Mr G.Shaw, Mr R.Smith and Mr B Ansell (Clerk).

In attendance District Councillor S.Thomson & 3 parishioners.

Apologies ;Dr.A.Darwood

Councillor Brenda Hawes

The Chairman noted the death of Brenda Hawes earlier in the month after a short illness. He reminded Councillors & parishioners of her contribution to village life as Tree Warden, Councillor , Vice Chairman & Chairman of the Council for almost 20 years always at the heart of the village, and putting the interests of the village first. Her diplomacy, her vast knowledge of Bramerton and its parishioners, a willing listener, will leave many to mourn her passing. Our thoughts and prayers for Chris and their family. A minutes silence followed

19. Declaration of Interests -Mr Geoff Shaw, Mr Roger Smith & Mr David Blake registered an "Interest" in Church issues.
20. Minutes of the previous meeting held 26th January 2015, which had been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

21. Collection of Waste from the Common.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for the Bin Store to be removed and David Blake confirmed that Notices stating "No waste facilities on the Common" had been installed. The Clerk was asked to dispose of the Bin Store but it was hoped to reuse the posts to replace posts on the Car Park. The working party had cleared much of the scrub growth along the edge of the Common and it was reported that the Broads Authority hoped to repair & replace the quay head's capping after Easter. All members of the various working parties were thanked for their contributions.

22. Bramerton Woods End - right of way

Roger Smith provided some background information relating to the private road between the Common & the Waters Edge public house which was noted.

23. Anglian Water grant

A number of suggestions had been submitted including refurbishment of The Street pond, Bowls Club fencing, Water Aid & a Community orchard on the grazing land. The Clerk would apply for the grant and the distribution would be decided by the new Council.

24. Annual Parish Meeting

The draft agenda had been circulated and would be included in a Bugle to be issued before Easter.

25. Village sign

Frosty weather was delaying the installation of the Village sign.

26. Playground Gate

Ian Smithson had repaired the gate - our thanks were recorded.

27. Highways- work on the drain /soak away at Rockland Corner and The Street footpath had both been completed.

28. District Councillors report

Sue Thomson made her final report to the Parish Council noting the Council tax demand, the Councils Community Grant programme, and her own ward grants which included £100 to the Bowls Club for a new water boiler. Sue would now "step down" from the District Council.

- 15.29 County Councillors report

Roger Smith, having circulated his report, noted the problems currently affecting the Hewitt School, and the proposal for ferries from Norwich stopping and linking to Whitlingham Country Park.

- 15.30 Correspondence

Anglian water -grants correspondence.

Clerk & councils direct

Norfolk Link

31. Planning

BA 2015 0040 Mr A. Banester Honeysuckle Cottage Mill Hill - Consultation -approve change of roof tile.

BA2015/0014 Approval - Hill Crest Hill House Road - 2 storey Extension

Waters edge - enforcement withdrawn.

15.32 Finance

Balance @ 13/02 £9685-50

Receipts -Nil

Grants -nil

Payments

100967 B. Ansell Clerks sal/admin Feb/Mar £358-02

100968 HMRC PAYE £73-90

100969 S.Plane removal of bin store £30-00

100970 NPFA Subs £20-00

100971 Bramerton Village hall -Hire £63-00

100972 NALC Subs 2015/16 £105-25

100973 G. Mc Arthur -website - £34-00

The payment schedule was proposed by Joan Coles, seconded by Geoff Shaw, and approved for payment.

15.33 Parish Land & property

Land Registration - Geoff Shaw reported on the further discussions with Mills & Reeve that the Land Registry was proposing to grant “qualified registration” for the Staithe, SSSI Chalk Pit & Allotments . A fee invoice had been requested from Mills & Reeve for payment in this financial year but not received. He also reported on the submission from Ian Mitchell for access across the Common arising from when coal from the Wherries would be taken directly across to the cottages from the moorings.

Village Street Pond - removal of the dead reeds from the centre of the Pond had not been possible on the previous occasion and further talks had been held with the Norwich Fringe to solve this problem.

Insurance - the cost of insurance was a major expenditure and it was resolved for the Clerk to seek other quotes for 2015/2016

Playground Inspection - to be arranged for March/ April.

Grant of £300 - Replacement of the climbing net was proposed by Geoff Shaw.

15.34 Retiring Members of the Council.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Councillors not seeking re election for their contributions over the years.

Date of Next Meeting - New Council / Annual General meeting

Monday 18th May 2015

Meeting closed at 21-35hrs