

Bramerton Parish Council held on 5 January 2015
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

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

Apologies ; Mrs B.Hawes,

15.01 Declaration of Interests –Mr Geoff Shaw & Mr David Blake registered an “Interest” in Church issues as Members of Bramerton PCC.

15.02 Finance

a. Out-turn Report – Geoff Shaw tabled his Report following discussion at the previous Parish Council meeting, noting current income & expenditure to date in line with budgetary proposals, and commitments to be incurred prior to 31st March 2015.

b, Budget & Precept 2015/16 – The above Report noted previous income & expenditure over the past 5 years and had extrapolated the figures for possible income & expenditure in 2015/16 with contingencies to cover tree work on The Common and Recreation Ground, and possible lopping/ removals; re-instatement of the Village sign & plinth (and possible protection); legal fees for Registration of the Councils Properties and a resolution of the Village Pond issues. Looking at Income for the Council, Rents would increase by £5 for the Moorings, but otherwise remain at £15 for Allotments & £150 for Bowls Club. The Precept had remained unchanged at £6000 for the past three years, albeit, with the addition of transitional relief and again this coming year from SNDC. The Council were minded to increase the precept slightly to cover contingencies, and an increase in the precept to £6,300 was proposed by Joan Coles, seconded by Tony Darwood, and approved. The Charging Authority was duly signed by Chairman & Clerk.

Other Issues arising from the Budgetary discussions.

Land Registration – Geoff Shaw reported that the Land Registry was proposing to grant “qualified registration” for the Staithe, SSSI Chalk Pit & Allotments – and the Council could either resubmit an additional submission or accept the proposal. It was resolved on a resolution to accept the qualified registration and seek clarification of why this was required. A fee invoice would be requested from Mills & Reeve for payment in this financial year.

Village Sign – The reinstatement of the Village Sign should be undertaken during January and payment made in this financial year.

Church Grounds – Grass cutting of the Churchyard had been added to the Council's contract with the PCC donating 50% of the cost to the Council.

Grass cutting Contract – A new 5 year contract had been arranged with Norse.

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. A contingency sum had been placed in the budget.

Rubbish Bins / Store on the Common – The Broads Authority had withdrawn funding for this service. South Norfolk had stepped in to continue a service of sorts but a decision to put it on a proper footing with a larger store and two larger bins, was meeting opposition from residents. The cost of increasing to weekly collections was thought prohibitive. The other option was to withdraw the service and cope with the occasional fly tipping. All options would be costly and a contingency sum had again been placed in the budget.

Insurance – the cost of insurance was a major expenditure and it was resolved for the Clerk to seek other quotes for 2015/16.

15.04 Other matters

Playground Inspection – to be arranged for March/ April.

Bramerton woods end – private road – A public rights of way had been established along this road.

Anglian Water – an offer of £1000 had been made to a Village charity / village project in compensation for the loss of water for 2 days over the New Year – thoughts invited. A separate offer of £20 to all householders to be credited to their bills had also been received.

15.05 Date of Next Meeting - Monday 26th January 2015

Meeting closed at 20-55hrs