

Bramerton Parish Council held on 18th January 2016
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present Mr. D.Blake(Chairman),Mrs V. Knowles, Mr G.Shaw, Mr R.Simmonds, Mr R.Smith, Mr K. Wheeldon and Mr B Ansell (Clerk).
In attendance Mrs J. Wheeldon – Tree Warden, District Councillor Mr V Thomson and 1 parishioners.
Apologies –Mrs G. McArthur

16.01 Declaration of Interests –Mr Shaw as Treasurer- Bramerton PCC.& Mr Wheeldon – Chairman of Bramerton Society.

16.02 Minutes of the previous meeting held 23rd November 2015, which had been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

16.03 2016/17 Budget & Precept

Geoff Shaw presented an updated out-turn and budget report, following the meeting of the working party in early December, noting that the reserves were insufficient to cover both the re instatement of the Village Sign and the removal of the dead trees identified by the Tree warden. It was resolved to significantly increase the precept for 2016/17 and a precept of £9400 was proposed by Keith Wheeldon, seconded by Geoff Shaw and approved by the Council. Chairman & Clerk duly completed and signed the form of Precept.

The Council's thanks to Geoff Shaw were noted.

16.04 Appointment of Auditor –having resolved to appoint Chris Jay as Internal Auditor – a Letter of Engagement was still awaited.

Adepta Ltd would continue to provide payroll services. It was questioned whether with an income of under £25,000, there was a requirement to appoint an external auditor under the new arrangements.

16.05 Playground Inspection Report – In the absence of Gillian McArthur, the purchase of the scrambling net (cost in the region of £600) and other works, was again deferred.

16.06 Anglian Water grant

The Council considered again the formal proposal outlined by the Bramerton Society for the provision and management for the Community Orchard,. The Council had been minded to give indicative approval for the scheme and a tenancy agreement between the Bramerton Society and the Parish Council on the lines of the above agreement would be drafted for the next meeting, setting out the responsibilities of both parties.

On a proposal from Roger Smith, seconded by Richard Simmonds an Anglian Water grant of £330 was made for the project.

Regarding the remainder of the monies - £340 – this was deferred as neither the Village Pond nor the Playground had the additional funds to complete either project. A meeting with Norfolk Wildlife Trust had been

held on 15th December and a brief summary of that meeting was tabled. It was resolved to place this item on the March agenda. The possible use of “volunteers”, from Norfolk & Suffolk Rehabilitation Company – Community Payback Unit to assist in the work, was noted.

16.07 Village Sign - the Chairman had taken possession of the Post & brass plaques that formed the Village sign. The Council’s thanks to Ashley Bannister who assisted Keith Wheeldon in moving the post was noted. A proposal to simplify the base was supported. Efforts will now be made to find a builder to re install the sign.

16.08 District Councillors report

Vic Thomson - District Councillor –Councillor Thomson noted that the Broads Authority was looking to extend the mooring lease, which expires in 2016, requested dates for a meeting with the Broads Authority. A meeting to discuss the arrangements would need to be held shortly in 2016. The Clerk was requested to seek a draft of the proposals from the Broads Authority.

Of greater interest was the extension of superfast broadband in the next round in 2016 and its impact on Bramerton. More details would be available in January. A broadband voucher scheme involving satellite transmissions was also tabled for those unable to connect to the new services. Finally “planning” had now gone paperless from January 2016.

16.09 County Councillors report

Roger Smith, having circulated his recent report, noted that Queen’s 90th birthday was likely to be a focus for both national & local celebrations. The bus service -85- would be operated by Simmonds from 22nd February. The switch off and changes to Street lighting had saved £550,000 over 5 years. Finally he commented on the council Tax discussions currently taking place.

16.10 Parishioners Questions

The use of the Village Hall together with the Recreation Ground for a celebration of the Queen’s 90th birthday on 12th June organised by the Bramerton Society was approved.

16.11 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils direct

SNDC – Litter Pick

NCC – Warm & Well in Norfolk posters.

Mr S. Mitchell – various letters – see below.

16.12 Planning

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

BA “Waters Edge” – further external works – awaiting application papers.

SNDC – 2014/0705 Church Farm Close – Variations to previous approvals.

Broads Authority Consultation /Approval

2015/0388 Mr & Mrs Stanforth –replacement porch and single storey extension.

16.13 Finance

Balance @ 15/1/2016 £7,989-16

Receipts -, Nil

Grants –Byrus youth work –on a proposal from Keith Wheeldon, seconded by Richard Simmonds, a grant of £25 was approved.

Payments

101003 Mills & Reeve – Legal fees - £1977-00

101004 Village hall – hire - £96-25

101005 Chilman/Gotts – hedge & grass cutting allotments £156-00

101006 Cancelled

101007 B. Ansell –Clerks sal/expenses Dec/Jan £ 346-70

101008 HMRC PAYE £73-80

101009 Bramerton Society (Anglian Water) Grant - £330-00

101010 Yelverton PCC –Byrus grant - £25-00

101011 J Wheeldon – tree tags - £32-28

101012 D Blake – Bugle print – £22-00

The payment schedule was proposed by Richard Simmonds, seconded by Roger Smith, and passed for payment.

Rents It was agreed to raise rents for Allotments to £18 per annum and Moorings to £90 per annum.

16.14 Parish Land & property

Footpath Report – A verbal 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, it was hoped to proceed with the removal of the trees identified at the last meeting. Costs up to £2500 were agreed.

Works – It was proposed to seek a price for filling the hole left by the removal of the tree by using hardcore from Bramerton Lodge; and re surfacing the Village Hall.

Land Registration – Geoff Shaw noted the numerous letters and visits received by the Clerk from Simon Mitchell and gave a spirited response noting that the notes of the August meeting with Mr Mitchell had been extended to give a full explanation and detail not included in the Clerks original notes. He mentioned that the apparent evidence in the deeds of Staithe Cottage of vehicular access across the Common claimed by Mr

Mitchell had yet to be provided to the Council. The Council will now formerly respond to Mr Mitchell.

SSSI site

A swing had appeared in the SSSI Site which needed to be removed. Councillors Wheeldon & Smith to assess risk of removal of the rope. . Common –Cars & boats – An abandon boat was reported to the Broads Authority and efforts to trace the owner of the car left on the car park will hopefully be resolved with the assistance of SNDC.

16.15 Annual Parish meeting – Monday 25th April Speaker

The Chairman would seek a speaker to give a presentation on SNDC ‘s Handyman’s Service.

16.16 July meeting – change of date – now 18th July 2016

16.17 Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 21st March 2016

Meeting closed at 22-45hrs