

Bramerton Parish Council held on 25th September 2017
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present Mr. K. Wheeldon (Chairman), Mr D. Blake, M/s 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
& County Councillor.

Apologies – Mrs V. Knowles.

17.71 Declaration of Interests – Mr K. Wheeldon (Bramerton
Society/CPRE). Mr R. Smith (Bramerton Helping Hands).

17.72 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th July 2017, which had
been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

17.73 Standing Financial Regulations

The Chairman reported that the small working party consisting of Roger
Smith, Richard Simmonds and himself had circulated the latest redraft of
the Financial Regulations for discussion and agreement.

Geoff Shaw suggested that much of the revised document was not relevant
to a small council, despite it being proposed by NALC. It was proposed
that Geoff Shaw would revise further to be more appropriate for
Bramerton Parish Council and he would circulate his proposals for
comment within 4 weeks, so that the revised document could be approved
at the next meeting.

17.74 Lease of Moorings – discussion with Broads Authority

Following the last meeting, a letter had been sent to the solicitors
representing the Broads Authority, but with no response received to date.
Geoff Shaw would follow this up.

17.75 Asset Schedule – changes in valuation.

The Chairman had circulated a list of assets of the Council, noting where
possible the original price, or if not known -£1. It was suggested that the
original accounts book may hold the original prices as it covered the last
30 years. Geoff Shaw agreed to check the Parish Records and advise
original prices. It was queried whether such a list should form part of an
Insurance Schedule but many of the items were historic rather than
insurable.

17.76 County & District Councillors report

Vic Thomson noted publication of recycling advice re food waste and
food receptacles; the possible effect by the NDR on the A146; A47
improvements at Thickthorn and Blofield/Burlingham; Friends against
scams!; Hornsea project 3 consultation; and community connectors to
assist community prescribing in South Norfolk. Finally South Norfolk
was in discussion with Broadland District Council to seek cost effective
joint working between both authorities.

The Community Governance review including revision of parish and ward boundaries would be published in February 2018. The Peer Review for the Broads Authority would be held commencing 10th October 2017.

17.77 Village Sign

Bramerton Society had stated that they hoped the sign would re appear within “weeks”.

17.78 Parishioners Questions

None.

17.79 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils direct

Broads Authority –Continuation of Article 4 Direction removing permitted development rights from areas adjacent to the river had been received.

Access across the Common – Mr Kazimierzah – Holly Cottage.

Community Action Norfolk – agreed to not renew subscription this year.

NCC – NDR Update.

Play Inspection Report – need to increase bark underneath play equipment. Agreed Roger Smith & Gillian McArthur would paint the underside of the Slide steps and Keith Wheeldon would purchase seed & fertiliser to reseed the area beneath the tyre trail. Further agreed to purchase a load of wood bark in May 2018 and hold a working party in that month to remedy other defects.

Saffron housing – Need for more affordable housing?? - Agreed that as we have 3 affordable homes in the Church Farm development that no more were required at present.

17.80 Planning,

2017/0992 –Resubmission 2017/1668 Orchard house – change of lawful use from agriculture to residential – approved.

BA2017/0194.Hill House – Replace moorings and install 3 power towers and a Summer House - Approved.

BA 2017/0196 1 Mill Cottages Mill Hill – Approved

Church Farm Barns – amended plans – approved.

BA 2017/0261 Chestnut House Mill Hill –size & position of windows – approved.

.Bullockshed – Change of use to residential – Bullockshed Lane – Approved.

17.81 Finance

Balance @ 15/09/2017 - £7475-72

Receipts –none NB SNDC Precept – anticipated.

Grants - none

Payments

101069 Village Sign – parts £57-84

101070 David Bracey – Play Inspection report - £96-00

101071 Norse Grass Churchyard - £563-38

101072 Norse Grass Common - £515-82

101073 Mazars Audit 2017 – £150-00

101074 Mike Amiss signs –Village sign - £148-00

101075 B. Ansell – Clerks Sal/expenses £379-79

101076 HMRC – PAYE - £74-60

101077 Notice boards - £140-58

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

Statement of Accounts – approved – only comment that asset values must be restated next year to cover both 2016/17 and 2017/18.

17.82 Parish Land & property-

Footpath Report – Richard Simmonds noted that all the paths were walkable and signs were now present on Bullockshed Lane.

Tree Warden – A further update and report from Jane Wheeldon was received.

Street Pond – Norwich Conservation would remove further reeds this year. Gillian McArthur agreed to prepare a bid for grant funding for upgrading the Recreation Ground Pond.

Allotments – A number of plots had fallen into disuse. Paths between allotments were becoming over grown and uneven. A tenant expressed concern about arcing between trees and electrical cables- clerk to check that it had been raised with UK Power Networks. Whilst income was down, it was suggested that work was required to provide parking, to replace or remove existing gates and widen paths to provide reasonable access for those limited by disability to enjoy their gardening. In short, much of the site required a major make over, and would require both the co-operation of the existing tenants and some expenditure (budget).

It was agreed that a site meeting of Councillors be held on 21st October at 10am and a meeting with Allotment tenants on 4th November also at 10am. The Clerk would provide a plan of allotments and tenants. Richard Simmonds to check accepted national norms for allotments.

Both Notice boards had required either repairs or replacement – Roger Smith and Richard Simmonds had taken both in hand, and carried out repairs to both, costing, so far, £140-58. Both were thanked for their work.

Common Car park – bollards – a further 2 damaged and padlock still to be changed. Councillors discussed a number of options which would replace the bollards. A permanent barrier of hedging, raised bank, or a solid wooden or metal barrier was suggested. Access via an entrance would be required for grass mowers – restricted height? Councillors would seek costed solutions for discussion at the next meeting.

Staithe Report – The Chairman had written to Broads Authority to correct glaring errors in the Report.

Hedges – Clerk would contact Norse to cut Village Hall car park hedge and David Blake to contact Tony Gotts to cut hedges around Allotments.

17.83 Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 27th November 2017 – 7-30pm

Meeting closed at 22-13 hrs