

Bramerton Parish Council held on 27th November 2017
at Bramerton Village Hall – Unadopted Minutes

Present Mr. K. Wheeldon(Chairman), Mrs V. Knowles. M/s G. McArthur Mr G. Shaw , Mr R. Smith and Mr B Ansell (Clerk).
In attendance Mrs J. Wheeldon – Tree Warden, Mr V. Thomson District & County Councillor and 2 parishioners.
Apologies –Mr D. Blake, Mr R. Simmonds
17.84 Declaration of Interests – Mr K. Wheeldon (Bramerton Society/CPRE). Mr G.Shaw (Bramerton PCC).

17.85 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th September 2017, which had been circulated, were approved with the deletion of Mr Roger Smith “painting underside of slide”.

Matters arising:

17.86 Standing Financial Regulations

Following discussion, it was clear that a further meeting of the working party was required to consider the points raised by Geoff Shaw.

The revised document could be approved at the next meeting.

17.87 Lease of Moorings – discussion with Broads Authority

Following the last meeting, despite an exchange of letters between the solicitors representing the Broads Authority, no response received to date. Geoff Shaw would follow this up. The Clerk would submit invoices for £300-00 for both 2016/17 and 2017/18 to the Broads Authority..

17.88 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. Geoff Shaw had checked the Parish Records and advised some original prices which would be used to compile the revised asset register. It was queried whether such a list should form part of an Insurance Schedule but it was agreed that as many of the items were historic rather than insurable they would not be included.

17.89 Allotments

The allotments had been extended a few years ago to accommodate demand from parishioners, however some were finding the demands of time and commitment too much and giving up the plots, others appearing to be overwhelmed leaving the plots unmanageable. An on-site meeting on 21st October found many plots in a poor state and access was confusing with no clear paths through the site, but various laterals to plots. The entrance gates and posts were heavy and rotten; parking was difficult, and disabled access not available.

The recommendations were as follows;- clear plots 3,6,9,10,and 13 to achieve a wide boundary alongside the back of the Hedge fronting Mill Hill- enabling the cutting of the hedge, a clear entrance and off road parking. New gates and posts to be provided at the entrance.

Plot 11 had spread into the path blocking access to plot 12- this should be remedied to allow access. Both plots 13 & 14 should be returned to grass

at the end of their tenancies although it was recognised that the current tenant (14) had put a lot of effort in maintaining his plot. Two parishioners had been issued with notices to leave given the state of their plots.

The Council were minded to agree the recommendations and would seek advice on removing fences and clearing disused plots with associated costs, prior to the next meeting.

17.90 Conservation area

Following a visit from SNDC Conservation Officer, accompanied by Councillors, the area covered by the "Conservation Area" for Bramerton was discussed as there were a number of anomalies which includes some dwellings, but not others and/or gardens. Some dwellings excluded but now appropriate to include them. It was suggested that Gillian McArthur lead the discussions with South Norfolk with proposals for discussion in January and possible debate at the 2018 APM in April.

17.91 County & District Councillors report

Vic Thomson as District Councillor had circulated details of SNDC "Forget me Not Grants" which could make small changes to a home to significantly improve the health and wellbeing of someone living with dementia by providing grants of up to £1000 to make adaptations and improvements to their home. Proposals for joint working between South Norfolk & Broadland Councils were also progressing. Other items included "Pub of the Year", getting ready for winter advice, and reviewing "assisted bins" to ensure that the service was targeted at those that need it.

As County Councillor, he drew attention to Hornsea 3 consultations; the introduction of the "Yellow Bike Hire" within Norwich; the update on the NDR; and Norfolk Composters now in their 11th year.

17.92 Village Sign

The sign had been re installed.

17.93 Parishioners Questions

Footpath from Kingfisher Cottage to Surlingham – the condition of this path was raised noting that the riverside path was impassable at high water and the alternative through the woods was uneven and riven with roots. Richard Simmonds Footpath warden had taken this up with NCC Trails Team.

Bus Shelter to Cory Close – footpath becoming over grown – to be taken up with Highway Rangers. Also noted C303 was becoming a problem at the edges particularly for cyclists.

17.94 Correspondence

A short list of correspondence was noted by the Chairman.

17.95 Planning,

.Bullockshed – Outline Approval -Change of use to residential –
Bullockshed Lane –Approved.

Waters Edge Bramerton End– Applications not yet submitted for either set of decking – Broads Authority advised no change from Parish Council.

17.96 Finance

Balance @ 15/10/2017 - £12,372-75

Receipts - SNDC Precept – £5640, PCC Donation £462.

Grants - none

Payments

101078 The Conservation Volunteers reed clearance - £360-00

101079 DJ Ireland Reinstatement of Village Sign - £1263-78

101080 B. Ansell –Clerks Sal/expenses £384-58

101081 HMRC – PAYE - £74-60

101082 Village Sign – parts £11-34

The payment schedule was proposed by Gillian McArthur, seconded by Veronica Knowles, and passed for payment.

Out-turn Report

Geoff Shaw presented both the out turn Report for 2017/18; and the projected spend and Budget for 2018/19.

A number of desirable projects had been included, as well as on- going projects, including further work on trees and ponds. Councillors would attempt to cost all items for a settlement to be agreed for the Precept at the next meeting.

Churchyard – the PCC had been unhappy with Norse mowing the Churchyard and wished to terminate their part of the contract.

All Rents would remain the same for 2018/19 –moorings, allotments and Bowls Club.

17.97 Parish Land & property-

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

Tree Warden – A further update and report from Jane Wheeldon was received. Approval given to proceed with further tree work in the current financial year within the budget of £3000 including VAT.

Street Pond –SNDC would remove the cut reeds from The Street.

Allotments –See earlier.

Common Car park –Councillors discussed a number of options including a permanent barrier of hedging and posts & gate (cost up to £460). A dog bin (cost of purchase, installation, and monthly emptying) was also suggested.

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

17.98 Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting – NOTE CHANGES

WEDNESDAY 17th January at 7pm Village Hall

Meeting closed at 22-47 hrs