

BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE LORAIN PARISH ROOM, BRAMFORD ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017

PRESENT: Mrs M Brand, B Earthy, J Gardiner, W Holton, G Key, P Kingham, Mrs C Mobbs

Prior to the start of the meeting Councillors were reminded of Standing Orders and Codes of Conduct rules.

1.3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

2.3 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Written and verbal report from County Councillor Field, including update on funding for Ipswich wet-dock bridge and potential repairs for riverside path between Bramford and Sproughton.

Verbal report from District Councillor Welsby, including open spaces assessment, archaeological digs for EA One and update on horses on old Fison's site.

3.3 APLOGIES

Cllr Hooker

4.3 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda

Cllr Earthy stated he wished to abstain from voting on item 10 as the applicants were his neighbours. Not a pecuniary interest.

5.3 MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings held on 20th and 27th February approved and signed.

6.3 ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Councillors advised by the Clerk that no progress has been made on any of the outstanding actions since last meeting due to additional unforeseen commitments.

7.3 FINANCES

- a. Monthly Payments – it was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £3,290.24
- b. Review of Internal Audit – the Clerk asked for this matter to be deferred to next meeting due to document not being available for Councillors to view.
- c. Appointment of Internal Auditor – Councillors agreed to the appointment of Heelis and Lodge as Internal Auditor for completion of 2016/17 Financial Audit.

8.3 STREET CLEANER'S WAGES

- a. Councillors agreed to consider the negotiation of a quarterly contract for the Council's street cleaners based on the living wage rate of pay and subject to a financial review of current practice. For inclusion on the next agenda.

9.3 BRAMFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr Holton advised Councillors that the Primary School's head teacher had resigned and an interim head was in place, while efforts to find a replacement were ongoing.

Cllr Holton stated he had resigned as Community Governor after a number of years in post.

Councillors were also advised of planning approval to increase car-park capacity by eight spaces.

10.3 MEMORIAL BENCH

Councillors agreed, with two abstentions, to the request for a memorial bench on land opposite 36 Fraser Road, subject to rules for cemetery memorial benches, with all costs met by applicant.

11.3 BRAMFORD LAWN CEMETERY

Councillors agreed for the removal of the option for the scattering of ashes at the Lawn Cemetery due to the costs of complying with health and safety requirements and the infrequency of requests.

8.20pm Meeting closed.

Chairman

Date