

## **BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, BRAMFORD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mrs M Brand, B Earthy, J Gardiner, A Horn, G Key, P Kingham

#### **1.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None received

#### **2.1 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Written and verbal report from County Councillor Field, including SCC proposal to cut all funding for Citizens Advice by 2020/21 and MSDC draft budget recommendation for 2% increase in Council tax

#### **3.1 APOLOGIES**

Cllr W Holton.

Email apology from Cllr P Heal sent prior to meeting – accepted by Clerk

#### **4.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA**

None received

#### **5.1 MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 approved and signed

#### **6.1 STATUTORY BUSINESS**

None to consider

#### **7.1 ACTION PLAN**

- a. Works to Council building – clerk to establish situation relating to s.106 and CIL funding
- b. Works to Council building – Clerk to approach contractor to complete ground weed clearance
- c. Works to Council building – Clerk to approach Suffolk Masonry Services for quote to repair decorative memorial stone above Parish Room door
- d. Cemetery – Clerk to identify suitable contractors for estimates
- e. Cemetery – Clerk to draft contracts for proposals forwarded by Mr D Jackson and Mr W Overett
- f. Cemetery – Clerk to liaise with Ipswich Crematorium manager to establish legislative options
- g. Cemetery – Funeral Director to make arrangements with family to resolve situation
- h. Speed Indicator Signs – payment to reflect grant funding of £2000 from County Councillor Field
- i. Office – Clerk to establish replacement online cashbook system prior to purchase of replacement computer

#### **8.1 FINANCE**

- a. Monthly Payments – Councillors agreed to sign cheques to the value of £3,035.75

- b. Budget 2019/20 – Councillors agreed to approve the draft budget having noted the budget proposed was an increase of 2.3% over the previous year, in the main due to the increasing costs of delivering services the Parish Council and Clerk undertake.
- c. Precept – Councillors agreed to approve the precept for 2019/20 financial year at £67,500, a 1.9% increase on previous year.

## **9.1 PLANNING**

- a. DC/19/00046 – Development of a 49.9 MW gas powered standby electricity generation facility. Associated areas of hardstanding, access road and ancillary infrastructure.  
Land north of Bullen Lane

Councillors found no legal basis for objection and accepted this installation to be an apparent necessity for the operation of main power station

## **10.1 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

- a. Councillors agreed the proposed diversion of Bramford Public Footpath No 47A, parts of Bramford Footpaths Nos. 47 and 39A and part of Sproughton Public Footpath No 4 as being motivated by reasonable and practical thinking and made no objection to the proposed changes.

## **11.1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RELEVANT GROUPS**

- a. Bramford Playing Field – Councillors advised that the committee is to receive £2,000 funding from County Councillor Field and £600 funding from District Councillor Welsby to pay for new play equipment.
- b. Loraine Victory Hall – Councillors advised that the committee is to receive £1,500 funding from County Councillor Field for replacement steel door following recent break-in and £300 to fund installation of CCTV.
- c. Bramford Open Spaces – nothing to report
- d. Councillor's Report – Cllr J Gardiner reported on actions related to work required at Stationfield Allotments as directed by Anglian Water

## **12.1 CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The Clerk advised Councillors of a recent meeting with Tom Barker at MSDC regarding concerns over appropriate guidance on responding to planning applications and acceptance of invitation to accompany planning officer on site visit
- b. The clerk updated Councillors of attendance at SALC Election Briefing on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan

## **13.1 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Bramford Parish Council risk assessment to be reviewed in line with annual audit recommendation

8.45pm Meeting closed

CHAIR

DATE