

## **BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, BRAMFORD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Gardiner, Cllr P Heal, Cllr G Key, Cllr L Powell, Cllr C Ransom, Cllr C Wolton

County Cllr J Field

District Cllr J Caston

#### **1.7 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Heal asked if enquiries could be made with regard to breaches of the 7.5tonne weight limit in Paper Mill lane.

#### **2.7 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Cllr J Field presented a written report on SCC funding cuts to subsidised bus routes, cuts to health visitor numbers, the Ipswich Northern Bypass and issues regarding child care services.

District Cllr J Caston presented a verbal report on the start of the Joint Local Plan consultation, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> July for ten weeks. He reminded Councillors of changes to bin collection days and the addition of two PCSOs at Stowmarket who can be contacted via Parish Councils.

He gave a brief overview of the ‘Our Water’ project, which encourages Parish Councils and local groups into reporting issues surrounding unkempt water drainage systems to prevent flooding. He stated action continued at the old Fison’s site to clear the land of hazardous substances and the submission of a demolition application. He confirmed the original planning application had now lapsed and that the developer would need to commence the planning process from the start.

He suggested that the Parish Council consider a legacy to the building through street names and/or any materials salvageable from the listed building.

He also stated that Locality Grants were now available.

#### **3.7 APOLOGIES**

Cllr M Brand, Cllr A Horn, Cllr P Kingham

#### **4.7 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None received

#### **5.7 MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June approved and signed

#### **6.7 STATUTORY BUSINESS**

- a. Standing Orders – Councillors reviewed and **agreed** to adopt the latest version of Model Standing Orders, subject to minor specific amendments

- b. Financial Regulations – Councillors reviewed and **agreed** to adopt the latest version of the Financial Regulations document, subject to minor specific amendments

## **7.7 ACTION PLAN**

- a. Works to Council building – external woodwork and windows – Councillors **agreed** for the Clerk to make initial enquiries with MSDC based on single quote received, whilst working to obtain further quotes and the completion of a listed building planning application.
- b. Works to Council building – repair of decorative memorial stone – Councillors **agreed** to instruct F. Masters Stonemason to undertake repairs as per their quote of £2,600.
- c. Cemetery – Field adjacent to cemetery – maintenance – The Clerk advised Councillors that little progress had been made and legal advice was still required as to the validity of the proposed contract.
- d. Cemetery – Unauthorised structure – Plots 589, 590 and 591 – The Clerk advised Councillors that a letter inviting the family to discuss the matter had been drafted, as per ICCM advice.
- e. Playing Field car-park – Councillors were advised that full s.106 funding had been secured, subject to the successful submission of a planning application.
- f. Bank Account Signatories – Co-operative and Ipswich Building Society accounts – Councillors **agreed** for Cllrs Powell and Wolton to become signatories on the accounts.

## **8.7 FINANCES**

- a. Monthly Payments – Councillors **agreed** to approve payments to the value of £7,415.53, whilst acknowledging the Clerk's salary is paid by S.O.

## **9.7 PLANNING**

- a. DC/19/03043 – Application for prior notification of proposed demolition. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 11, Demolition of former commercial buildings – The Old Fison's Site, Paper Mill Lane.

Councillors considered this application and felt there appeared to be very little of the listed buildings worth saving. Concerns were raised regarding soil and air-borne contamination both in connection with the site's previous activity and the recent fire. Councillors would appreciate further details as to how this issue will be monitored throughout the proposed demolition to ensure the safety and well-being of nearby residents.

Councillors do not object to the proposed demolition but that consideration be given to salvaging any remnants of the listed warehouses to be incorporated into future planning developments.

- b. DC/19/03008 – Full Planning Application – Installation and operation of a 49.9MW Battery Storage Facility, with associated infrastructure including inverters, transformers, switchgear, spares container, fencing, CCTV cameras and access road – Land adjacent to Bramford Substation, Bullen Lane.

Councillors considered this application and accepted it is part of the ongoing wind-power station development, offering no objections. They wished it noted that previous works on the site had been restored to a good level of landscaping and were confident this would be the case going forward.

- c. DC/19/02748 – Full Planning Application – Erection of office building B1(a) amended access and creation of car parking for up to 8 vehicles – 8 Loraine Way

Councillors considered this application and were concerned at the height of the building so close to the main junction and whether this would affect traffic turning out of Somersham Road onto Loraine Way. Councillors considered the building to be sympathetic to the area, with a rural style, and noted the business occupying the building to be non-invasive on nearby residents. No objection was offered regarding this application.

- d. DC/19/02988 – Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission – Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 1no dwelling – Land to the rear of Oakleigh, Hibbard Road

Councillors considered this application and offered no objections

- e. DC/19/03188 – Application for Enquiry (Permitted Development) – Removal of Payphone – O/S No 45 PC01, The Street

Councillors considered this application and agreed, on the request of the Parish Clerk, to maintain the phone box.

- f. DC/19/01446 – Planning Application – Erection of 1No dwelling and detached two-storey, 3 bay garage with studio over and external staircase – 111a Paper Mill Lane

Councillors considered this application, with previous concerns over visibility splays discussed. No objections offered.

### **10.7 LITTER BINS**

Councillors **agreed** to the purchase of two replacement litter bins for the footpath adjacent to Bushman's Bridge and adjacent to the bench on The Street/Acton Road junction

### **11.7 BRAMFORD PLAYING FIELD**

Councillors **agreed** to maintain the Playing Field boundary with the Willowbrook development as it was, with a metal chain-link fence, and saw no need for a larger wooden fence to be erected at this time.

### **12.7 LAND ADJACENT TO BUS STOP, THE STREET**

Councillors **agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting due to Cllr Horn (proposer) being absent.

### **13.7 SHIP LANE CAR PARK**

Councillors were advised that gravel on the car park had originally been laid to detract from the newness of the tarmac at the request of the District Council. Since the tarmac had now faded to a less invasive grey Councillors **agreed** the gravel was now an issue with regard to blocking the drains and had no aesthetic value.

Cllr Gardiner stated a local skip hire company had offered to provide a skip to the Scout group and Cllr Wolton stated the Scouts could be tasked with removing the gravel. This was **agreed** by the Council

### **14.7 SHIP LANE RIVER BRIDGE**

Councillors accepted the railings on the river bridge were in need of an overhaul but queried ownership. They **agreed** for the Clerk to establish ownership before making any further decision on repairs.

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

- a. Bramford Playing Field – There was nothing to report
- b. Loraine Victory Hall – Cllr Wolton stated the Committee were looking at reviewing and updating policies and assessments.
- c. Bramford Open Spaces – Cllr Key referred Councillors to a report previously circulated.
- d. Councillor's reports
  - i. There was nothing to report regarding Councillor activities
  - ii. There was nothing to report from Councillors on village issues

### **16.7 CLERK'S REPORT**

There was nothing to report from the Clerk

### **17.7 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Nothing received

9.16pm, Meeting closed

CHAIRMAN

DATE