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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021 **VIDEO CONFERENCE –7PM**

Present (by video) : Cllrs M Brand, S Coulson, J Gardiner, A Haigh (Vice Chair), P Kingham, L Powell (Chairman) C Ransom, J Tunaley, C Wolton, Claire Pizzey (Locum Clerk) , Jane Every (Clerk)

1.	Opening and Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council . Chair L Powell opened meeting welcoming all attending.
2.	Apologies were received for absences – Absences received for Cllrs I Dicker, A Haigh, P Kingham, C Reeve.
3.	To confirm the minutes of the APM of 22 nd April 2020. Chairman L Powell confirmed no meeting was held in 2020, no meetings recorded.
4.	<p>To received a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Lester Powell.</p> <p>Chair L Powell presented his Annual Report for 2021. – Mentioning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From a turbulent start, thanking Albert Horn for his services, welcomed new Parish Clerk, mentioned now have full level of councillors as a compliment from the Parish of Bramford.• He went on to mention notable events, Cov-id dominating, the very popular Christmas tree event, the Public House The Cock now a community asset, and the benches and flower boxes in the village, which has gone down very well.• He reported on the future challenges for the year ahead, discussions with planners and developers, focusing on keeping communication going. The cemetery work has been appreciated, particularly support from Locum Clerk Claire Pizzey. There are some new plans for the Cemetery in the year ahead.• He reported the finances are looking positive due to C Pizzey's work, and thanked her. Good reserves for the maintenance year ahead, clarifying they are for public viewing on the website. He thanked the public for their support, and looked forward to hearing all news, the goods as well as the bad. He thanked all Parish District and County Councillors.

5.	To receive a report from County Councillor John Field. Report received, Cllr J Field did not attend. No comments were made.
6.	To receive report from District Councillor James Caston Report received. It was noted Cllr J Caston could not attend due to attending own Parish Meeting. No comments were made.
7.	<p>To receive reports from Village Organisation.</p> <p>Reports received from :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loraine Victory Hall • Playing Field Committee • Bramford Open Spaces • Tree Warden • Allotment Officer • Footpaths and Walkways Officer • Communications Office <p>Comments were made –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Hooker discussed issue with litter pickers, hopeful new person in place should help. Also mentioned how supportive the village is, any issues come from outside the village. Chairman L Powell agreed. He mentioned extra trees have been planted. Thanked Ian Dicker for his work. Cllr C Wolton thanked him for doing great job. • A Horn asked if BOS might be used more this summer, J Hooker commented he is hopeful, but there can be some communication issue. He is hoping for more volunteers to assist. He had some vandalism concerns. • Lorraine Victory Hall Officer - Cllr Wolton mentioned the Hall has been closed most of the time, there were concerns regarding finance, but Grants have helped, which may assist toward new heating expense. Bookings are starting to come in, looking positive for year ahead. • Bramford Playing Field Officer – Chairman L Powell asked for comments as M Smith could not attend. Asked Cllr J Tunaley regarding irrigation system and pleased to hear this was almost completed. • Footpaths and Walkways Officer - Cllr C Ransom discussed report. Mentioned 3 areas will be started some time this month, following discussion with K Verlander. J Hooker and Cllr M Brand discussed further issues they have raised with K Verlander. J Hooker asked if further report need to be passed on, Cllr Brand confirmed would be helpful. • Bramford Allotments Officer - Cllr J Gardener discussed the improvements they have made and hope there will be further ones in the year. There are currently 4 people on waiting list. Chairman L Powell mentioned he is hopeful there may be some more (smaller) spaces in the future and a new village orchard is a long term plan. Cllr L Powell asked Cllr J Tunaley about bore holes. Cllr J Tunaley mentioned he is trying to get information, given a broad quote, there are further financial

	<p>considerations to take into account in cost, possibly up to £11,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications Officer – Cllr S Coulson – presented his report, mentioned lived 5-6 years in the village, discussed the various assets the village has, which included the Cemetery, and how much the village appreciates all that the Council do. He is looking to keep everyone in the village involved, and what they would like done in the future, and to promote what has been done, also the newsletter has been popular, hoping subscription that to increase. Cost so far has been to £200 would expect this to be less in the coming year. Thanked Cllr Powell for his assistance, also to Locum Clerk Reeve for her work on the hub. Cllr Powell mentioned there has been good feedback on the newsletter with new subscribers. Mentioned a survey on the back of this, majority hadn't known who BPC were though knew about website. Chairman L Powell to share some data to the members on the survey, with a new strategy for the year.
8.	<p>To receive issues from members of the public present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Albert Horn mentioned will be sending an email to the Clerk with some questions. Resident Don Golding wanted to thank Parish Council for what work they are doing. Chairman L Powell thanked them. Rev Eric Falla of St Mary's Church spoke to introduce himself, mentioned that it was great to be in the village and hope the Church will become part of the village community. He mentioned he is working on a schedule of services in the near future.
9.	Meeting closed 19.31.