



BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL



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MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024 AT PARISH ROOM, SHIP LANE, BRAMFORD, IP8 4AN

Present: Cllr M Brand Cllr I Dicker, District Cllr J Caston, Cllr C Chambers, Cllr S Coulson, Cllr J Gardiner, Vice Chair A Haigh, Chair L Powell, Cllr C Ranson, Cllr Reeve, Cllr C Welsby, Cllr C Wolton, Clerk/RFO J Every, 6 members of the public.

MINUTES

1.	To receive and consider apologies for absences Cllr Ayriss.
2.	To receive members declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest. <i>None received.</i>
3.	To consider any requests for dispensations received
4.	To note the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 18TH December 2023 and to agree that delegated authority be given to the Chair to sign the minutes outside of the meeting. <i>Cllr Brand proposed, Cllr Ranson seconded to approve.</i>
5	<p>Public Forum: Councillors to receive questions from the public with regards to items on the agenda.</p> <p><i>Members of Playingfield committee discussed concern over increasing costs, BPC members discussed this, reminded them that the annual Grant from BPC has been increased for year 2024-25 to £6,500 , agreed to review following end of year accounts.</i></p> <p><i>Residents presented suggestions regarding bridge landscaping project (see Item 15.4) following discussions with Cllr Dicker. Chair discussed this with members, who looked to support this, will consider increasing the agreed budget to £2,500.</i></p> <p><i>Resident (Item 10 Flindell Drive) was discussed with members. C Cllr Chambers updated members of meeting on the flooding issues regarding the storm drain. He confirmed Suffolk Highways are aware of this, investigations are required to identify where the blockages are, with complications relating to private and public properties included in the investigations. He is waiting for costings for the work, meantime is very concerned regarding the effects of the floodings, but raised the matter of expenses that are responsible to residents, as well as Suffolk Highways, that will become clearer once camera has investigated.</i></p>

6.	<p>To receive reports from :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Councillor C Chambers – distributed to members and posted on website. District Council J Caston – distributed to members and posted on website. <p><i>Chair asked members if they had any questions regarding C Cllr Chambers and D Cllr Caston's reports. Cllr Ranson directed question to C Cllr Chambers commented she was very disappointed at the withdrawal of budget for the Arts of £500,000. It was discussed as matter of balancing the needs of other expenditures.</i></p>
7.	To discuss General tidying and re-planting of the ground in front of the road bridge railings over the River Gipping on Ship Lane (B1067)' – <i>(discussed above Item 5)</i>
8.	<p>To received report from Committees and relevant groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bramford Playing Field - <i>Cllr Gardner raised issues concerning the bin emptying.</i> Loraine Victory Hall – <i>Cllr Wolton discussed concerns of some inefficient heating issues, will report back once looked into options. Anglia Three have booked a consultation at LVH on 5th February, midday to 7.30pm. Bookings very busy.</i> Bramford Open Spaces - <i>Cllr Dicker Looking to increase backwater on meadow to increase wildlife value, discussing this with Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The bins are ready to be fitted, and bench for installation once flooding has reduced.</i> Footpaths Warden - <i>Cllr Ranson covered fallen tree issue to be reported, fly tipping issue also to be reported. C Cllr Chambers commented Riverhills section will be closed to undertake works to hedging, footpaths and potholes. Chair asked Cllr Ranson if she might investigate footpath up to Fisons that needs clearing, she will check this out. He also asked to look into planting trees to replace the trees that have fallen to assist the river banks.</i> Communication Warden - <i>Cllr Coulson reported update on what will be included in the newsletter, reporting on the flooding discussion, the coffee mornings at LVH, Riverhills repair, and to ask residents to report Fisons vandalism. D Cllr Caston commented he will be reporting to the Crime Prevention regarding the ongoing concerns.</i> Tree Warden - <i>Cllr Dicker reported weather is not suitable for planting the new trees in various locations in Bramford, hopefully these can be planted soon. Chair has requested some signs from D Cllr Caston, who commented that Public Realm are looking into that.</i> Allotment Warden - <i>Cllr Gardener requests cost (£80) for some hardcore to cover the accessway perimeter to avoid future issues. Cllr Gardener proposed, Cllr Dicker seconded to agreed.</i> Planning – <i>Cllr Wolton has nothing to report other than in Item 14. C Cllr Chambers mentioned his plans to look into early years requirement for Bramford, he will report at next meeting.</i> Loraine Eustace Broke Trust - <i>AGM is next week. Cllr Reeve reported ongoing issue with the Trust fund managers, further documentation to provide.</i> Litterpicking - <i>Cllr Ayriss not present.</i>
9.	<p>To note summary of correspondence received before the meeting and consider any action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree pollarding - <i>Resident requests whether when pollarding the silver birches as planned near to no 24 St Mary's Close, would there be scope for the large tree that overhangs onto her and further resident's property to be included in pollard reduction due to concerns over seed pods/leaves in guttering. Field maple tree that has been pollarded previously, Cllr Dicker considers this is not necessary for the tree, members discussed. To inform resident that 2 or 3 years ago the tree was pollarded, and presently do not consider it would benefit the tree at this time.</i>
10.	To discuss Flindell Drive (flooding issue) update. <i>(see Item 5)</i>
11.	To note any updates on the Action Plan and agree any further actions.

12.	<p>To discuss - Following adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 Development Plan Document (DPD) in November 2023, the Councils are progressing with the production of the Joint Local Plan Part 2 DPD. At this initial point of the plan-making process the Councils are inviting site submissions to be put forward for residential land use for consideration for future development. – (“Call for Site” process).</p> <p><i>Members discussed, believe they have voiced their concerns over the amount of developments in Bramford. Council would wish to include Fisons to be redeveloped into residential.</i></p>
13.	<p>Planning Decisions: To note determinations by the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) Council to note the following determinations made by MSDC:</p> <p>DC/23/ 05094 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/01401 - Condition 17 (Lighting) SES - Ecological Street Light Review Location: Land South Of Fitzgerald Road , Bramford, Ipswich, IP8 4AB – APPROVED.</p> <p>DC/23/05692 - Approval of details reserved by Requirement 16 (3) and 27 (1) Highway access and improvements and Requirement 27 Traffic for Work No.s 5B to 20, 25 to 38, 41 to 49 and 52 to 61) pursuant to The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 Location: The East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm 2017, Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – APPROVED.</p> <p>DC/23/05733 - : Approval of details reserved by Requirement 22(2)(j) Code of Construction Practice - Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Work No.s 5B to 20, 25 to 38, 41 to 49 and 52 to 61) pursuant to The East Anglia Offshore Windfarm Order 2017 (Paper Mill Lane/Converter Station) Location: The East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm 2017, Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – APPROVED</p> <p>DC/23/05335 - Planning Application - Provision of a new footpath link and improvement of part of footpath 26A (relating to Condition 15 of DC/18/00233 as amended under DC/20/01917). Land East Of The Street And Loraine Way, Bramford, IP8 4NS – REFUSED.</p> <p>DC/23/05716 - Approval of details reserved by Requirements 22(2)(f) and 23(1)): Onshore Cable Route Construction Artificial Lighting Emissions Plan for work Nos (Work Nos. 5B to 20, 25 to 38, 41 to 49 and 52 to 61) pursuant to The East Anglia Offshore Windfarm Order 2017 (Paper Mill Lane/Converter Station) Location: The East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm Order 2017, Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – APPROVED.</p> <p>DC/23/04729 - Cross Boundary Planning Application - Installation of underground cable. Bramford Solar Farm And Battery Storage Facility And On Adjoining Land, , Land East Of The Channel,, Burstall, (Part In The Parish Of Bramford), IP8 4JL – APPROVED.</p> <p>DC/23/05747 - Approval of Details reserved by Requirement 21 Onshore Cable Route Ecological Management Plan (Work No.s 5B to 20, 25 to 38, 41 to 49 and 52 to 61 pursuant to The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 Location: The East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm Order 2017, Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – APPROVED.</p> <p>DC/23/05763 - Approval of Details reserved by Requirements 16 and 27(1)(c): Onshore Cable Route Access Management Plan (Work No.s 5B to 20, 25 to 38, 41 to 49 and 52 to 61)pursuant to The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 Location: The East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm Order 2017, Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – APPROVED.</p>

	<p>DC/23/05745 Approval of Details reserved by Requirement 29 Onshore Cable Route European Protected Species Report (Work No.s 5B to 20, 25 to 38, 41 to 49 and 52 to 61) pursuant to The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 Location: The East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm Order 2017, Tye Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – APPROVED.</p> <p><i>Members noted.</i> <i>Cllr Wolton DC/23/05335 commented regarding the footpath that has taken some time to be approved following many issues. DC/23/04729 – commented that the access BPC had objected, but this will result in traffic for the works.</i></p>
14.	<p>To consider and agree Council comments on applications made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) (please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body):</p> <p>DC/23/05899 - : Full Planning Application - Erection of detached laundry room (part of redevelopment of the site following fire damage). Location: Clarice House, Bramford Road, Bramford, IP8 4AZ – DEADLINE 25TH JANUARY 2024.</p> <p><i>Members discussed, have no objection, no comment.</i></p> <p>DC/23/05769 – Application for Works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order MS287/G1- Fell 1 No. Chestnut (T4), Remove deadwood and crossing branches of 1 No. Oak (T5), Removal of deadwood from 1 No. Sycamore (T6) and removal of any branches interfering of nearby oak, Remove deadwood of 1 No. Oak (T7) and removal of any low hanging branches. Location: 18 Bullen Close, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4JE -DEADLINE 1ST FEBURARY 2024. – <i>Cllr Dicker commented that this would be suggested as necessary, but that could they please leave the dead wood. Clerk will report comments.</i></p>
15.	<p>Finance: All relevant papers provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the January 2023 finance reports and agree that delegated authority be given to the Chairman to sign these outside of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Reconciliation 2. To approve January payments schedule (DD,SO and Cheques). – <p><i>Vice Chair Haigh proposed, Cllr Reeve seconded to approve Item 1 and 2.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk reported The Ipswich BS funds from closing account has now been banked of £38,253.83.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. To discuss and agree Precept figure for year 2024-25 to be filed by 31st January 2024. <i>Cllr Coulson proposed, Vice Chair Haigh seconded, all members in favour to agree 2% increase , Precept approved at £85,617, Chair and Clerk to sign, Clerk to submit form.</i> 3. Domain name/Email address – update. <i>Members to discuss individual email name.</i> 4. To discuss - Bridge – Landscaping Project – Cost - Quotes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,100 including cost of all materials and plants. <i>Cllr Dicker proposed, Cllr Reeve seconded to agree budget increase of £2,500.</i>

	<p>5. To discuss tree planting on grass verge.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed at 9.05pm.</i></p>
16.	<p>Date of next meeting: Members are asked to note that the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 19th February 2024 @ 7.00pm at the Parish Room, Ship Lane, Bramford.</p>