

BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA VIDEOLINK ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2020

PRESENT:

Cllr A Horn, Cllr M Brand, Cllr A Haigh, Cllr L Powell, Cllr C Wolton, Cllr C Ranson

ABSENT:

Cllr J Gardiner, Cllr P Kingham

1. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received

2. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor John Field provided a verbal report as follows:

County council almost entirely working from home.

Attendance actually holding up well as people with minor ailments who might not have attended workplace for fear of spreading illness are continuing to work from home.

There is concern over disadvantaged pupils falling further behind while schools are closed.

Residents of care homes sent to hospital with covid-19 are being greeted in full PPE on return and isolated to avoid spreading illness through care homes.

Councillor James Caston provided a verbal report as follows:

There are 17500 on the shielding list in the district.

£230 million available in support grants and £2.5k locally in community grants out of a pot of £80k.

Planning meetings are about to go ahead virtually.

No notices are being put on poles to mitigate this minor risk, but statutory notices are still going out.

Sproughton council has applied to have their neighbourhood area designated as part of their process to produce a neighbourhood plan.

Snoasis reserved matters have been approved – 75% of energy must come from low carbon sources and there will be a major upgrade to Stowmarket station.

The home but not alone freephone number is available 9-5, 7 days a week.

£5295 CIL money should be in our account now or within a week at latest.

£225k has been spent rehoming vulnerable homeless.

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr J Gardiner's apologies were **accepted**.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELEVANT TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None received

5. DISPENSATIONS

None received

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March had not been circulated. They were on the parish website and the chairman offered to share them with the meeting through the videoconferencing capabilities. All councillors decided that it would take too long to read them during the meeting and that they should have

had the opportunity to see them beforehand. A decision on whether to accept them or not was **deferred**.

7.

There was no item 7 on the agenda.

8. ACTION PLAN

The clerk was not present to update us on the action plan.

Proposals to improve the village's bus service had been received from Councillors Horn and Brand, but all councillors felt that a time when empty buses were having to be run was not the time to raise the issue of running more buses.

9. FINANCE

There were no cheques available for councillors to sign, nor a list of required payments. All councillors raised concern that payments might be missed and a hope that the clerk would pay whatever was possible via on-line banking.

10. PLANNING

- a. DC/20/01383 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey side/rear extension and front porch extension - Erection of double garage(following demolition of existing) – 18 Packard Place
- b. DC/20/00826 - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/18/00233 for variation or removal of condition 15 (Pedestrian and cycle link) – Land east of The Street and Loraine Way
- c. DC/20/01305 - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/17/05804 for variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to enable the installation of a power generator – Acorn Business Centre

No objections were made to any of these planning items.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RELEVANT GROUPS

- a. Bramford Playing Field – nothing to report
- b. Loraine Victory Hall

The hall is closed until the end of June. Regular midweek bookings were already cancelled. Deposits for private weekend bookings during closure period have been returned and people holding bookings beyond that period have been advised that they may cancel and request a full deposit return. The self employed hall manager's invoices are to be paid at half rate as she does not qualify for the furlough relief. The NHS paid at the newly increased rate for March.

- c. Bramford Open Spaces

Seeds have been planted, sign vandalised. Car park closed, people using car saleroom's forecourt.

- d. Councillor's reports

Cllr Wolton reported that the school extension has been paused, there will be 15 new arrivals in reception at start of next school year, the flower show is cancelled and the Fun Day currently on hold.

Cllr Haigh should be receiving 483 Easter eggs and wanted to donate them round the village in name of the parish council. Several possible outlets were discussed.

Cllr Horn had been nominated by Cllr Wolton to judge a children's Easter Egg drawing competition and had done so.

12. To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted below.

Councillors **agreed** to exclude the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the

business to be transacted.

13.

All matters relating to this item recorded within separate confidential minutes.

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The chairman requested any councillors with items for the next meeting to send them directly to the clerk.

Meeting Closed at 20.50.

Minutes taken by the chair, Albert Horn, in the absence of the clerk.