



BRAMFORD

PARISH COUNCIL



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**BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16TH MAY 2022 AT 7PM AT PARISH ROOM, SHIP LANE, BRAMFORD, IP8 1AN**

Present: Cllr S Coulson, Cllr I Dicker, Cllr J Gardiner, Vice-Chair A Haigh, Cllr C Ranson, Cllr C Reeve, Cllr C Wolton, District Cllr James Caston, County Councillor C Chambers, 5 members of the public.

**BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
of the Annual Council Meeting
held on 16th May 2022 commencing 8pm at Parish Room, Ship Lane, Bramford**

MINUTES

1.	Opening and Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council. <i>Chair opened the meeting, welcoming attendees.</i>
2.	To receive apologies for absence. <i>Cllr M Brand, Cllr P Kingham</i>
3.	To confirm the minutes of the APM of 5 th May 2021 <i>Cllr Reeve proposed to approve minutes, Vice Chair Haigh seconded.</i>
4.	To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Lester Powell <i>Chair Powell discussed his report, acknowledging the Parish Clerk's first year, and his role as Chair. He discussed the new village gates planned, two new benches and planters that had been fitted, the various events in the village such as picnics at the Playing Field, the carols around the Christmas tree, and mentioned the planned Fun Day for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, thanking the organisers. He mentioned the flower baskets that have been fitted around the village, thanking Cllr Coulson's involvement and assistance, together with bunting to be hung. He highlighted the ongoing issues with planning applications, and whether to consider a planning group to assist in this. The Cemetery maintenance is ongoing, also the field adjacent to the cemetery has had large area of sunflower seeds planting and</i>

	<p><i>looking forward to the display. Thanked Cllr Gardiner’s involvement in the Allotments, together with the community orchard thanking Cllr Dicker’s involvement in 30 trees in total being planted, and its legacy for the village. The Playing Field Committees’ work has been excellent and delighted to see residents using the area well. The e-newsletter has been a positive move. Finances remain healthy mentioning that there is to be planned spending of some of these funds. He thanked all Councillors for their support this last year and looks forward to their continued support for the oncoming year.</i></p>
5.	<p>To receive a report from County Councillor Chris Caston</p> <p><i>Chair Powell covered areas of Cllr Caston’s report in his absence. (arrived later).</i></p>
6.	<p>To receive reports from District Councillor James Caston</p> <p><i>District Cllr Caston covered his report, discussing that MSDC continues to be strong on the economy, Gateway 14 Business Park well on its way, discussing the cutting-edge tech set up, discussed various initiatives that have been set up. Financially still running on a surplus, some allocated for projects. Discussed aims to improve housing stock is ongoing, which has included projects such as housing key workers. Total carbon reduction plan to be met. Still funding the CAB, the demand has increased. Food Savvy Scheme. Looking at trying to tackle childhood obesity at school. Homelessness continues to be ongoing assistance, presently looking at helping Ukraine refugee families. Mentioned the housing developments ongoing, in relation to land supply. Discussed the website has increased interactivity for enquiries. Locality Grant mentioned regarding a number of Bramford organisations, offering this to further enquiries for applications.</i></p>
7.	<p>To receive reports from Village Organisations</p> <p><i>Bramford Open Spaces – Cllr Dicker highlighted areas of his report. Litter has been an issue, vandalism repairs had been undertaken, barbeque issues and new roadside signs required. Tree surgeon work after the storms, wild meadow looking good, the tree planted is doing well, new trees at the meadow by Church, discussed some water flooding issue which will be monitored. Several issues will be looked into.</i></p> <p><i>Playing Field Committee - Bob Wakeling – mentioned the table tennis is in place, and that he had approached Hopkins regarding some further land, but has not heard back from them. He discussed the idea of an over 14s football team pitch and training area. It was discussed that there are some difficulties with the area. Chair Powell requested whether some plan could be drawn up following discussion with Hopkins. It was mentioned that there had been request for a skateboard park, but historically this has not been successful. He mentioned there are possible repairs that may be needed this next year, so greater expense would be forecast. Chair asked if there were any questions from the public. Members commented how grateful for the work that is undertaken during the year and is appreciated by all residents and their children.</i></p>

	<p><i>Hilary Penning introduced herself and presented a plan for the current Bramford Playing Fields and its proposal to try to raise £250,000 for new outdoor play facilities, with outside toilets, and a Snack Pod, which was circulated to all members. Covering the benefits to the children’s play, and its community. She highlighted that it would be the first of its kind, using more sustainable materials than any other play area, incorporating up to 50 different play areas, and ensuring more inclusive play. She discussed the importance of improving these facilities given the increase in development in the area.</i></p> <p><i>Members thanked her for her presentation.</i></p>
8.	<p>To receive issues from members of the public present None received</p>
9.	<p><i>The meeting closed at 19.52pm</i></p>

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