



BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Council Meeting held Monday, 18TH November 2024 commencing at 7pm at the Parish Room, Ship Lane, Bramford, to transact the business as set out in the Agenda below:

ATTENDEES: Cllr F Akmal Makhdum, Cllr M Ayriss, Cllr M Brand, District Cllr J Caston, County Cllr C Chambers, Cllr S Coulson, Cllr I Dicker, Cllr J Gardiner, Chair L Powell, Cllr C Welsby, Cllr C Wolton, District Cllr J Caston, Clerk J Every, 2 members of public.

MINUTES

1.	To receive and consider apologies for absences <i>Cllr Haigh, Vice Chair Reeve.</i>
2.	To receive members declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest. <i>Cllr Ayriss, regarding Item 11 and 12.</i>
3.	To consider any requests for dispensations received# <i>None received.</i>
4.	To note the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21 st October 2024 and to agree that delegated authority be given to the Chair to sign the minutes outside of the meeting <i>Cllr Ayriss proposed, Cllr Wolton seconded, with slight amendment to Item 2.</i>
5.	Public Forum: Councillors to receive questions from the public with regards to items on the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Resident present regarding Fison matter Item 9.</i>• <i>Resident raised concerns with the refurbishment progress of The Old Schoolhouse building windows. Members discussed, Chair Powell will communicate with Chick & Partners to arrange a meeting with them and Cllr Wolton..</i>
6.	To receive reports from : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>County Councillor C Chambers - C Cllr Chamber's report was distributed to members and website. He updated regarding the flooding issues regarding Flindell Drive which have now been cleared, Bullen Lane is still outstanding at present, but issue has been identified.</i>• <i>District Council J Caston – D Cllr Caston's report was distributed to members and website. D Cllr Caston reported on the Government's 2030 Net Zero proposed target for councils.</i>
7.	To received report from Committees and relevant groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Bramford Playing Field - Cllr Gardner updated there is to be a further meeting, when he will report back.</i>2. <i>Lorraine Victory Hall - Cllr Wolton reported very busy, no issues.</i> Bramford Open Spaces representative – <i>(Quote to be discussed in Item 21.4 for budget to improve footpath.) – Cllr Dicker provided his report, which included- organised a work party in Angel Spinney where they coppiced 5 elm trees to open up the clearing a bit more to</i>

	<p><i>encourage the resident orchids. They also established a stumpery for stag beetles with the logs. They have submitted a grant application in with the Port One/MSDC for the cost of mowing the wildflower meadow, and will discuss the future maintenance of the meadow. Hardcore has been applied on the north meadow to allow farmer access over some very wet ground to the meadow for hay cutting and collection. The cost was shared between BOS (hardcore) and the farmer (machinery).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <i>Footpaths Warden – Cllr Welsby updated regarding the footpath along River Gipping to Sproughton.</i> 4. <i>Communication Lead – Cllr Coulson discussed what needs to be included in next newsletter. Members discussed, to include the switching on of Christmas tree in village dates, 5th December, and 24th December, and a pantomime that is planned at Loraine Victory Hall in January.</i> 5. <i>Tree Warden - Cllr Dicker, updated that he has received over 1,000 trees from the Suffolk Tree Warden Association (mainly from the Woodland Trust). include from his report. 1000 hedgerow plants, guards and canes passed to Ann Raymond and David Jackson to establish more hedges in the village north of the B1113. 150 cell grown trees, guards, stakes and mulch secured for tree planting at the top of the cemetery field together with 50 more trees grown on his allotment. This will be a thick screen of native trees of high wildlife value. Planted four more Native Black Poplar trees today in the new woodland by Hazel Wood and registered them with the STW NBP lead David Appleton. These are a native Suffolk tree that has become nationally scarce. Has given Kriss Evans the go ahead to clear down the dead sycamore by the Station Field Allotments. Job, with planning to bury the logs for the benefit of stag beetles.</i> 6. <i>Allotment Warden - Cllr Gardner discussed issue with rat infestation at Stationfield Allotment. Members discussed solution, was agreed to approach specialist pest control officers to determine what can be done.</i> 7. <i>Planning representative – Cllr Wolton updated that all responses on planning objections have been filed. Cllr Wolton reported 3 x graves (2 adults, 1 child) were discovered in the dig (possibly bronze age) have been found at the EDF site – Cllr Wolton would wish to investigate these bodies to be returned to the village, decision to be made where they can be placed. Members agreed happy for bodies to come back to Bramford, if they cannot be placed back on a marked site in the original location, then to be interned at Bramford Lawn Cemetery.</i> 8. <i>Lorraine Eustace Broke Trust - Nothing further to report.</i> 9. <i>Keep Bramford Tidy Warden - Cllr Ayriss reported a successful Litterpick carried out, 10 people attended, pleased to see all ages. Next Litterpick planned hopefully between Christmas and New Year. Cllr Ayriss suggested going forward individuals can have their own picker for use in village.</i>
8.	<p>To note summary of correspondence received before the meeting and consider any action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Resident request – Poo Bins for Paper Mill lane. - Members will be reviewing, considerations are required as to accessibility for the public realm.</i>
9.	<p>To discuss Fisons security concerns. – <i>Members discussed their serious concerns of the people entering site, climbing tower, with fences not secure sufficiently, notwithstanding Council's ongoing reporting. Cllr Wolton suggested a formal communication sent out to MSDC and local Police, notifying them of the real concerns of possible fatal accident forecast.</i></p>
10.	<p>To further discuss the rent review/new Lease for Bramford Playing Field Car Park. – <i>Chair Powell discussed with members the concerns regarding the rent increase from £50 to £1,000 per year. Chair proposed to draft letter of proposal to owners to make an offer to purchase the Car Park land, Cllr Gardner seconded.</i></p>

11.	To discuss Bramford Playingfield Management Association - regard to rental charged to the Bramford Scout Group for the hire of the field. - <i>Cllr Ayriss discussed with members the ever increasing fee for this use. He believes given this is a charity, the impact of cost of the Bramford Scout Group is increasingly problematic and requested Council to assist in supporting this cost. Cllr Coulson raised concern that BPFMC are not considering the impact on a community group for the village. Chair agreed that he would approach BPFMC to review the cost, and future costs.</i>
12.	To discuss - Resident request - Paper Mill lane, for traffic calming to be placed in the street and the junctions. – <i>Cllr Ayriss discussed frequent use of heavy vehicles in lane, and future increase with changes in development. Discussed consideration for some traffic calming measures. Cllr Chambers discussed with members possible solutions, presently looking in whether there is a 7.5 ton weight restriction along the road, which is following due process, if it does not have this status, he will apply for this to be allocated to this route. Will update, when will be discussed further. Cllr Welsby left meeting 20.58pm.</i>
13.	To discuss Cemetery expansion. - <i>Members discussed potential survey will be required regarding planning matters relating to a cemetery, this will incur costs.</i>
14.	To discuss - Bramford Lawn Cemetery – plaques for new benches. – <i>No update.</i>
15.	To discuss the Zebra Crossing, The Street. - <i>Members discussed the ongoing serious parking concerns up to the crossing which inhibits visibility of residents crossing. Will be discussed further.</i>
16.	To discuss update on Bramford Offline Club (BOC). – <i>Cllr Akmal Makhdum discussed the benefits of creating a club for residents to enjoy offline interests, including socialise, read, crafts, information “how to” section. Has spoken with Rev Falla regarding costs, and time schedule, with suggestion to take place at St Mary’s the Virgin Church. Looking at costs of £30 monthly rental, being free to residents, but with option to donate. She wishes to propose this is agreed, with a view to advertise to residents in newsletter. She will coordinate the club which will be planned for one evening per month. Members agreed, Cllr Akmal Makhdum to proposed, Cllr Coulson seconded to go ahead with new club, for last Thursday of each month</i>
17.	To note any updates on the Action Plan and agree any further actions. <i>Discussed .</i>
18.	<p>Planning Decisions: To note determinations by the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) Council to note the following determinations made by MSDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC/24/04416 - Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/23/05928 -Design changes comprising: omission of rooflights and external door to pool hall, adjustment of curtain walling setting out to suit column locations, relocation of plant room doors and attendant louvre panels, external materials amended. Location: Clarice House, Bramford Road, Bramford, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4AZ – Approved. • DC/24/03650 - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing utility extension). 103 The Street, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4DY – Granted. • DC/24/04011: Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of 3no. windows to South Elevation as per Design & Access/Heritage Statement. Grindle Farm, The Grindle, Bramford, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3BP – Granted. • DC/24/04083 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/03008 - Condition 6 (Cooling Fans) Location: Land To The South Of, Bullen Lane, Bramford, Suffolk- Acceptable. • DC/24/04678 - Proposal: The National Grid (Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement) Order 2024: Notification of Precommencement Operation -

	<p>Badgers. Requirement 3-(1) scheduled to commence 30 October 2024 Location: Bramford To Twinstead Overhead Line Project, Suffolk – Approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/24/04081 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/23/03630 - Condition 4 (Construction Drawings) Location: Land To The South Of, Bullen Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – Approved. <p><i>Noted.</i></p>
19.	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/24/03882 - Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of 8no bungalows, following demolition of disused St John Ambulance Station and Priory Houses offices. Construction of new estate road access within existing highway frontage, following stopping up of existing access. Construction 2no additional vehicular accesses to serve proposed Plots 1 and 8. Location: Former Ambulance Station, Duckamere, Bramford, IP8 4AJ Reason(s) for re-consultation: Additional information added 11.11.2024 Should you wish to make further comments in relation to this application please do so before 27th November 2024. <p><i>Cllr Wolton discussed with members, will draft additional comment. D Cllr Caston will recommend that this goes to committee.</i></p>
20.	<p>Finance: All relevant papers provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the November 24 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 To approve November payments schedule (DD,SO and Cheques) <i>Chair proposed to approve, Cllr Akmal Makhdam seconded.</i> To discuss – Bramford Open Spaces Path improvements quotes : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAB Group @ £19,648.00+ VAT Booth Tarmacadam Ltd @ £52,635.00 + VAT SHE Asphalt Ltd @ £98,179.50 + VAT Paul Gibson : £31,600 (no VAT). <p><i>Members discussed, Cllr Dicker proposed, Cllr Coulson seconded to agree quote for DAB Group.</i></p> To discuss and agree River Gipping Trust request Wheel Trimmer Brush Cutter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Velocity56 WTV Self Propelled Wheeled Trimmer @ £799 + VAT Velocity56 WTP Push Wheeled Trimmer @ £599 + VAT <p><i>Members discussed, agreed the self-propelled Trimmer, Chair proposed, Cllr Dicker seconded, that will bear cost, but not future maintenance.</i></p>
21.	<p>Confidential :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note and agree National Joint Council for Local Government Pay Services (NJC) New Pay Scales Agreement Award for 2024-25, implemented from 1st April 2024 to employees @ increase of .63p per hour . <p><i>Chair Powell approve, Cllr Brand seconded to approve.</i></p> <p><i>Mtg closed 21.57pm.</i></p>
22.	<p>Date of next meeting: Members are asked to note that the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 20th January 2025 @ 7.00pm at the Parish Room, Ship Lane, Bramford.</p>