



# BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL



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**Parish Council Meeting held Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 commencing at 7pm at the Parish Room, Ship Lane, Bramford, to transact the business as set out in the Agenda below:**

### MINUTES

*ATTENDEES: Cllr A Haigh, Cllr F Makhdum, Cllr M Brand, Cllr S Coulson, Cllr I Dicker, Cllr J Gardiner, Chair L Powell, Cllr C Wolton, County Cllr C Chambers, District Cllr J Caston, Clerk & RFO J Every, 3 members of public.*

1.	To receive and consider apologies for absences <i>Cllr Ayriss, Cllr Reeve.</i>
2.	To receive members declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest. <i>Cllr Coulson regarding Item 14.</i>
3.	To consider any requests for dispensations received <i>Cllr Coulson regarding Item 14.</i>
4.	To note resignation of Cllr Welsby. <i>Chair Powell announced resignation of Cllr Welsby and to note Notice of Casual Vacancy will be published tomorrow.</i>
5.	To note the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 and to agree that delegated authority be given to the Chair to sign the minutes outside of the meeting. <i>Cllr Coulson proposed, Cllr Brand seconded to approve and signed by Chair.</i>
6.	Public Forum: Councillors to receive questions from the public with regards to items on the agenda. <i>Reference Item 20.3 – Residents attended to discuss the annual Flower Show request for some financial support towards the show. Cllr Wolton proposed, Cllr Gardiner seconded to agree a donation of £175.</i>
7.	To receive reports from : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County Councillor C Chambers – <i>Report has been distributed to members and on website. Cllr Chambers – C Cllr Caston covered his Report which has been distributed to members and website. Discussed devolution.</i></li><li>• District Council J Caston – <i>D Cllr Caston covered his Report which has been distributed to members and website. Reporting that he has become an independent Councillor. Discussed devolution. Reported that Cabinet have had meeting regarding the budget and housing revenue account – decided not to</i></li></ul>

	<i>increase Council Tax this next year. Food Waste vehicles are to be bought. Clearstone DC/24/05090 - planning application has been deferred.</i>
8.	<p>To received report from Committees and relevant groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bramford Playing Field - Cllr Gardiner reported on a dispute meeting with BPMA and Bowls Club that took place on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.</li> <li>2. Loraine Victory Hall - Cllr Wolton reported all running well. Reported on Port One support in looking to solar power being installed. Asked for consideration to having this installed on part of the Old School House building, if it is not possible on LVH. Members discussed possible options.</li> <li>3. Bramford Open Spaces representative – Cllr Dicker had nothing to report.</li> <li>4. Footpaths Warden – Cllr Wolton discussed the footpath along River Gipping. Fitzgerald Road old path is due to expire, she has requested this to be opened by the developers if no new build undertaken, she will update.</li> <li>5. Communication Lead – Cllr Coulson discussed with members what to include in next newsletter.</li> <li>6. Tree Warden - Cllr Dicker reported tidying undertaken at Orchard, 2 x trees to go in, replaced stakes.</li> <li>7. Allotment Warden – Cllr Gardiner asked if Chair Powell would accompany him to look and find ways to help allotment holder clear plot, nothing further to report.</li> <li>8. Planning representative – Cllr Wolton, reported EDF developers still ongoing, 3 x deer were hit at weekend requested a sign, which is ongoing, planting is an issue (not in correct place), building on DC-24-05227 8 Loraine Way application has been approved, Duckamere application appears to have been stalled at present.</li> <li>9. Loraine Eustace Broke Trust - Cllr Reeve not present.</li> <li>10. Keep Bramford Tidy Warden – Cllr Ayriss not present.</li> </ol>
9.	<p>To note summary of correspondence received before the meeting and consider any action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident request – Cemetery : redirect path from entrance.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Gardiner reported that he received a request from a resident regarding a new path along hedge from entrance at Bramford Lawn Cemetery . Discussed with members. Considered would review as part of the expansion refurbishment plan.</p>
10.	To receive update on the Bramford Offline Club from Cllr Makhdum – Cllr Makhdum reported first evening was not well attended, will increase promotion with a view to improve attendance.
11.	To discuss and agree finance meeting date/time. Agreed 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 6.30pm location The Pavillion.
12.	To further discuss Playingfield Car Park offer update. – Cllr Powell reported offer has been made to purchase car park to Cemex, they have responded that is being offered to market, await update. It was recommended that Chair Powell write back with comments to amend offer if required.
13.	To discuss –Gippingstone Car Park – signage request for one space update - Members discussed this, following further investigation with resident. It was noted there has been increase on larger vehicles taking up more space. They considered options at present with a view to looking into altering the markings.
14.	To discuss Cemetery expansion. - Members discussed the planning application of change of use. Cllr Wolton and Cllr Coulson will work together on preparing the process.
15.	To discuss - VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025. - <a href="https://www.veday80.org.uk/">https://www.veday80.org.uk/</a> . – Chair Powell asked members if various association would like to get involved. Cllr Wolton reported there are some different events planned in the village. Cllr Haigh proposed to purchase light bulbs as necessary for Church Tower spire, Chair Powell seconded to support to budget of £250.

16.	To discuss – ANPR rotation scheme application. <i>Members discussed, application will be completed , and sent to BMSDC.</i>
17.	To note any updates on the Action Plan and agree any further actions.
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"> <li>DC/24/05016 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/05468 - Conditions 6 (Archaeological Works - part-discharge), 24 (Hazel Dormouse Method Statement) and 25 (CEMP for Biodiversity) Location: Land To The South Of, Bullen Lane, Bramford, Suffolk – PART APPROVED <i>Noted.</i></li> </ul>
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"> <li>DC/24/05090 - Planning Application. Construction, operation and maintenance of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with associated infrastructure and works including highway access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements. Location: Land Adjacent To Bullen Lane, Bramford, IP8 4JN, - DEADLINE 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025. <i>Cllr Wolton discussed with members.</i></li> </ul>
20.	<p>Finance: All relevant papers provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the February 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"> <li>Bank Reconciliation</li> </ul> </li> <li>To approve February payments schedule . <i>Cllr Haigh proposed Item 20.1 and 2, Cllr Brand seconded to approve.</i></li> <li>To discuss request and agree budget contribution towards expected costs of annual Bramford Flower Show, budget up to £150, See Item 6.</li> <li>To discuss purchase of path clearing machine, as per Quotation £15,590.00 + VAT £3118.00 = Total £18,708.00. – <i>Cllr Wolton discussed with members. To be investigated further.</i></li> <li>To note and sign acceptance offer for “Pride in your Place Grant” from BMSDC of £5,000 for the project “The History Trail”. To discuss the plans. – <i>Members noted, Chair Powell discussed the project, a meeting arranged 7pm 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Parish Room. Form to be sent to BMSDC.</i></li> <li>To discuss and agree budget for slate laser etched signs for the Orchard Trees to £200 as requested by Tree Warden, Cllr Dicker. <i>Chair Powell proposed to agree budget, Cllr Coulson seconded,</i></li> </ol>
21.	<p>Date of next meeting: Members are asked to note that the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 7.00pm at the Parish Room, Ship Lane, Bramford.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed 9.15pm</i></p>