

Bramfield Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2018

Present - Guy Tucker (GT) (Chair), John Wells (JW), Marietta Johnson (MJ), Pam Rutherford (PR), Cheryl Jackson (CJ), Councillor Michael McMullen (MM), Chris Armstead (CA),

Clerk - Liz Hamilton (LH)

Others Present – Louise Gibbs (Parishioner of Bramfield)

1. Apologies – Stella Johnson (SJ), Nick Savage (NS)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2018

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and the Chair signed them as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes other than items on the agenda.

CJ has spoken to EHDC regarding the fly tipping signs. The PC need to decide where the signs should be sited & EHDC will erect them. Any fly tipping spotted please report to EHDC

JW reported to the PC that the village gullies have been cleaned on the 16th April 2018

5. Financial Matters.

In the absence of the Treasurer the following matters were noted

- **Bank Balances:**

Community Account - £2,256.26

Savings Account - £6,299.89

- **Accounts for payment:**

£ 30 – Litter Picking

£ 1200 – Village Hall path – Cookson Services

GT agreed to contact NS re payment due to Pateman Garden Services being £200.00 for work completed as previously minuted

6. Village Sign

CA advised the sign was being prepared with Bramfield on each side but artwork one side only. The PC preference was for art work both sides, CA advised this would double the time the operator would man the machine and as such affect cost (the double sided sign was for one of the two proposed signs only)

CA was asked to supply cost for options such that a decision could be made

GT has contacted EHDC to discuss the siting of the Village sign on the Pound end of the village and at the Gobions Lane end of the village he has left another message and is awaiting a reply.

7. Bury Lane

LH reported the receipt of a copy of the Enforcement notice relating to the unauthorised use of the site. It was noted that the Enforcement Notice has been extended till the end of June

The PC agreed that GT should draft a letter to LH to forward to Kim Shelton the Officer involved in this case expressing the concerns of the PC about this ongoing problem.

8. Planning application

The Planning Application for 2 Hollygrove Road was discussed by the PC including previous email correspondence between councillors and it was noted there was no formal objection to be made on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Correspondence

Hertfordshire County Show (Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th) May 2018 leaflets

9. Any Other Business

a) JW reported that the new grass seeded on the pound has now started to grow

b) JW supplied a quote for path and curbing of the village hall £450 for materials, £700 labour total £ 1150.00 JW will look for a comparable quote for the path and curbing of the village hall.

c) GT has reported the pot holes in Gobions Lane to EHDC

d) Louise Gibbs (LG) attended the meeting having been invited to speak about issues she had previously raised.

Flagpole – LG indicated her objection to the continuous flying of the union Flag. She remarked that the PC had made the decision to keep the flag flying without consulting the Village.

There was then a discussion about the issue and from research and interpretation of recommendations by the Flag Institute the original decision should stand that the flag should be flown continuously. It also noted the need to maintain the flag in good condition.

PC minutes - LG expressed her concern about the standard of the minutes posted on the PC website. She raised points of accuracy and also commented that they seemed to be brief and short on detail. There was a general discussion. The PC noted some errors in dates and headings had been recently corrected. It was agreed that in future the minutes would be carefully monitored with a view to ensuring appropriate details were included.

PC membership - LG also expressed her concern that she had applied to be a member of the PC but she had not received the courtesy of a reply. It was noted that the application had been through the website and after checking it appeared that a link had failed and the application was regrettably never received.

Next meeting: - Tuesday 15th May 2018 - 7.30pm for ordinary business, followed by AGM at 8.00pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed as a true record

Chair

Date Tuesday 15th May 2018