

BRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 19th February, 2019

Pre Meeting Public comments and Questions

No public attended the meeting

Present: John Wells (JW) (Chair) Chris Armstead (CA) Cheryl Jackson (CJ), Marietta Johnson (MJ), Stella Johnson (SJ), Michael McMullen (MM) (Councillor EHDC) Ken Crofton (KC) (Councillor), Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer), Guy Tucker (GT) (Vice Chair)

Apologies for Absence

Liz Hamilton (LH) (Clerk), Pam Rutherford (PM)

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of the meeting held on 15h January 2019

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

Matters arising from the previous meeting

Village Sign – CA showed a sample of the village sign, there was some discussion on angle, types of wood etc. JW requested CA to produce another sample in the agreed size of 600mm wide by 900mm tall and if required coloured to give clarity of definition to carving. This requested for the next meeting.

Bury Lane Activity – JW reported that another letter had been sent to Environmental Health and he read out the reply from Simon Curling who said he was going to look into the matter. MM reported that he had a meeting with Simon Curling and that he had send an email to LH reporting that Simon Curling was going to see Kim Bowers and that he was going to look at the site. MM said he would chase the matter up again. LH had sent another email to Kim Bowers but to date there had been no reply, continued pressure required to get up to date action from the EHC It was noted that there is still an abundance of rubbish there had not been much recent activity on the site. GT reported that

Adam at the garage had said that the big unit at the rear of the existing garage has been let out for car repairs also that the electricity to the site had been cut off as the bill was unpaid.

Grandison Arms Sign Village Green Concern was expressed by a number of councillors regarding the replacement sign that had been erected on the village green. It was agreed that JW would ask LH to send a letter to the tenant landlord asking if the present sign was the intended new sign and also requesting confirmation that new support post be suitably treated and that the electrics will be reconnected to illuminate the sign.

There was then a discussion about the village green if it belonged to the Parish and if our public liability covered the green. NS will look into what the Public liability covers as it should cover the bus shelter. KC mentioned that Parish Councils were given the chance to register village greens in 1974. JW said from memory of his involvement in the 70's the village green belonged to the Lord of the Manor but he had no responsibility for it. JW to do some research to clarify ownership.

Financial Matters

Bank Balance

Current Account	£1,663.39
Savings Account	£6,309.31

Accounts for payment were approved by the PC

Playground Inspection £52.33 to EHC

Planning Applications

None

Correspondence

News letter from Buildings Preservation Trust
Shared Ownership Meeting EHC March 2nd to be put on notice board and website

Letter from Sizewell C re proposed Nuclear Power station in Suffolk, no action by PC

Any other Business

Perimeter Path rear of village hall

JW put forward a proposal to put concrete edging with a top dressing of shingle to the perimeter path at the rear of the village hall. After some discussion it was agreed that the preferred surface for this footpath would be to use paving blocks. GT, CA and JW would get prices for laying block paving together concrete edging

Concern was raised re cost as previous enquiries using blocks was in excess of £3000

Ken Crofton kindly offered a grant from his budget albeit would not be available until May It was agreed the final agreed cost be split, one third Ken Crofton grant, one third village hall and one third Parish Council

CJ reported a caravan on the car park opposite the garage and it was reported to her that someone was dealing drugs from the Caravan and that a parishioner had managed to chase them away. It was felt we should keep an eye on this activity and if it happens again to report it to the Police.

The papers for the Parish Council Elections should be out soon but can be downloaded from EHDC.

Dates for future annual meetings were discussed. As Parish council elections were to be held on the May 2nd JW stated that he wished the Parish Meeting to be held prior to that date. As this meeting is required between 1st March and 1st June the agreed date was Tuesday 16th April 2019 This meeting would include the chairman and treasurers report followed by any other business. This would follow the normal monthly PC meeting after which it was suggested wine and nibbles could be served.

In the year involving an election the existing councillors retire together on the fourth day after the election and on the same day the newly elected councillors come into office, (a retiring councillor is eligible for re-election) The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council must take place on the fourth day after the election or within 14 days thereafter. It is at this meeting officers of the new Parish Council are elected.

The agreed date for Annual Parish Council Meeting was Tuesday 14th May 2019

Adequate notice to be given for each of these meetings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Next meeting 19th March, 2019 - 7.45 pm Venue village hall changing room at rear of hall due to construction work on main hall