

BRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 16th July, 2019

Pre Meeting Public Comments and Questions

No public attended the meeting but Sergeant Duncan Wallace from Herts Police EH Rural came at our request to talk about Traffic Calming. He said the first thing we have to do is establish if there is actual speeding through the village. To do this we can do is a speed survey ourselves. We explained that we had tried to do this in the past but it was a long process and the PC was not successful in getting sufficient persons willing to do it. He then said he would try and set up a survey for us which would be done over a week, by putting a speed sensor box suitably positioned on the Main Road through the village. He could not say how soon this would be done but would liaise with the clerk when he had more information

If it was established that there is actual speeding then we have to go through Highways Department re suitable signage and we would require the help of the Rural County Councillor Mr Ken Crofton for support and possible funding of his Highway Locality Budget

There was then a short discussion on different types of traffic calming and their effect.

JW asked MM if he could speak to the Clerk to Tewin PC to see how they obtaining their vehicle activated speed sign (smiley face) located in North Tewin

Sergeant Wallace then advised that fly tipping was on the increase, and concluded by saying that the Rural Police have a quarterly meeting and should we have any problems to call him. JW thanked him for his valued attendance

Present: John Wells (JW) (Chair) Cheryl Jackson (CJ) Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer) Michael McMullen (MM) (Councillor)

Apologies: Guy Tucker (GT) (Vice Chair) Marietta Johnson (MJ)
Liz Hamilton (LH) (Clerk) Chris Armstead (CA)

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June, 2019

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

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- (a) Village sign - JW reported that delivery of this should be imminent and suggested that JW, NS, GT and two Church Wardens decide with CA the exact location of the sign to be erected on the grassed area in front of the church yard wall. This was agreed.
- (b) Bury Lane Activity JW reported that the PC continued to pressure the EHC re action on this site. MM reported he too continues to pressure on the EHC and stated he had recent discussions with Kim Bowers and Sarah Saunders Head of Planning and Building Control who in turn would discuss this issue with Richard Cassidy new CEO

The PC was informed that a meeting was to be held with D Abel Smith and Simon Curling EH Environmental Health re rubbish accumulation which could cause concern and be hazardous to health. It was agreed JW should request attendance at this meeting to give the PC's comments re this site

- (c) Damaged Road Sign - JW reported that he had no further information, would request GT to chase
- (d) Footpath rear of village hall - JW reported that this had now been completed and that PC had received an invoice from R Reynolds. This payment would be made by the PC but with shared cost obtained from the Village Hall Committee and grant from Mr Ken Crofton Members Locality Budget as previously agreed. The PC were pleased with the quality of work
- (e) Equipment for Litter Picking - JW still awaiting visit from Karen Evans. This to be chased
- (f) Traffic Calming - this was dealt with as above.

- (g) Casual Vacancy Official notification posted on notice board applications to be made to EHC by 17th July. If no one applies then PC co-option would be made JW said he had spoken to Graham Lyons who had indicated a possible interest but would await confirmation from PC
- (h) Road Channel Cleanse

JW reported his frustration in trying to get appropriate department to take responsibility for applying treatment to kill weeds in the village road channels and kerb edging. Although various contacts had been made he felt the PC would have to pay to have this work carried out The PC authorised the chairman to appoint a contractor for this work providing the maximum spend did not exceed £100.00

Financial Matters

NS reported that we have £5,179.81 in current account and £3,315.61 in deposit account. He transferred £3,000 from deposit into current account to cover cost of new village sign. NS reported that MM had given him the form to claim the VAT back and he has now got the HMRC reference code to claim, He has to apply in writing for the first claim but in future he can claim online. He has claimed back £510.00 on 2018/19 invoices and is now going to go back to previous years to see if further claims can be made. MM was thanked for his help on this issue

Annual Audit completed and relevant documentation posted on village notice board where it has to remain for a statutory period

Accounts for payment.

£1,550.00 R Reynolds It was agreed that PC share £550.00 and Village Hall and Ken Crofton Grant £500.00 each. CJ will ask Village Hall Treasurer to send a Cheque to PC. NS to make grant application to Herts Direct website under Members Locality Budget.

Liz Hamilton (Clerks fees) £260.00

EHC Election fees £51.15 invoice not yet received. JW explained that although we did not have an election we still have to pay this amount for admin fees

JW said that at the moment PC pay £100.00 per year to PPC for the up keep of the Church Yard. This has not been increased for many years and it was suggested this be increased to £150.00. As only three PC members present CJ will email to all members to see if they approve this increase.

Planning Applications

None

Correspondence

None

Any other business

JW mentioned the bad state of public footpath to the left of the Village Hall. CJ reported she is waiting to hear from Andrew Burton who is due to make a visit. It was agreed that this was a Village Hall matter and not PC.

Date of next meeting 20th August 7.45 in the village hall.

There being no other business the meeting close at 9.15 pm