

BRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2019

1. Pre Meeting Comments and Questions

No public attended the meeting

Present: Marietta Johnson (MJ) Chris Armstead (CA) Liz Hamilton (LH) Clerk John Wells (JW) Chair Pam Rutherford (PR) Cheryl Jackson (CJ) Graham Lyons (GL), Guy Tucker (GT)

2. Apologies: Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer), Councillor Michael McMullen (MM), Ken Crofton (KC)

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 2019

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

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

- (a) Bury Lane Activity – The PC sent Richard Cassidy EHDC an email following on from our previous meeting. A response was received from Kim Bowers stating that the site was open to the owner for the continued use of repair to motor vehicles. As there was no permission for waste management/storage on the site this was the issue being currently progressed by the EHC. It was noted some site clearance had taken place and further inspection was imminent. The PC would continue to request updates from the EHC
- (b) Damaged Road sign – JW reported that the road sign has been temporarily positioned upright
- (c) Traffic Calming –Sgt Duncan Wallace (Herts Rural Police) apologised for not being able to attend our meeting. JW read out the email response from DW. Clearly before any further progress could be taken re the installation of an SID device it has to be established that there is defined evidence of traffic speeding though the Village It was agreed to contact DW again in the New Year to request another speed survey in the school term period. Various residents have noted the volume of traffic passing through the village. JW to update Chris Murray on the PC activity

- (d) Road Channel Cleanse – JW has been in continual contact with EHDC he will follow up once the majority of leaves have fallen.
- (e) Rural Community Fund – MJ to follow up next meeting.
- (f) Christmas Tree Village Green – It was agreed by the PC that no further action will be taken regarding the erection of a Christmas Tree on the village green
- (g) Winter Salt – JW has checked all the bins around the village are full, JW has also advertised in the Parish Magazine.

6. Financial Matters

Account Balances
Current Account £2747.00
Deposit Account £3317.95

Due Sybil Button - £30 Litter clearing
Invoice was expected from Stuart Kirkham Grass cutting 2019 season

Parish Precept 2020 – It was agreed to raise the Parish Precept for the financial year 2020/2021 further discussions to be held at the January PC Meeting

7. Correspondence

Expansion of Luton airport – JW noted on the 5th December 2019 at Stevenage there is a meeting to discuss proposals for the expansion Document inspection was available at County Hall Hertford. JW to investigate for further information

8. Any Other Business

JW has notified in the Parish magazine, Holly Grove Road closure.

The PC agreed that no further action will be taken regarding leaving the verges uncut to encourage wildlife due to safety to pedestrians.

It was noted that there has been various reports of late night activity in the Village Hall Car Park.

GT to report to EHDC fly tipping in Gobions Lane & Bramfield Lane.

GT has purchased a new flag for the village green and will erect it.

CA to remove the tree stump on the village green, CA will also purchase a new tree to plant at the appropriate time

JW agreed to report to the HCC the danger of dead trees leaning over the Highway in the wooded area of Holly Grove Road which appear only to be supported from adjacent vegetation

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45 pm

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7-45pm in Village Hall