

BRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021

Present: Guy Tucker (GT) (Chair) John Wells (JW) (Vice Chair) Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer) Graham Lyons (GL) Chris Armitage (CA) Cheryl Jackson (CJ)

(1) Apologies for absence Chris Underhill (CA) (Clerk) Marietta Johnson (MJ)

Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th September 2020 signed by the Chair as a true record.

(2)Matters arising:

(a)Bury Lane Activity

There has been no report of further activity

(b)Traffic Calming

To be reviewed at future meeting

(c)Coronavirus Action

CJ reported that the village hall is covid secure, dance classes now allowed. Cricket and Football playing but not using the hall Hopefully the hall will re-open for parties etc after 21st June.

(3)Financial Matters

Statement of accounts

Current account 3,466.02

Deposit account 3,322.77

(NS) To get Annual Governance and Accountability return 2020/21 Certificate of Exemption signed together with Annual Internal Audit report and Accounting Statements which are required to be displayed on the Public notice board for the statutory period

(4) Defibrillator

CJ requested that the PC install a Defibrillator in the Village and JW explained the different types. After some discussion the meeting agreed in principle to the installation of a Defibrillator to be installed in the unused red Telephone box. They wish however to have a detailed specification of the equipment involved together with all associated cost and also annual support cost of proposed managed system. The PC wish to proceed with CHT Managed Solution Project. The PC can claim back VAT on paid Invoices. CJ said Village Hall will help towards the cost. The PC to apply to EHDC for change of use of the telephone box.

Questions raised

- (1) Specification of the Defibrillator recommended for the village community.
- (2) Specification of the Storage Cabinet recommended for the proposed location bearing in mind security access etc.
- (3) CHT to arrange for adoption of red telephone box and removal of redundant equipment.
- (4) Provide appropriate signage for telephone box.
- (5) Installation of Defibrillator complete with signage.
- (6) Advise the advantage of power to be installed in the telephone box and offset of cost against a cabinet that does not require power.
- (7) If power installed does this prolong the life of the defibrillator batteries
- (8) The PC would be happy to repaint the telephone box with free issue paint from the BCF

The above information will be circulated to the PC members for their final ratification. In the meantime CJ to send out to all members the booklet received from Community Heartbeat (CHT).

(5) Road Channel Cleansing

JW explained that we have road channel sweeping by mechanical broom vehicle on a 13 week cycle and that we had a sweep on 3rd January and 26th March. JW normally gets 3 days notice to enable him to put out notices for villagers to get their cars off the road but this did not happen on the last two visits. Next visit of mechanical broom vehicle scheduled circ 25th June

(6) Road Verge Weed Spray

Bramfield Parish is scheduled for two weed sprays per year it is hoped the weed spray could take place prior to road sweep but this does not always happen.

(7) Grass Cutting

JW has asked Stuart Kirkham to cut the grass on Village Green and Pound he did not advise any change in contract price.

(8) Tree Replant Village Green

Due to the very dry April period the tree planting had not taken place and CA will look to plant late Autumn early Winter CJ will look into the Free Trees for the Queens Jubilee next year

(7) Salt bin

It was agreed that when the bin at the village hall is empty GT will move it to Turners Close. It was also noted that there is a large supply of salt in the outside cupboard of the Village Hall.

(8) East Herts Town & Parish Engagement Event on 2nd June 2021

No one wished to attend this event

(9) Time of meetings

It was agreed to have the meetings every other month and to start at 7.30p.m.

(10) A.O.B

JW wondered if it was possible to enlarge the Lay by at Winding Shott due to the amount of cars parking in the road. After some discussion it was agreed to get a price for extending the car park opposite the garage. Suggested we could put a sign at Winding Shott saying residents only.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm next meeting will be the AGM on 20th July.
Clerk to put Agenda and notice of meeting on the website and Notice board 2 weeks before meeting.