

## **Bramfield Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Present** ; Guy Tucker (GT) (Chair) Marietta Johnson (MJ) Chris Armstead (CA) Cheryl Jackson (CJ) Chris Underhill (Clerk) Michael McMullen (MM) John Wells (JW) (Vice Chair) Marietta Johnson (MJ) Ken Crofton (KC)

**Apologies** Graham Lyons (GL) Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer)

(1) **Declaration of Interest** –None

(2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 signed by the Chair as a true record

#### **(3) Finances**

- Current balances and expenditure outlined in report shared to the committee by NS.
  - a. Opening balance £3582.43, Closing balance £3571.13
  - b. Savings account at £3322.51.

#### **(4) Defibrillator Update**

- Installed 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. After some confusion power is live and defibrillator is operational.
- JW has the necessary paint to redecorate the kiosk.
- Many thanks to JW and CJ for organising this village community facility. Also, thanks to KC for donation of £400 towards the cost.
- Signs up by Village Hall and in the Grandison Arms. CJ has provided CU with a sign to be placed on building of Hertfordshire Garden Machinery.
- CJ is checking the defibrillator weekly and has arranged for Louise Gibbs to be her deputy.
- Note describing the defibrillator has been written by JW and added to the parish website.

#### **(5) Jubilee Trees**

- GT advised they come as a package in terms of type and quantity e.g., minimum of 30 trees (size of a tennis court).
- Discussions and concerns raised about maintenance due to proposed location.
- Option of hedging discussed and agreed. From churchyard along GT field boundary. Estimated 10 packs needed to cover the distance. GT to investigate.
- GT to do a piece for the parish magazine.
- CJ is organising the Jubilee celebration and will provide further details at the next PC meeting.

#### **(6) Cherry Tree**

- Costs are £40 for a 4ft tree then a further £10 per foot. Feeling was we need something substantial and hardy.
- CJ requested we have a cherry tree with pink flowers.
- CJ to liaise with JW regarding suitable plaque for Cherry Tree

### **(7) Potholes on Gobions Lane**

- All agreed these are a major hazard which has been exacerbated by closure of A119 and other local roads.
- These have been reported many times with no action so far.
- GT asked KC if he can assist in escalating.
- GT to provide KC with reference number.

### **(8) Blocked Drain Update**

- GT to liaise with to see if highways can assist in escalation/resolution.
- GT to provide KC with the reference number

### **(9) Sharp Bend Sign**

- Debris from last crash has been cleared but sign not fixed.
- KC advised chasing again and he will do so also.
- KC suggested contacting [Hope.Merriman@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Hope.Merriman@hertfordshire.gov.uk) of the Highways locality team and her manager [alan.storey@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:alan.storey@hertfordshire.gov.uk) to get them involved.

### **(10) Events**

- CU asked if there were any 2022 events that should be added to the Parish Council website.
- CJ to provide what she has. If anyone else has events to be added please let CU know.

### **(11) Any Other Business.**

- CJ raised the issue of speeding through the village. Noted that the other local road closures (A119) have increased the traffic and the danger. 2 recent accidents between Bramfield and Bulls Green were noted.
  - a. KC suggested talking to the police and crime commissioner deputy (Lewis Cocking) to see if we can get an enforcement van. KC to provide contact details to CJ/CU.
  - b. CJ noted that other local villages have 'smiley face' speed camera installed. CJ has asked if these can be installed in Village. KC advised talking with Hope Merriman to see if they can assist.
  - c. CJ advised that the survey undertaken last time was not in rush hour and during school holidays so not representative. KC to advise process to arrange a further survey (if necessary) and how to get installed.
- CJ advised the village hall car park will be retarmacked 1<sup>st</sup> week of February.

Date of next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

Signed

Date