

## **Bramfield Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present** Guy Tucker (GT) (Chair) Chris Armstead (CA). Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer), Chris Underhill (Clerk), Marietta Johnson (MJ) (Vice Chair), Cheryl Jackson (CJ).

**Local Police** Ryan Willis (PC for Bramfield), Glen Stanway.

**Apologies** : Graham Lyons (GL), Joe Thomas (JT)

#### **1. Declaration of Interest –None**

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a. Held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, signed by the Chair as a true record
- b. Speed signs fixed.
- c. Defibrillator pads – CJ has changed.
- d. Drain – seems to working well so consider closed.
- e. Potholes reported however highways still do not consider them a priority.
- f. Jubilee hedge revisited and some repairs undertaken

#### **3. Finances**

- a. See published balance sheet
- b. Online banking. NS advised that this has been set up by Barclays and that GT and CJ should be able to see when they log into online banking.
- c. Year-end coming up so NS to start pulling together.
- d. It was agreed to pay the litter bill to Sybil of £30.00

#### **4. Police update**

- a. PC 926 Ryan Willis provided an update on rural crimes and their particular focus.
  - i. Offroad bikes on non-byway tracks. More recent incidents (including GT) so expect a greater police focus especially at weekends. RW advised to call 101 with any number plates but if feel threatened then call 999.
  - ii. Industrial scale fly tipping. If this is observed then please call 101 however if it's a crime in progress call 999. If a number plate can be captured so much the better.
  - iii. Local PCSO email address is [sally.brooks@herts.police.uk](mailto:sally.brooks@herts.police.uk)
  - iv. CU to do a write up for the Parish Magazine.

#### **5. Datchworth Emergency Plan.**

- a. All felt it was useful however to a much greater depth than needed for Bramfield.
- b. GT and CJ to pull together a draft for review for Bramfield.
- c. GT and MJ to act as key contacts for Datchworth plan.

## **6. Funding Opportunities.**

- a. CJ agreed to meet with Caitlin Williams to discuss.

## **7. AOB**

- a. It was noted with great sadness the passing of Michael McMullen, He was a much respected member for East Herts as well as a good friend Bramfield who gave great support to all village events and the Parish Council. His advice was important to the decisions made by the committee over the years. The committee wishes to note all the good work he had done and to pass their condolences onto Angela.
- b. Road sweeping – scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March. NS to put a note up to warn residents in Winding Shott.
- c. Debris on Holly Grove road after recent floods. CJ has reported.
- d. Agreed AGM will be at next meeting
- e. A question was raised about extending the Village Hall car park. Consensus was no.
- f. GT has been in talks with Woodhall Estate with regards to common interest. Agreed to a presentation at our July meeting.
- g. CU to add website address to Parish news to increase awareness.

Next meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 19.30 with the AGM starting at 20.00.

Signed

Date