

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton on Wednesday 8th June 2011 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors: Stuart Wilson (Chairman), Mark Little, Fiona Scott, Jonathan Spinks and William Spinks.

Also in attendance: One member of the public and R Calvert, Clerk to the Council

2011/20 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Margaret Whiley and William Youngs. Apologies were also received from District Councillor Barbara Rix

2011/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in agenda items.

2011/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2011 were agreed as correct and signed by the chairman.

2011/23 Matters Arising - There were no matters arising from the minutes.

2011/24 Public Participation

It was AGREED to adjourn the meeting to take comments from members of the public. *There were no comments*

2011/25 Planning

Application 20110645 – To consider Application 20110645: Erection of Wooden Shed & Decking for Keeping Beekeeping Equipment in at The Island, Adj River Bure.

It was AGREED that the Council did not support this application and that

- it was a retrospective application made following a complaint
- it appeared to give agricultural use to the building already erected
- although the visual impact had been reduced from a distance the visual intrusion close to was quite considerable for an area of high landscape value
- it could cause a spate of other such buildings increasing the pressure on the area
- it was an inappropriate development
- the building had been erected over a path claimed to be a public footpath that was in dispute.

2011/25 Finance

1. It was AGREED to approve payments totalling £77.10 as follows

Chq 100216	Norse Ltd	6 Months Grounds Charge	£67.10
Chq: 100217	Norfolk ALC	Summer Conference (part)	£10.00

Balances were noted and the Bank reconciliation approved.

2. The bank mandate to change the signatories to the bank account was in circulation to be completed for the next meeting

2011/26 Highways

1. Speed restrictions - It was AGREED that a formal request for a 30mph speed restriction in the village be made to Norfolk County Council and that they consider changing the road priorities at the junction of the Street and the Oxnead Road, that passing places be established on The Street and Marsham Road.
2. Flooding - Marsham Road at the junction with the Aylsham Road. The Clerk met the Mr Mayes, area highway engineer, to discuss the problem. He gave the Council his contact details and offered to have the area pumped out if flooded or scraped out if it froze over. It was AGREED that this was not acceptable and to request that it be identified as urgent work to be put on the Highway list of priorities. It was suggested that a borehole be dug to drain off the surplus water.
3. Fly tipping – it was reported that several car batteries had been dumped in the river by the Oxnead bridge

2011/27 Footpaths

1. The Brampton Modification Order 2010 Inquiry will take place on 19th July 2011 starting at 10 am at Marsham Village Hall. Cllrs Little and Wilson were arranging the list of attendees.
2. Cllr Little expressed concern regarding the maintenance regime on the Bure Valley footpath next to the railway. It was AGREED to ask Broadland District Council for its conservation policy on the management of the path as there appeared to be indiscriminate use of herbicides and excessive hedge cutting undertaken during the nesting season.

2011/28 Playground

Cllr Jonathan Spinks' offer to remove both benches was gratefully accepted. It was noted that all of the posts by the gate needed to be replaced.

2011/29 Correspondence

1. A community skip had been ordered for the week end of 2/3rd July. Cllrs Little and Scott offered to put up the notices as appropriate.
2. The website had changed and was being updated by Cllrs Little and Wilson and the clerk. All councillors were encouraged to get involved.

2011/30 Late Correspondence and future Agenda Items.

1. Village Hall Working Group Report

The report from the Village Hall working group was received and is attached to these minutes. It would be available for consultation on 18th June at the Village Event when Cllr Wilson would also publish it on the website. The results of the initial consultation together with the report would be considered at the next meeting.

2. Withdrawal of Delegated Functions

Broadland District Council was considering the withdrawal of agreements for the functions carried out by the Council. Response was required by 29th July.

The following points were raised:

- The financial impact on the parish precept
- To remove this function is contrary to the principle of localism and “the big society”; a retrograde step.
- This function is empowering - while carrying out inspections general inspections and services for the parish are also undertaken. It helps maintain local knowledge and is helped by the knowledge of local people
- Inspections by local people have a lower carbon footprint.

3. Community Resilience workshop - Norfolk ALC. Cllr Wilson suggested that the council should get involved, he cited the Brampton Draft Plan.
4. Norfolk Rural Community Council – “Getting to grips with governance” a course for those responsible for the management of charities and community groups on 3rd August – the clerk to circulate information to councillors by email.
5. Norfolk County Council – Jubilee Events for 2-5 June 2012

Agenda items for the meeting on 27th July

1. Litter picking – Cllr Little
2. Planning, the Local Plan and to consider an invitation to a member of the Planning Department at Broadland District Council to attend a meeting to explain the system in the light of the Localism Bill – Cllr Little
3. The Website – Cllr Wilson
4. Aylsham Navigation Project – Cllr Wilson

2011/31 Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 pm

Approved

Date