

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors: Stuart Wilson (Chairman), Mark Little, Laura Humphrey, Margaret Whiley
Trevor Whiteman and Gary Bean

Also in attendance:

Maggie Claridge, Clerk to the Council,

2013/85 Apologies –Fiona Scott

2013/86 Co-option –**It was agreed** that Gary Bean should be co-opted on to the Council and Gary signed his acceptance of office and took his seat at the table

2013/87 Declarations of Interest – there were none

2013/88 Minutes – Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2014 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2014 were circulated and following a correction to the day of the meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday they were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2013/ 89 Matters arising from the minutes – Stuart is working on the resilience plan working document which should be ready soon and is looking for a volunteer to assist as a co-ordinator.

2013/90 Reports –

District Councillor –Cllr Barbara Rix provided us with a summary of the meetings she had attended and presented her report. She commented on the Hardship Fund which has been saved. She also attended Planning Training and Performance Management meetings.

County Councillor- Cllr David Harrison updated the meeting on progress with the refurbishment of County Hall and reported on the problems associated with the removal of asbestos from the building. He reported on the large development that is planned for Aylsham and Parish Partnerships which were working well. Due to the good winter weather this year he said that County had saved over £2million in gritting costs. He discussed the on-going problems with the Kings Lynn Incinerator project and the huge financial cost to the County if they decide to pull out.

In answer to Stuart's question about County Council funding for maintenance of footpaths, Cllr Harrison informed us that it remains at one cut per year.

David informed us again that from April the County Council cabinet system of governing will cease to exist and that committees will run everything.

A written Police Report was received through the post from PC Greig Shepherd of Aylsham, and the Brampton Crime report was received by e mail. **It was agreed** to ask for a member of the Norfolk Constabulary to attend the next meeting in May.

2013/91 Public Participation

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting to take comments from the members of public and Councillors. There were no comments and the meeting reconvened.

2013/92 Planning

Application No: 20140314 for replacement service gates at Oxnead Hall, hall Lane, Brampton NR10 5HP. **It was agreed** to support this application subject to re-assurance that English Heritage have been informed.

Floodlighting at The Menage in Oxnead- BDC would update Council of any progress.

2013/93 Community Playground

It was agreed that the lease on the land used as a community playground should be renewed when this current lease runs out in a year's time in 2015.

2013/94 Schedule of Meetings

The schedule of meeting dates for 2014-15 as circulate to all councillors **was agreed**.

2013/95 Finance

1. The balance in the bank as at 31st January 2014 was £3,140.93. **It was agreed** that the bank reconciliation is to be approved at the next meeting.
2. **It was agreed** that as this is the Centenary year of the outbreak of the First World War a sum of £200.00 is to be sent to Brampton PCC for grass cutting as well as providing a small contribution towards the purchase of cleaning materials for the War Memorial, to be cleaned by volunteers. Gary Bean is to look at Oxnead Church to determine the condition of their War Memorial.
3. **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:
£220.09- M. Claridge- Salary (Chq 100314)
£247.20- R Calvert- Salary (Chq 100315)
£200.00- Brampton PCC (Chq 100316)
£45.00- NTPT- Clerks End of Yr Training Course (Chq 100317)
4. **It was agreed** the Clerk could attend an End of Year Training Course in Norwich on Monday 17th March at a cost of £45.00 and have an additional 10 hours in March/April to cover training time.

2013/96 Correspondence

Correspondence was circulated and noted. **It was agreed** that prior to future meetings the clerk would circulate any correspondence received first to Cllr Maggie Whiley for circulation.

2013/97 Highway and Footpath Matters

The Cawston Road closure was discussed and **it was agreed** that this was not a viable option as the residents living at the Red House Cottages would be severely affected.

Potholes were reported on Marsham Road.

There has been no movement yet on reconstruction work to Footpath 12.

The drainage works carried out earlier in the year to alleviate flooding on Marsham Road appear to be working.

Following a successful Litter Pick in the village a reasonable amount of rubbish was picked up and fly tipping was reported to Broadland DC for removal.

2013/98 Post Box

It is understood that the Royal Mail had misplaced the paper work necessary to arrange the replacement of the post box that was stolen from its position strapped to a telegraph pole close to Brampton church. **It was agreed** that a letter is to be written back to the Royal Mail to ascertain what clearance is required by them in order to replace a post box back on to the existing telegraph pole.

2013/99 Late Correspondence and items for next meeting on May 14th 2014

A letter of intention to resign from the AGM was received from Cllr Fiona Scott.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Michael Huish for all the work he has done in the cleaning and repainting of the village sign.

2013/100 Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 pm

Approved

Date

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