

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
on Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors:

Stuart Wilson (Chairman), Margaret Whiley,
Trevor Whiteman, Gary Bean

Also in attendance:

Barbara Rix: District Councillor
David Harrison: County Councillor
Margaret Claridge: Clerk to the Council

2015/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Little and Laura Humphrey

2015/18 Declarations of Interest

None were received.

2015/19 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on May 20th 2015 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2015/20 Matters arising from the minutes

The revised NORSE Grounds maintenance contract was discussed. The revised price for cutting the Community field twice a month for 8 months from March to October is now £121.83 +VAT. Council then asked for additional areas of grass to be included in the quotation, these are the Village Sign triangle of grass (which has been planted with crocuses) and the area in front of the Bus shelter. The price to cut these additional areas on the same regime as the Community field is £77+VAT. The Vice Chairman (in his absence) sent an e mail to the Clerk recommending that the additional areas be cut on a less regular basis than the Community land ie once a month (to start after the crocuses have died down) and asked for the small area of grass outside the village hall to be included in the price and to also be cut once a month. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to contact NORSE to ask for another revision to the price before agreeing to the contract.

2015/21 Reports

Were received from the following:

- 1) County Councillor- Cllr David Harrison updated us with news from County Hall. The scaffolding is finally coming down after the refurbishment and maintenance work to the outside of the building. Inside there is a lot more space as there has been a huge reduction in staff due to the on-going cutbacks. Space will now be rented out to other businesses. The council now has to be more creative with the way it manages services rather than being reactive. It needs to involve the voluntary sector far more, and there are on-going discussions being held about sharing services across the County.

When asked if there would be further cuts to the buses Cllr Harrison replied that when he was Deputy Chairman he had fought hard to protect the Coasthopper bus, and this bus service has been one of Norfolk's big successes.

- 2) District Council – Cllr Barbara Rix reported that she no longer sits on as many committees as she did before the election. She informed us that she had written an article for the EDP regarding the fact that the press are now not allowed into some of the Planning Committees.

She reported that there was to be a Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty at Mayton Wood recycling centre on Sat 19th and Sunday 20th September. They WILL be accepting aerosols, fire extinguishers, garden pesticides and fertilizers, household chemicals and cleansers, paint, photographic chemicals, wood preservatives, treatments and varnishes, However they will NOT accept ammunition, explosives or marine flares, asbestos, commercial hazardous waste, fireworks, gas canisters (full or part-full) or petrol.

Products for disposal should be kept in their original containers and not mixed together. Containers should be clearly labelled where possible, and when transporting hazardous waste containers should be properly sealed to avoid leakage.

Whilst there was no Police report, Cllr Rix had attended the SNAP meeting in Aylsham and reported that the police are finding the money for 1 PCSO in Aylsham, but as this does not replace all the posts lost she fears there may be more vandalism and theft.

2015/22 Public participation

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

2015/23 Planning

No planning applications had been received.

2015/24 Highway and Footpath Matters

The Chairman updated Council on the site meeting held in early June with Chris Mayes, and attended by the Chairman, Cllr Whiley and the Clerk to discuss a number Highway and footpath matters in Brampton. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask Chris for an update on the pothole situation as paint had been sprayed on the roads shortly after the meeting indicating potholes to be fixed but nothing had been done.

There has been another bout of fly tipping on Back Lane. It appears to be garden waste and may well be from a commercial gardener dumping his rubbish. Council were again informed of the urgency to report fly tipping so that it can be identified. The cost of removing rubbish falls to the landowner if the rubbish is on his land rather than the verge. The Chairman is to talk to Mr Briscoe. Broadland have a SNATCH group to deal with this problem.

FP 4 Cllr Bean reported that he had installed two kissing gates on FP4, but said that the grass on the footpath is extremely long. **It was agreed** that the Clerk should contact the rangers to ask them to cut the grass.

FP 12 The Chairman was concerned that the works required to reinstate the lost footpath on the island should not be allowed to run into next year.

Top road junctions need re-cutting again to improve visibility. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to inform Chris Mayes to get these re-cut.

It is to be noted that the road sweeper came through the village on July 14th.

2015/25 Phone Box

In the absence of Cllr Little the subject of the Phone Box repainting is to be moved forward for discussion at the September meeting.

2015/26 Correspondence

The Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Geoff Duke. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to write to Geoff thanking him for his letter, and is to ask BDC to advertise the post. If after advertising it is necessary to co-opt then an advertisement is to be put in the Round.

The Clerk read out a letter from Rod Galer the treasurer for Brampton PCC asking for a grant for £200 as a donation towards the cost of cutting the grass in the Churchyard. Council agreed to make this donation but **it was agreed** that the Clerk should make it clear that this is a one off donation and not a regular payment.

2015/27 Financial Matters

1. The bank reconciliation was approved and signed
2. It was agreed to approve the following payments:
 - £45.00 to NPTP Intro Training for Cllr Humprey (Ch No 100361)
 - £14.29 to URM Ltd T/A Berrymans re Glass recycling June (Ch No 100362)
 - £78.00 to Brampton PCC Annual rent for Open Space Yr 1 (Ch No 100363)
 - £222.81 to M Claridge re Wages and Expenses (Ch No 100364)
 - £51.40 to HMRC re PAYE (Ch No 100365)
 - £200.00 to Brampton PCC Donation towards grass cutting (Ch No 100366)

2015/28 Late Correspondence and receive reports from Councillors

The Chairman asked if anyone knew what staff changes were being made at Broadland regarding Barbara Hornbrook and Stephen Chesney–Beales positions. It was noted that the Chairman would like the subject of Horse excrement on the roads to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting. Cllr Whiteman expressed an interest in attending the next Councillor training courses. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to inform him of these

2015/29 Closure of the meeting

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday September 16th 2015. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Approved

Date