

# *Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council*

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton  
on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.30 pm

## **Present**

Councillors: Mark Little (Vice Chairman), Maggie Whiley, Gary Bean, Trevor Whiteman

## Also in attendance:

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

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Prior to the meeting the Vice Chairman led us all in a minutes silence in memory of our former Chairman, Stuart Wilson, who passed away on 24th February 2017. His funeral will be held at St Faith's Crematorium on 20th March at 1.15pm. Stuart was Chairman of Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council for many years and it was agreed that to mark his long service to our community, a donation will be made to RNLI Cromer, one of his favourite charities.

## **2016/81 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Laura Woods and Jon Sawyer-Stone

## **2016/82 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Gary Bean declared an interest the the Planning application

## **2016/83 Minutes**

Minutes of the meetings held on 11th January were circulated agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

## **2016/84 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none

## **2016/85 Reports**

County Cllr David Harrison reported that the County section of the Council Tax will rise by 4.8% this year. Social Services will be receiving 3% of this increase much of which will go towards paying the increase in wages to care workers to bring them up to the National living wage.

He reported that now the Devolution Bill will not be going ahead in Norfolk, pressure will be on for Unitarisation within Norfolk.

Cllr Harrison informed us that there has been a huge rise in the number of deaths from breathing difficulties despite the mild winter weather and it is thought that air quality is to blame.

Cllr Bean commented on the high price of the Park and Ride system which does not make it viable for families to use. Passengers are charged individually rather than by the car load. A return trip for one adult and two children cost £12.30, making it more expensive than parking in the city for a short trip. Cllr Harrison agreed to look into the pricing structure for the Park and Ride which is run by the County Council.

District Cllr Barbara Rix updated us on all the meetings she has attended at Broadland DC informing us amongst other things that she made it known quite clearly to all District Councillors how they should be aware of the very useful SNAP meetings in their local Districts.

Cllr Sawyer Stone was absent so we received no Police update.

Cllr Little updated us on the mini-crime wave that had occurred in Brampton during the winter months. A man had been living rough on the BVR between Coltishall and Brampton and committing petty theft crimes to unlocked cars, several of which were in Brampton. He has since been caught.

#### **2016/86 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public

#### **2016/87 Planning Applications**

There were no comments or concerns over the Planning Application No 202170175 to build a porch on the south elevation of a converted outbuilding at Keeper's Cottage.

#### **2016/88 Financial Matters**

- The Bank reconciliation was agreed and signed
- It was agreed to approve the following payments:  
£78.00 St Peter's Church PCC (Rent for Open Space) (Ch No 100414)  
£20.00 CAN Re Subscription (Ch No 100415)  
£200.00 St Peter's Church PCC Grant re grass cutting s137(Ch No 100416)  
£278.28 M Claridge Clerks Wages and Expenses (Ch No 100417)

#### **2016/89 Chairman Vacancy**

Following the death of our Chairman BDC have been informed that we now have a vacancy for the post of Chairman. This issue will be dealt with at our AGM in May.

#### **2016/90 Correspondence**

The Clerk read out the following items of correspondence that had been received:

- Brampton War memorial has been awarded a Grade II Listed Building status.

- After a request from Simon Faraday, the Emergency Planning Manager at BDC, Cllr Mark Little agreed to be the local contact telephone number to be called in an emergency as he is a Village Hall key holder.
- Aylsham care trust are holding an 'Agewise' event at the ACT centre in Aylsham on 5th April.
- NORSE our grass maintenance contractors have agreed to hold their 2017 prices to us despite the impact of the mandatory 'Living Wage' on their costs.
- Following on from the power cuts caused by 'Storm Doris' a message from UK Power networks was read out regarding Preparing for a Power Cut. Leaflets are available from the Clerk advising how to apply for extra support during a power cut.

### **2016/91 Highways**

Potholes: Cllr Little was pleased to report that following a message he sent about a large pothole on Marsham Rd to 'Fix My Street' on Saturday 4th March, the pothole has now been fixed. The Rangers are due to visit within the next 3 months and **it was agreed** that the Clerk is to inform them of a further large pothole at the Marsham Road crossroads.

Lay-by's: **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to contact Chris Mayes to ask if it would be possible to spread some Type 2 hoggin material in the 3 layby's on the Buxton Road and 1 lay-by on Marsham Road. These passing places are well used and of major importance on the narrow roads leading into Brampton and as such are in a poor state. This work would need to be carried out over the summer during dry weather.

Passive Speed Control: The reduction of the speed limit through Brampton was mentioned again but Cllr Little has an alternative suggestion and asked the Council to consider the possibility of installing a 'gateway feature' on the approach road to Brampton from the Buxton end. Cllr Bean mentioned that one of his employees is a skilled woodworker who would be capable of creating such a feature. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to approach Highways with this suggestion, to find out how other villages such as Felmingham have dealt with the issue of passive speed reduction, without the use of signs.

BVR: **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask Tracy Ball from the Norwich Fringe Project if she could attend our PC meeting in order to discuss the management of the BVR with regard to the tree felling carried out by the BVR.

### **2016/91 St Peter's Church**

Cllr Little reported that money is running out in the St Peter's PCC and within the next two year they are unlikely to be able to pay to have the churchyard mown. Cllr Little would like the Parish Council to cover this expense and to budget for it in the future.

### **2016/92 Projects**

**Phone Box:** The Clerk was pleased to inform the Parish Council that a number of Young Farmers will be coming to help strip the paint from the former telephone kiosk on Saturday March 11th. The Clerk and Cllr Stone will assist and oversee the work.

**Repainting of the Village Hall Roadside Wall:** Paint has been delivered to Mel Clarke so as soon as the weather improves he has agreed to repaint the wall.

### **2016/93 Late Correspondence**

**Litter Pick:** Cllr Little reported that the litter pick on Sat 4th March was most successful and a jolly occasion with about a dozen parishioners helping with the task.

**Brampton by Numbers:** Cllr Little had been doing some local research using the 2011 census and handed out very useful sheet entitled 'Brampton by Numbers', which details interesting village demographics.

**Village Hall:** For future meetings Cllr Little would like to include the Village Hall as an agenda item. Funds currently held in the account show a balance of £3025.47

**Chairmans report:** Cllr Little requested that the Chairmans report should also be an agenda item on the next Agenda

**Annual report:** Cllr Little requested that the Clerk should produce an annual report for the AGM.

**Website:** To be updated to change the Chairmans name

**Village facebook page:** Stuart Wilson ran a successful village facebook page and it was agreed that a new person should be found to continue updating this page in order to inform residents etc of events happening in the village.

### **2016/94 Closure of the meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday May 10th 2017. This will be the AGM. The Annual Parish meeting will take place beforehand. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm.

Approved

Date