

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
on Wednesday 29 February January 2012 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors: Stuart Wilson (Chairman), Mark Little, Fiona Scott, Jonathan Spinks, and Margaret Whiley

Also in attendance:

Two members of the public and Ros Calvert, Clerk to the Council

2011/104 Apologies

Were received and accepted from Councillors William Spinks and William Youngs

Resignation – Council was saddened to receive a letter of resignation from Councillor William Spinks. Members expressed their gratitude for the work he had carried out since joining the Council in June 1976 and wished him well in his retirement. His guidance, experience and local knowledge had been invaluable to the Council over many years and would be missed.

In 1963, before joining the Council William Spinks was elected to the Village Hall Committee. He was an active member of the Committee, instrumental in the fundraising for and the subsequent building of the Village Hall. Following its completion he joined the Parish Council.

2011/105 Declarations of Interest

There were none

2011/106 Planning

Planning Application no 20120097

1. Demolition of Garage
2. Removal of iron railings and reduction of brick piers height (Listed Building)

At Oxnead Hall, Hall Lane, Brampton NR10 5HP

For Mr David Aspinall

It was agreed to support this application

2011/107 Village Hall Survey

It was agreed to adopt the results of the survey as received and attached to these minutes. Of the 147 forms delivered 64 were returned; there was no significant preference for any of the proposed options.

It was agreed that no one option could be taken forward on the strength of the outcome of the survey and that this matter should be revisited at a later date. The clerk was instructed to inform Brampton Parochial Church Council and Brampton Village Hall Management Committee of the survey results and of this decision.

2011/108 Litter Pick

A report on the litter pick held in February was received from Cllr Mark Little. It had been well attended, volunteers had enjoyed the event and many bags of litter had been collected and fly tipping reported. Some areas of the parish had not been covered and it was suggested that another pick should be arranged for a later date.

Members thanked Mark for leading this project bringing local people together to tidy up the village; it had been a great success. It was noted that there was a quantity of litter along the Bure Valley Railway (BVR); it was suggested that the village could work with the BVR to address this problem. The Council was grateful for the loan of equipment and support received from Broadland District Council and to The Big Tidy Up for support and equipment. It was suggested that the Council should invest in its own litter picking equipment.

2011/109 Reclaim the Street – a presentation

Cllr Mark Little gave a short presentation on The Street, Brampton, the surrounding roads and sense of place. He talked about his observations, local eyesores, traffic speeding and the perceived lack of pride in the village. He tabled a document with the presentation which is attached to these minutes. This was followed by a discussion. Further action would be considered at the next meeting.

2011/110 Public Participation

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

2011/111 Finance

1. Payments

Payments

It was agreed to pay the following invoices:

R Calvert (expenses & travel) - £47.96

Personnel Payments - £275.35

Norfolk Parishes Training Partnership (councillor training for Cllr Scott) - £40.00

Norfolk Association of Local Councils (website training for the Clerk) - £25.00

Chairman's Allowance

It was suggested that a token of appreciation be given to Mr W Spinks in recognition of his service to the community from the Chairman's Allowance.

2. Appointment of Internal Auditor 2011-12

It was agreed to refer this to the next meeting

2011/112 Late Correspondence

Cllr Fiona Scott would like to attend the training on Neighbourhood Planning at Aylsham on 7th March.

2011/113 Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

Approved

Date