

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors: Mark Little(Chairman), Fiona Scott, Jonathan Spinks, Trevor Whiteman and William Youngs

Also in attendance:

Ros Calvert, Clerk to the Council

2012/30 Apologies – were received and accepted from Cllrs Stuart Wilson and Margaret Whiley. Apologies were also received from District Councillor Barbara Rix.

2012/31 Declarations of Interest - There were none

2012/32 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2012 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2012/33 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Forestry Commission had advised of the proposed deforestation of 1.03 ha of poplars to recreate grazed wet meadow adjacent the Bure at Lady's Bower and by the weir near Oxnead Bridge. The decision was valid for 5 years to July 2017

2012/34 Reports

No reports were received.

2012/35 Public Participation

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

2012/36 Tree Wardens

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Whiteman and the Clerk as parish tree wardens. Cllr Little was also a tree warden for Brampton.

2012/37 General Power of Competence

Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. This power was recently conferred on local councils to do anything that individuals generally may do anywhere (even outside the parish) and for anyone (an individual or group of people) subject to various limits. As the power of first resort it was not limited by the existence of any other power of the authority and it could be used by Councils that meet the criteria to use it.

It was agreed that the Council met the criteria to use the General Power of Competence (GPC). The number of Councillors elected at the last election was 7 out of a possible 7 which was over the two thirds required and the Clerk held the appropriate qualifications (including Section 7, GPC, CiLCA 2012)

It was resolved to use the General Power of Competence from this date.

2012/38 Planning

1. Application 20121351 - for change of use of a field for an outdoor equestrian

riding arena at Brampton Hall Farm, The Street, Brampton NR10 5HW for Mr Jonathan Briscoe. **It was agreed** to support this application.

2. Information on planning enforcements was received.

2012/39 Footpaths

1. Footpath No 6 Brampton. Correspondence on the accessibility of this path had been received from Mr Colchester and from Norfolk County Council Highways. It was noted that it was a very short path cutting across the corner of a field between Burgh and Brampton. The path was inaccessible due to a high bank adjacent the Burgh Road and it was blocked by hedging and sheep fencing. It had not been used for many years. The owner had been told to reinstate the access.
It was agreed that the Council sympathised with Mr Colchester's dilemma in this matter but it was in no financial position to take it forward.
2. Footpath No 12 this footpath was still obstructed by fallen trees. It was noted that Norfolk County Council was aware of the situation.
3. Footpath No 9 this path was generally accessible except at the tumbling bay where the edge of the water was obscured by vegetation. Cllrs Little and Spinks offered to review the situation and report back to the next meeting.
4. Bure Valley Railway Footpath. Cllr Little reported that the timing of the trimming had been right this year but the weed killer had been over applied along the path and in what appeared to be an uncontrolled manner. It looked awful and was not conducive to a wildlife corridor. He was waiting for a meeting with a representative of the Bure Valley Railway and the County Ecologist, David White, to be arranged to discuss future management of the footpath.

2012/40 Highways

1. Mill Road, Aylsham Road Junction - there was disappointment regarding the improvement works carried at this site. It had been unsuccessful in preventing the road from flooding and been carried out at considerable expense and inconvenience to local residents. It was understood that Norfolk County Council Highways would be reviewing the situation.
It was suggested that the dung heap on the hard standing by Mill Road could be washed down the road towards the junction and aggravate the situation.
2. Matters for the Rangers Visit – items to report for the Highway Rangers attention included the cleaning of the road signs in particular at the Marsham Road/The Street junction, cutting the hedge by the phone box and attending to the post and rails on the road to Oxnead Mill. It was reported that the small bridge 'Beck Arch' needed to be looked at as its condition was deteriorating.
3. Cultivation of the Highway – Permission had been received to cultivate the highway around the village triangle and on the far side of the railway bridge on Marsham Road and **it was resolved** to complete the consent agreement.
It was agreed to spend up to £50 on crocuses and daffodils from reserves. The clerk would order them and members would arrange a planting session before the next meeting.
4. Diamond Jubilee Tree – it was suggested that an English Walnut or Black Walnut tree should be planted near the bus shelter to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk would make enquiries

2012/41 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received had been circulated and copies of all the correspondence had been circulated and were available from the Clerk.

Items were noted.

Provision of mains drainage - **it was agreed** to write to Anglian Water in support of Mrs Wilson's letter in which she requested mains drainage for Brampton.

2012/42 Finance

1. The Bank Reconciliation and the Financial Report at 26 September 2012 were approved and signed by the chairman.
2. The Auditor's Report for 2011-12 was received there were no issues outstanding. Mazars LLP had been appointed as the Council's auditor to 2017. There would be no audit fee chargeable for annual income/expenditure up to £10,000.
3. Balances were noted and **it was agreed** to approve the following payments:
 - Mazars LLP (Audit for 2011-12) - £60.00
 - Aylsham Town Council (Photocopies) - £25.50
 - Personnel (Payments) - £275.35
 - Norse Commercial Services (parish field grass) - £69.71
 - Brampton Village Hall Committee (Hall Hire) - £40.00

2012/43 Recycling Facilities

It was noted that that the paper bank and bottle bank sited on a privately owned layby at Lower Brampton were to be removed. Various new sites were proposed but none of them were so well appointed. **It was agreed** to refer this matter to the next meeting after Cllr Little had made further enquiries.

2012/44 Litter Pick

It was agreed that the next litter pick would take place on Saturday 23 February 2013. The clerk would notify the Big Tidy Up and source additional equipment.

2012/45 Telephone Box

There had been no further development. The site needed to be cleared before the work could start. The clerk would circulate the paint colour specification to members.

2012/46 Noticeboard

It was agreed to move the footpath the map to the inside the bus shelter. The clerk would send the measurements to Cllr Whiteman for replacement Perspex. Various options were considered for a wall mounted noticeboard on the outside of Bus Shelter.

2012/47 Late Correspondence and items referred to next meeting

There were none

2012/48 Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Approved

Date