

# *Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council*

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton  
on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30 pm

## **Present**

Councillors: Stuart Wilson(Chairman), Mark Little, Jonathan Spinks, Margaret Whiley, Trevor Whiteman and William Youngs

## Also in attendance:

District Councillor Barbara Rix, County Councillor David Harrison, Ros Calvert, Clerk to the Council

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**2012/49 Apologies** – were received and accepted from Cllr Fiona Scott

## **2012/50 Dispensation**

**It was agreed** that the Proper Officer would grant a dispensation in

1. the setting of the budget
2. consideration of grant funding to Brampton Village Hall Management Committee until the election of the new council in May 2015, to the Councillors named below who had a disclosable pecuniary interest and had applied for dispensation:

Mark Little	Fiona Scott	Jonathan Spinks	Margaret Whiley
Stuart Wilson	Trevor Whiteman	William Youngs	

**2012/51 Declarations of Interest** – there were none

## **2012/52 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

*Cllr T Whiteman arrived*

## **2012/53 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. Species crocus and daffodils had been bought and planted at various sites in the village, around the village sign, by the railway bridge on Marsham Road and along Back Lane. Council thanked Cllrs Little and Scott and the other volunteers.
2. Jubilee Walnut Tree – was to be delivered on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November for planting near the bus shelter. It was agreed to meet to plant the tree on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11 am. BDC would be providing a tree guard and stake at a later date.

## **2012/54 Reports**

1. Police – a report from the police had been circulated by email, there were no matters arising.
2. County Council – Cllr David Harrison explained that there would be an enquiry regarding the proposed incinerator in West Norfolk and that it would have unknown financial implications. Aegel House Care Home in Aylsham had closed and would be sold. Many of the residents had moved to the new Care Complex at St Michael's, Aylsham. He also talked about the changes in the health service. From April 2013 GP Surgeries would have the power to commission services, he expressed concern about the integration of the care services provided by the NHS and those provided by the County Council.
3. District Council – Cllr Barbara Rix reported that the audit committee was concerned about the state of the Council's reserves. It had appointed a new finance officer. She also talked about the Internal Drainage Board and the

Environment Agency which were working together on local drainage issues. She updated the meeting on recent activities and planning proposals for the old RAF Coltishall site and on an 'code of conduct' investigation at Broadland.

### **2012/55 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.*

### **2012/56 Planning**

1. Information from Broadland District Council on planning enforcement matters was received. It was noted that Broadland District Council had received inquiries with regard to possible breaches of planning requirements and were dealing with several issues in the parish, some of which had recently been closed. The clerk gave information on all cases.

*Cllr Little took the chair for the following item*

2. **It was agreed** to write to Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council to request that they effectively enforce previously made planning decisions in respect of the Island. Copies of those letters to be sent to the respective local members.

*Cllr Wilson took the chair*

### **2012/57 Footpaths**

Footpath No 12 this footpath was still obstructed by fallen trees.

A letter from Mr Wheeler regarding the route of this footpath was received just before the meeting. It was agreed to consider it at the next meeting.

Bure Valley Railway FP – Cllr Little explained that he had received a holding response regarding the maintenance of this footpath; he was still waiting for a date for a site meeting from the Broadland District Council Ecologist.

### **2012/58 Highways**

The Highway Rangers Report was received. It was noted that there were some dangerous potholes at the village end of Back Lane.

It was reported that there had been another nasty accident on the main road by the dip in the road where road crosses The Mermaid. This road although downgraded to a 'C' Road still carried a considerable quantity of traffic, it was slippery and dangerous. Consideration was given to Cllr Scott's proposal to request a review of the speed limit. It was agreed to ask Highways to look at resurfacing a short area by the Mermaid to improve road safety.

### **2012/59 Correspondence**

The clerk's reports on meetings attended was received.

Community Buying. It was reported that a large number of people living in rural areas spend a high proportion of their income on fuel and that Norfolk Rural Community Council ran a scheme to reduce fuel costs to help alleviate rural fuel poverty. Cllr Youngs gave some background information on the scheme which was supported by AF Affinity.

**It was agreed** to invite Norfolk RCC to the Annual Parish Meeting to talk about its "Thinking Fuel" community buying scheme. The clerk would circulate information to members and leaflets about the scheme would be left in the Village Hall.

Norfolk ALC Café Clusters – a schedule of dates to meet the newly appointed Parish Liaison Officer at local venues was circulated.

It was noted that there may already be a case of "ash die-back" in the village

### **2012/60 Finance**

1. The bank reconciliation and the financial report were approved and signed by the

- chairman and balances were noted.
2. Grant Application – An application for grant funding was received from North Norfolk CAB. During 2011/12 it had received 12 enquiries about issues from residents of this parish. **It was agreed** to make no contribution.
  3. **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:
    - Personnel (Payments) - £275.35
    - R Calvert for Flower Bulbs - £59.13
    - Travel and telephony - £44.45
    - Cheque No: 100286 total £378.93
  4. Budget – the draft budget for 2012-13 was reviewed.  
**It was agreed** to make the following additional provisions for expenditure:
    1. Telephone Box - £50
    2. Bus Shelter - £150
    3. Noticeboards - £300
    4. Donation to Churchyard Maintenance - £200
    5. It was noted that there was no provision for the war memorial; it was in a good state of repair.

**It was agreed** to propose a precept of £3,775 for consideration at the January meeting. Members were aware of the impact this might have on residents. There were 144 registered electors in the parish. The amended draft budget would be published on the website to enable residents to make comments. It would be considered at the next meeting when it was anticipated that the precept for 2013-14 would be determined.

#### **2012/61 Recycling Facilities**

The proposed site on the Street had been approved by the landowner but the waste contractors were not sure of the suitability of the site for their vehicles which might have trouble reversing. It was noted that new sites proposals may be required. The draft contract between the Parish Council, District Council and the Landowner was with the District Council's legal team.

It was suggested that the income from the recycling service may have to be paid initially to the Parish Council to enable it to pay for regular site cleansing from the income prior to distribution to Brampton Parochial Council and Brampton Village Hall Management Committee.

**2012/62 Telephone Box** - The clerk had circulated the paint colour to members; there had been no further development.

**2012/63 Noticeboard** - There had been no further development

#### **2012/64 Late Correspondence and items referred to next meeting**

Cllr Little wanted consideration of further contribution to the PCC for churchyard maintenance (minute 2012/26) brought forward for consideration at the next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

#### **2012/65 Closure of the Meeting**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.18 pm

Approved

Date