

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML) (Chairman) Jon Sawyer-Stone (JSS) (Vice Chairman), Maggie Whiley (MW)) and Trevor Whiteman(TW) Gary Bean (GB) Jo Buchanan (JB)

Also in attendance:

Barbara Rix (District Councillor) David Harrison (County Councillor)

Maggie Claridge, Clerk to the Council

2017/63 Apologies

Apologies were received from Laura Woods.

2017/64 Declarations of Interest – there were none

2017/65 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2017 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record

2017/66 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The issue of Broadland DC's decision to close the investigation into the caravans at Low Farm was raised.

2017/67 Reports

Cllr Rix updated the Parish Council on the meetings she had attended at Broadland District Council. It was reported that BDC are in negotiations with the BVR to sell the railway line. Prior to the sale BDC are checking bridges and all structures to ensure they are safe. The Chairman asked a number of questions such as when will the sale happen and if there is jurisdiction over the footpath, and whether the boundary of the footpath is known. He also wanted to know if the BVR pay any rates on the line. Cllr Rix said that she is unsure of all the details.

The merger between South Norfolk DC and Broadland DC is on-going. Cllr Rix told us that Broadlands Head of Planning will be in charge of both districts as will Jill Penn who is Head of Finance.

Cllr Harrison informed us that Councillors allowance expenses are to be increased and back dated to May 2017. He disapproved of the increase and said that it would have been better if Councillors annual pay was increased to more of a reasonable wage.

This would allow younger people to be full time councillors rather than having to wait until they are retired.

He commented on the rise in Council tax for people living in the Broadland area. The next section of the NDR should be completed in March 2018, and there will be a consultation in May for the final section.

2017/68 Public Participation

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

2017/69 Planning

There were no Planning Applications to consider but it was mentioned that the former Rowan House/ Huntercombe hospital has closed down.

2017/70 Budget

The budget was agreed and the precept was set at £3,964.00, an increase of 1% in order to cover the rise of costs of services such as grounds maintenance.

2017/71 Finance

The bank reconciliation was approved.

It was agreed to approve the following payments:

£383.28 to M Claridge (Ch NO 100436)

£28.00 to Norfolk Parish Training Services (Ch No 100437)

2017/72 Correspondence

The Chairman updated us on the memorial for William Spinks. He is to suggest three bench related alternatives to the family for their donation to be spent on. These are as follows:

- 1) To re-furbish the bench in the bus shelter and to provide a plaque for it
- 2) To approach the Church and go through the faculty process if they want to put a bench in the churchyard
- 3) To provide a bench in the community field, although this would require some undertaking from the family in terms of ongoing maintenance

2017/73 Highways and Footpaths

The speed of sugar beet lorries going through the village was discussed at length as was the speed of other vehicles to and from the Low Farm barns, especially from the Marsham Road entrance to the village, where the white lines on the road are in need of repainting. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask for a meeting with Chris Mayes to discuss how we can get a speed limit through the village, and to discuss whether Village gateway signs would be an aid to slowing down vehicles. Cllr Sawyer-Stone has agreed to attend a meeting with Chris Mayes and the Clerk.

It was agreed that Footpath 12 maintenance is to be discussed as an Agenda item

The Clerk read out an email received from Peter Baker on behalf of BNCT. They have obtained LEADER grant funding for 6 information boards that they want to install on the proposed footpath beside the River Bure from Aylsham to Coltishall Lock. The

Clerk showed Councillors photographs of the position they had identified beside the bridge at Oxnead. Mr Baker had asked that it be discussed at this meeting, and after a long discussion about a proliferation of noticeboards **it was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask BNCT for further information about what is going to be on the signs.

2017/74 Projects: Telephone Kiosk

An allowance of £500.00 has been set aside in the Budget for completion of the painting of the kiosk. After the enthusiasm of last year and the help received from the Young Farmers the Kiosk has been left without a protective coat of paint over the damp winter weather and now needs a good sanding to remove the rust. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to find the specification for painting and send it round to the Councillors and to obtain two quotes to from local decorators to get it repainted.

2017/75 Late Correspondence and Reports from Councillors

The Chairman suggested that it was time for another copy of Brampton News to be produced, to cover items such as making efforts to find ways to reduce speeding through the village.

The Chairman and the Clerk have been working on the revised assets register.

2017/76 Closure of the Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 14th 2018 at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date