**Brampton and Oxnead**

**Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton

on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.30 pm

**Present**

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML) (Chairman) Jon Sawyer-Stone (JSS) (Vice Chairman), Maggie Whiley (MW)) and Trevor Whiteman(TW)

Also in attendance:

Barbara Rix (District Councillor)

Maggie Claridge, Clerk to the Council

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**2017/77 Apologies**

Apologies were received from David Harrison, Gary Bean and Jo Buchanan

**2017/78 Declarations of Interest –** there were none

**2017/79 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**2017/80 Matters Arising from the Minutes-**there were none

**2017/81 Reports**

Cllr Rix updated the Parish Council on the many meetings she had attended at Broadland District Council. These included a Flood resilience workshop. Cllr Rix mentioned that both Buxton and Frettenham PC’s have resilience plans in place. It was reported that BDC are still in negotiations with the BVR to sell the railway line, and that Kirsten Hughes is the officer at BDC to contact with any issues.

Cllr Rix informed us that PC Greig Shepherd will be retiring from his post in early April. He will be replaced by PC Pete Magee who has previous experience in North Walsham.

7.36pm Cllr Woods arrived

Cllr Rix informed us of the Environmental Excellence meeting she attended and told us about an £80,000 grant available to be shared amongst vulnerable people to improve warmth in their homes. At the Planning meeting she heard that Broadland have enough land supply for new buildings for the next five years.

Cllr Harrison was unable to attend so we did not have his report.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone informed us that there was only one crime reported in Dec 2017 and another in January 2018. Both were domestic incidents.

**2017/82 Public Participation**

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

**2017/83 Planning**

Two planning applications had been received from Oxnead Hall prior to the meeting.

**Planning Application No 20180271**: Alterations to main entrance, formation of WC, erection of gates and pillars and provision of all weather pedestrian access and car park.

**Planning Application No 20180399**: Demolition of existing livestock building to provide storage and staff welfare facilities for Oxnead Hall

No objections were received.

**2017/84 Finance**

The bank reconciliation was approved.

**It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

£384.57 to M Claridge (Ch N0 100438)

**It was agreed** to approve Ros Calvert as the Internal Auditor for 2017-18

**It was agreed** to approve the Meeting Dates for 2018-19

**2017/85 Correspondence**

The Chairman updated us on the memorial seat for William Spinks and informed us that the Spinks family would like it to be placed in Brampton Churchyard.

A letter had been received by the Chairman informing PC that the salt bin positioned on the verge outside ‘Crosskeys’ is slipping down the verge and is only held in place the ‘The Loke’ road sign. The Chairman has agreed to look at this issue and to remedy it as soon as possible, by propping up the bin and providing a flat base for it.

**2017/86 Highways and Footpaths**

**Speed Limit Reduction**: In February the Clerk and Cllr Sawyer Stone attended a site meeting with Chris Mayes to discuss ways of reducing traffic speeding through the village and in particular how to get the Speed Limit reduced to 30mph. Chris Mayes informed us that we can make a request to the County Council for a speed reduction but will have to wait our turn. In the mean time we can make a request to Cllr David Harrison to ask if money from his Cllr’s fund will cover the cost of a Speed Restriction Study. Chris informed us that even with a reduced speed limit of 30mph approximately 15% of drivers still travel over the speed limit.

**Passing Bay Scheme**: The Clerk told Council that our bid with the Parish Partnership Scheme for Passing Bay Improvements was successful and we will receive 50% funding from NCC towards the cost of the works. However, this leaves a funding gap so **it was agreed** that the Clerk is to contact Cllr Harrison to confirm that £2000 is still available from his Cllr’s fund as promised earlier this year.

In any event, the timescale is that the works should be carried out during dry weather in the summer but avoiding times when there are weddings at Oxnead Hall. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to inform David and Beverley Aspinall, owners of Oxnead Hall of the proposed works and to ask for a schedule of their weddings this year in order to avoid creating access problems.

**BNCT Information Boards**: The Council expressed disappointment with the design and appearance of the information board as sent to us by Bruce Rushin for BNCT. The designer has tried to include too much content on the board. The style, layout and graphics are basic and not aesthetically pleasing. The Council do not support the proposal.

**It was agreed** that Village Gateway signs are to be discussed as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

**2017/87 Projects**

**Telephone Kiosk**:The Clerk had received a quote for the repainting of the exterior of the telephone kiosk from a local decorator, however due to the time-consuming task of removing the rust and the many perspex window panes, his quote was much higher than Council felt villagers would be prepared to pay**. It was agreed** that three of the Councillors are to have a site meeting to discuss the way forward.

**2017/88 Late Correspondence and Reports from Councillors**

Following further discussions about the speeding traffic problems **it was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask Laura Apps-Green, the Clerk for Buxton, about where Buxton PC got their flashing speed signs.

The Chairman had received complaints about the grass verge opposite the village hall being damaged by cars again.

**2017/89 Closure of the Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 16th 2018 at 7.30pm.

Approved Date