

# *Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council*

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton  
on Wednesday 16th September 2015 at 7.30 pm

## **Present**

Councillors:

Stuart Wilson (Chairman), Mark Little

Margaret Whiley, Gary Bean

Also in attendance:

Barbara Rix: District Councillor

David Harrison: County Councillor

PC Greig Shepherd

Margaret Claridge: Clerk to the Council

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## **2015/30 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Trevor Whiteman and Laura Humphrey

## **2015/31 Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

## **2015/32 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **2015/33 Matters arising from the minutes**

A notice has been sent to the editor of the forthcoming edition of the Round advertising the post of Councillor for Brampton.

## **2015/34 Reports**

Were received from the following:

- 1) County Councillor- Cllr David Harrison reported that the NDR is going to cost a lot more than was originally thought but despite this it has to go ahead and in answer to a question from the Chairman said that it will be up to two years before it reaches Norwich airport. He warned us that the Fire Service budget is likely to be cut further but would hope that the Aylsham Fire station would not be affected. He also added that there were discussions being made about making one huge conglomerate of all the Councils in Norfolk and to have a new system of devolving government down to local level.
- 2) PC Greig Shepherd- PC Shepherd told us of the cutbacks that have been made in his department and how his team now includes himself and PC Brian Levy, since the departure of his 2 PCSO's. He is happy to report that he does not get many calls from Brampton but if anything crops up where he need his assistance we can either e mail or call him. Because of his heavy workload he will in future only provide us with quarterly reports, and the next report will cover June, July, August and September 2015.
- 3) District Council – Cllr Barbara Rix reported that the grants from Government for Broadland have been reduced to nothing. CIL money should be coming in but is dependent on new houses being built and that there is a shortage of carpenters and builders. She reported of the doom and gloom at the Council with the Council tax having to go up. As a way to cut back on postage spending all Councillors have been provided with I pads in order to make communications

quicker, easier and faster.

### **2015/35 Public participation**

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

### **2015/36 Planning**

The only planning notification received was that Oxnead Hall has applied for an alcohol licence. Council was concerned about the noise issues related to events happening on a more frequent basis, and that if the local Oxnead residents are concerned about the additional noise issues they should write in to Paul Hemnall at BDC with their environmental concerns.

### **2015/37 Financial Matters**

1. The bank reconciliation was approved and the Clerk informed Council that a cheque for £277.63 had been received which is a New Homes Bonus for 2013-14 (one new home built in the village)
2. It was agreed to approve the following payments:
  - £40.00 to Norfolk ALC Chairman to attend the Conference (Ch No 100367)
  - £30.00 to Mazars LLP for additional work on annual return (Ch No 100368)
  - £35.00 to Information Commissioner Registration renewal (Ch No 100369)
  - £9.64 to URM Ltd T/A Berrymans Glass recycling July Aug (Ch No 100370)
  - £33.60 to Get Mapping Annual subscription (Ch No 100371)
  - £204.03 to M. Claridge wages and expenses (Ch No 100372)
  - £48.00 to HMRC re PAYE (Ch No 100373)
  - £45.00 to NPTP Intro Training for Cllr Whiteman (Ch No 100374)
  - £40.00 to NPTP Intro Word Press Training Clerk (Ch No 100375)

### **2015/38 Correspondence**

There was nothing to be discussed

### **2015/39 Highway and Footpath Matters**

The on-going issue of potholes in the roads were discussed and **it was agreed** that the clerk is to contact highways to ensure that the rangers deal with them on their next visit.

FP12 **It was agreed** that the clerk is to contact Chris Mayes asking him if he is convinced that the line he is proposing to build the path out to in the river is indeed the correct line of the path, or should it be more inland. Would it be advisable to get it checked out once and for all on the definitive footpath map. It is in everyone's interest to get this sorted out as soon as possible. David Harrison and Mark Little are to be copied in on the e mail.

Oxnead Lock **It was agreed** that the chairman is to contact the landowner to discuss the problem of the danger of walkers getting too close to the lock, which is becoming a dangerous crumbling structure. Walkers on the footpath should not be near the lock, but it is the landowners responsibility to make this safe.

Illegal Structures on FP8 &9 **It was agreed** that the Chairman is to write to the Wheelers who have made complaints about illegal structures on the footpaths.

Marsham Rd signs It was agreed that more thought should be put to the placement of the signs to help identify where Marsham Rd begins and ends, in order that Riverview Cottages, which are notoriously difficult to find, should be easily accessed by emergency vehicles when needed. The idea of residents having an Emergency

Services Contact Card with their Post Code and exact map reference on was discussed. The subject of the proliferation of signs around the village was discussed. Too many make it more difficult and confusing to locate properties rather than simpler. **It was agreed** that the Clerk should sign the contract and inform NORSE that the Councillors are happy to go ahead with the contract.

#### **2015/41 Phone Box**

The tall leylandii hedge behind the telephone kiosk has been removed exposing the run down appearance of the telephone kiosk. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to look into the cost of installing a defibrillator in it, prior to any painting work being carried out. A power supply would be needed for it but this would have been installed for the lighting in the phone box and could perhaps be re connected. Suggestions were made regarding fund raising ideas to cover the cost of the defibrillator.

#### **2015/42 Horse excrement**

The subject of excessive amounts of horse manure on the roads was discussed as walkers through the village were overheard complaining about it. Whilst some villagers are happy to clear it up and use it on their allotments/gardens, it was decided that no further action need be taken as it usually disappears from the roads after a heavy downpour.

#### **2015/43 Late Correspondence and receive reports from Councillors**

Cllr Little commented on the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative that had been forwarded by e mail, and suggested that his next litter pick through the village should coincide with this and take place on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It was also suggested that a Meet your Neighbours event to be organised by the Parish Council should be discussed.

#### **2015/44 Closure of the meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday November 11th 2015. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Approved

Date