*Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council*

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

on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at 7.30 pm

**Present**

Councillors:

Stuart Wilson (Chairman)

Margaret Whiley, Gary Bean, Trevor Whiteman, Laura Humphrey

Also in attendance:

Barbara Rix: District Councillor

Margaret Claridge: Clerk to the Council

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**2015/76 Apologies**

None were received

**2015/77 Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

**2015/78 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on January 11th 2016 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2015/79 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

**2015/80 Reports**

1. District Council Cllr Barbara Rix commented on the 20 page report that had been circulated regarding changes to the Planning System. She commented that it appears that Academy schools are being pushed through, and that smaller councils such as ours will no longer be consulted on planning applications and that we could find ourselves in a situation where planning permission has been approved without Parish Councils having any knowledge of it. There is a deadline of 15th April for comments and **it was agreed** that the Clerk is to respond saying that as a council we are not happy with the document.
2. County Councillor- Cllr David Harrison was not present

**2015/81 Planning**

There were no planning applications and no comments had been received regarding the Oxnead Hall proposals from January’s meeting.

**2015/82 Public participation**

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

**2015/83 Financial Matters**

1. The bank reconciliation was approved.
2. **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

£13.32 to URM UK (Berrymans) (Ch No 100386

£95.00 to Wayne Risebrow/ Shaun Roberts (Ch No 100387)

£239.38 to M.Claridge wages (Ch No 100388)

£20.00 to Community Action Norfolk (Ch No 100389)

£12.00 to SLCC Norfolk (Ch No 100390)

1. **It was agreed** that the Clerk could attend the Clerks SLCC Event on April 15th at Weston Longville

**2015/84 Correspondence**

The Clerk reminded the councillors of an e mail received from Chloe Griffin the Tourism Officer at Broadland regarding her request to discuss a Heritage Open Day event being held in Brampton. It was agreed that the Clerk is to reply to Chloe saying that we have no objection to having a Heritage walk around Brampton but that visitors must not arrive by car as the village roads cannot cope with a large influx of traffic. The Chairman said that he is happy to meet her at the next Parish Council meeting on May 11th to discuss this further and to talk about possible dates.

The Clerk had received requests for donations from Magpas Air Ambulance and EACH (East Anglias Childrens Hospices) and **it was agreed** that the Clerk should respond to the requests saying that we are not in a position to donate. If the Heritage Open day event goes ahead we could have a collection box for our own Defibrillator fund.

The Chairman had received a message from Tony and Alwyn who live opposite the Village Hall saying that their grass verge is being damaged by heavy agricultural vehicles coming through the village and could something be done to encourage people not to park on the other side of the road. The Chairman agreed to respond to them.

Chris Mayes had informed the Clerk that the drainage gully outside Michael Huish’s house adjacent to the village sign was due to be cleaned out when his men come with a suitable vehicle during April. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to inform Mr Huish.

**2015/85 Highways and Footpath Matters**

**Surface dressing on The Street** It was agreed that the Clerk is to e mail Chris Mayes asking him to provide us with plenty of notice regarding the surface dressing works on The Street, so that owners of cars parked on the roadside can move them onto the field at Low Farm.

**Oxnead Bridge White Railings** The Clerk is to ask Chris Mayes for a date as to when the work will be completed.

**FP 12** The Clerk is to contact Chris Mayes regarding the works to FP12 requesting that we would like to see it done this season in time for the summer walkers.

**White lines on the Black Lion Rd Junction** The Clerk has heard from the Clerk for Buxton that the lines are to be repainted.

**2015/85 Community Area**

The replacement posts have been installed

**2015/86 Phone Box**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the defibrillator funding from British Heart Foundation had closed for the year but would re open after April. This item will be put forward to the May meeting and discussed further when funding may be available.

**2015/87 Broadband Speed**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that following e mail discussions with Karen O’Kane at NCC all of Brampton and Oxnead are due to receive faster broadband but that the properties in the Red House area are not to receive it in this round. It was agreed that Cllr Whiteman should contact all the residents of the Red House area to put a group letter together to be sent to Karen O’Kane saying that we understand why this has happened but to try and find a solution as to how this can be rectified.

**2015/88 Meeting Dates for 2016-17**

The Clerk discussed the proposed dates for the 2016-17 year which are as follows:

Wed May 11th 2016AGM and Annual Parish Meeting

Wed July 13th 2016

Wed September 14th 2016

Wed November 9th 2016

Wed January 11th 2017

Wed March 8th 2017

These dates are to be posted in the Village Notice boards and put on the website.

**2015/89 late Correspondence**

An e mail was received from Cllr Little prior to the meeting to discuss looking in to applying for a grant from Tesco’s Bags of Help Scheme to replace a number of stiles on the meadows around Brampton with stockproof kissing gates (nine in total with some brickwork repairs). The Chairman commented that as a Parish Council we may be unable to pursue this course of action and that the Clerk should discuss this with NALC. Alternatively the Chairman suggested the Clerk should forward Cllr Little’s message to Sue Baker the secretary of BNCT for this matter to be raised at their AGM tto see if they can follow the course of action suggested by Cllr Little.

In a separate e mail Cllr Little discussed the fact that each year BVR cut long section of vegetation without regard to obtaining a felling licence and he would like Brampton Parish Council to raise this issue with BVR and Broadland DC in order to obtain some kind of balance of retaining natural cover for wildlife along the railway line as well as creating views out across the countryside for the BVR train passengers.

**2015/90 Closure of the meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday May 11th 2016. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Approved Date