

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors: Stuart Wilson (Chairman), Mark Little, Laura Woods, Trevor Whiteman
and Jon Sawyer-Stone

Also in attendance:

Barbara Rix, One member of the public
Margaret Claridge: Clerk to the Council

2016/53 Apologies

Apologies were received from David Harrison, Gary Bean and Maggie Whiley

2016/54 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2016/55 Minutes

Minutes of the meetings held on 14th September were circulated agreed and signed by
the Chairman as a true record.

2016/56 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

2016/57 Reports

In his absence, the Clerk read out a brief report received by e mail from County
Councillor David Harrison to say that the Devolution issue is still being discussed in
the County and the final vote will take place on 21st November at NCC.

District Councillor Barbara Rix reported to Council on the meetings she had attended
at BDC and of wider interest she informed us that the North Walsham Road was to be
closed down eventually and moved so that it passes through the new Beeston town
that is to be developed.

A Police report had been sent by e mail and was read out by the Clerk. This referred to
the fact that we can now access Police reports on line, and Jon Sawyer-Stone agreed
to be the Councillor responsible for Brampton and Oxnead to bring the report along to
each meeting.

2016/58 Public Participation

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting to take comments from members of the public
and Councillors.

A question was put to the Council from a member of the public who asked when the
issues with Back Lane would be dealt with. The Chairman informed him that a meeting
had been held with Chris Mayes earlier in the year to discuss the flints on the side of
the road and the cutting back of the hedgerow belonging to The White House. He
informed those present that the flints had been removed and whilst some minor cutting
back of the hedgerow had been carried out it was still not sufficient and vehicles are
being forced onto the opposite bank.

It was agreed that the Clerk is to inform Chris Mayes again to deal with this further as there are potholes where the edge of the road has been cut up by the heavy lorry's using this road when they should not be using it because of the height restriction. The Chairman informed us that Hall Farm clearly put out paperwork to visitors who are told to use the Hall Farm farm track but as this appears to be a private road it can be overlooked by those using sat nav who continue along until they take the Back Lane turning to Brampton, only to find it is very narrow. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask Chris Mayes about a width restriction being put on the road.

2016/59 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications but the following planning issues were discussed.

a)The issue with the caravan has been resolved. A response from BDC to our enquiry informed us that it is covered under incidental accommodation.

b)Cllr Rix agreed to discuss the issue of the Village Hall continuing to be used as a Polling Station with Martin Thrower at BDC.

2016/60 Financial Matters

- 1 The Bank reconciliation was agreed and signed
- 2 It was agreed to approve the following payments:
 - £60.00 Brampton Village Hall Mgm Com(re-issued) (Ch No 100405)
 - £101.62 NORSE Grounds Maintenance 6 mths (Ch No 100406)
 - £262.80 Whitehill Direct Ltd Noticeboard (Ch No 100407)
 - £359.50 M Claridge Wages and Expenses (Ch NO 100408)

2016/61 Correspondence

There was none

2016/62 Highways

BVR The chairman is to talk to Giles Margason regarding organising a meeting to discuss the cutting back of the vegetation along the BVR. There was a previous agreement with BVR on this subject, and whilst the Parish Council are not opposed to clearance it seems that BVR are more interested in the views from the trains for their passengers above other considerations.

Cllr Woods Arrived 8.15pm

Oxnead Bridge Railings The Parish Council are happy with the painting of the Oxnead Bridge white railings but there are still other railings further back from the bridge that need repairing and re painting. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to bring this up with Chris Mayes.

FP 12 The Chairman outlined the history of this long running issue as follows:

A footpath beside the river from Oxnead to Brampton and Burgh has been used by walkers for many years. After the island was sold by Mr and Mrs Colchester to Mr Dixon, the new owner put up signs and fences to stop walkers from using the riverside path across his land, and instead they had to walk on the field boundary footpath to the rear of the Island. A Planning Tribunal was held in the village at which the Planning Inspectorate agreed with the Parish Council that walkers should be allowed to continue using the riverside walk, declaring it as FP 12. The Planning Inspector did not demarcate the route of FP12 on the ground and the on-going issues have been caused by the erosion of the river bank. This is a Highways matter now as they have taken over the responsibility for footpaths which is classed as covering the top 3inches of footpaths.

With the Paston 600 celebrations approaching,FP 12 will be an integral part of the associated heritage walk. It was agreed that it is important to get the footpath work rebuilt in time for the event.

2016/63 Paston Heritage Society

Cllr Little is waiting to hear about a date for a working party meeting who will then arrange a date for a steering party meeting

2016/64 Tree Planting and Conservation

Cllr Little discussed the fact that the large beech tree opposite the recycling area is to be felled and asked if the Council agreed that they should be undertaking further tree planting to mitigate this significant loss. It was suggested that a tree should be planted and dedicated to the memory of William Spinks who died in September 2016. A discussion was held about what size and species of tree would Cllr Little like to see planted and where. It was discussed that a significant number of roadside trees were planted in the 1970's by Anne Cryer and her tree planters and these are now getting to a decent size. **It was agreed** that Cllr Little is to identify some suitable locations for a tree to be planted possibly in February 2017, and to discuss this at the next meeting.

2016/65 Broadband and Telephone Mast

A new mast is being installed in Dudwick Park in Buxton to improve mobile signal coverage in the area. The Clerk had been asked to contact the suppliers to see if the coverage would extend to Brampton, and a map was then distributed to all Councillors.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone has taken an interest in the recent works being undertaken in the village to bring better Broadband to Brampton and he explained the current situation. The fibre cables are in as far as Buxton and it is all connected up to Brampton via copper wire, ready to go, at which point there will be a speeds of 35megabytes. The Red House Cottages will not be receiving faster Broadband yet.

2016/66Projects: Phone Box

In October Cllr little and the Clerk had a site meeting to discuss how to proceed with the repainting of the telephone kiosk. The Clerk had made contact with the Young Farmers who are still willing to help with the stripping of the old paintwork, and the repainting. **It was agreed** by Council that the Clerk can purchase materials etc required for the stripping and preparation of the kiosk up to £225.00 and to purchase suitable undercoat paint and top coat paint up to the value of £150.00 so that when we have a suitable weekend of dry weather and sufficient volunteers the work can be carried out.

Noticeboard

The Clerk advised council that the new noticeboard was now in place on the roadside wall of the Village Hall. The Councillors would like to thank Alex Clarke for his kindness in fixing the board to the wall.

The roadside wall needs to be repainted and Mel Cooke has volunteered his services to repaint the wall. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to supply him with a tin of Magnolia exterior sandtex paint, and the receipt is to be presented to the Village Hall Management Committee for payment. Cllr Laura Woods has some black Hammerite paint that can be used to re paint the village sign on the wall.

2016/67 Late Correspondence

2016/68 Closure of the meeting

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday January 11th 2017. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Approved

Date

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