

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

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

On Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors:

Mark Little(ML) (Chairman), Jon Sawyer-Stone (JSS) (Vice Chairman), Maggie Whiley (MW), Gary Bean (GB), Trevor Whiteman (TW), Laura Woods (LW)

Also in attendance:

Cllr Barbara Rix, Maggie Claridge Clerk to the Council,

2018/57 Apologies - Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor David Harrison. There is still a vacancy for a new councillor and has been advertised in the noticeboards.

2018/58 Declarations of Interest –There were no declarations of interest.

2018/59 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2018/60 Matters Arising from the Minutes – there were none

2018/61 Reports- in the absence of County Cllr David Harrison the Clerk read out a brief report stating that the previous managing director of Norfolk County Council has left and County are awaiting a replacement. The main point of interest during the next month or two will be the budget and how much Council Tax will be raised. Cllr Harrison should have these details by the next Parish Council meeting.

District Cllr Rix informed us that date of the SNAP meeting has been changed from Jan 15th to Jan 17th. She also told us that rubbish collection dates will be available on-line on the BDC website, but for those without computer access they will send out a paper calendar of collection dates upon request by telephone.

The Colman's mustard site is to remain in Norwich following an application for a new tower on the site producing mustard and mint sauce. BDC planners are delighted that Unilever will not be taking the production of these commodities out of Norfolk.

Reepham railway station yard is to be cleared at a cost of £1million, and will be redeveloped for a care home and flats for over 75's.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone informed Council that there were no crimes reported in October and November for our area, however Cllr Gary Bean informed us that a JCB had been stolen from his farm property in December. It was found later but he told us there had been a further robbery's in Buxton in December connected to this incident.

2018/62 Public Participation-there were no members of the public

2018/63 Planning – one minor planning application had been received

Application No 20181986 to revert the use of a barn at Brampton Hall back to an agricultural barn following grant of planning permission back in 2005. No action was deemed necessary.

2018/64 Finance- The bank reconciliation was approved and receipts were noted for £91.50 for reclaimed VAT. **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

£84.00 to Broadland Glass Services (Ch No 100457)
£29.16 to URM (UK) Ltd (Ch NO 100458)
£387.62 to M Claridge (Ch No 100459)

2018/65 Correspondence- The Clerk had received and read out a letter from NARS.

2018/66 Highways and Footpaths-

Passing Places Scheme: Ben Rayner, NCC Highway Engineer had been contacted the Clerk to inform Council that the Passing Places scheme will begin on February 18th and that the road from Brampton village triangle to the Buxton Aylsham Rd junction will be closed for 2 weeks to enable the works to be carried out. The Clerk is to inform Beverley and David Aspinall and Cllr Sawyer -Stone is to inform the residents of the Old Pub, so their cars can be parked elsewhere to allow free flow of the additional traffic that will use Marsham Rd.

Village Gateway Entrance features- following the lengthy discussion at the November meeting, the Clerk has applied for the Parish Partnership funding so that, should Council be successful in our bid, the 50% funding would be available for the Village gateway works if necessary. The Chairman (who was absent at the Nov meeting) informed us that the depth of feeling in the village was so strong that we should continue to explore the grant proposal. Cllr Sawyer Stone informed us of another recent issue when a young man got lost driving an articulated lorry in the village from the Oxnead end of the village looking for Scottow business park. After being redirected he had to reverse and managed to drive across the island, narrowly missing the Village Sign.

Village Sign: Following the above incident, the Chairman suggested that we look up our Insurance to see that the Village Sign is included in it, as its stability may be questionable and the sign may need maintenance.

Bure Valley Railway: The issue of the future of the footpath adjacent to the railway line was raised. The Chairman outlined the history of the BVR and informed the Councillors that this has been a problem since BDC purchased the line. The bridges will always be maintained by NCC but this is not a straightforward issue.

FP 12: The on-going, long standing issue of FP 12 was raised again. It is no longer passable. The Chairman informed us that at the Planning Inspectors meeting several years ago, it was agreed that there is a footpath, but they couldn't say where it is.

2018/67 Projects:

Kiosk: Cllr Sawyer-Stone is still in the process of researching the best type of defibrillator to have and thinks the kiosk should have one contained within a cabinet. He has talked to a commercial de-fib company and with increased knowledge will now get back to the BHF. The on-going maintenance of installing the de-fib are that batteries will need to be replaced every 2-3 years and testing is required regularly.

Bus Shelter: The Clerk informed Council that the broken pane of glass in the bus shelter has now been replaced. More cosmetic work is required to the Bus Shelter building, such as repainting the metal windows and re-varnishing the seat. Cllr Whiteman still has the village

map, but as this is in a poor state it was agreed that Council should look into replacing the map with a new laminated OS map. Aylsham High School has a repro centre who could laminate a largescale map for us. This could then be fixed onto the back-brick wall of the bus shelter.

Newsletter: At the last PC meeting **it was agreed** that the Parish Council should produce another newsletter for Parishioners reminding them:

- 1) To recycle bottles in the bottle bank
- 2) To recycle paper in the paper bank
- 3) There is a vacancy on the PC for another Councillor
- 4) There is an urgent need to PARK responsibly especially on the roads around the Village Hall.

Village Hall: Whilst the Parish Council is not responsible for the Village Hall, they do meet in it and the following issues were discussed regarding the poor state of the building:

- 1) The front door, porch and door frame are rotten and need to be replaced and the entrance step should be made wheelchair and pushchair friendly. Doors to be in UPVC to match windows, and in the same size as at present.
- 2) There is some rot in the floor of the village hall
- 3) The neighbour needs to be approached to take the ivy off the side wall of the building
- 4) The ladies' toilet window needs to be replaced
- 5) There is no outside light on the Village Hall

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that there are funds available in the Village Hall Management Committee for these projects.

2018/68 Late Correspondence-there was none

2018/69 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting

The Budget is to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on March 13th at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date