

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

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

On Wednesday 13th March 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),

Also in attendance:

Cllr David Harrison, Maggie Claridge Clerk to the Council,

2018/70 Apologies - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Laura Woods. Due to a computer issue Cllr Rix did not receive the notice to attend. There is still a vacancy for a new councillor and has been advertised in the noticeboards.

2018/71 Declarations of Interest –There were no declarations of interest.

2018/72 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2018/73 Matters Arising from the Minutes – there were none

2018/74 Reports- County Cllr David Harrison informed the Parish Council that all of the money for Adult Social Care will come from the Business Rates, and if this goes 'to pot' there will be no money for this important sector of community care. Councils are being forced to deal with this at Local level and the ethos for adult social care has changed completely, gone are the days of convalescent homes. He added that care in the community is no longer working and with hospital beds costing £300-400 per day the health service is reluctant to keep patients in hospital any longer than necessary, and without convalescent homes patients are being sent back home before they are ready to look after themselves.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone asked Cllr Harrison if he knew what the process was for the speed restriction on parts of the A140 through Hevingham being lowered to 40mph. Cllr Harrison suggested we write to Ben Rayner asking for a meeting to get the ball rolling again with getting the speed restriction reduced through Brampton.

District Cllr Rix Due to a clerical issue Cllr Rix was not present but sent her brief report to the Clerk. Cllr Rix had attended two full Council meetings at BDC the first of which was a Police presentation. She learnt that PC Sweeney has moved on and has been replaced at Aylsham with a new PC who is working with the Speed Watch camera.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone gave us his Police report update which he gets from Police.uk website. He said there were two crimes in December which were drug crimes in Aylsham plus two domestic crimes in Brampton. We were informed by Cllr Bean that Oxnead Hall reported a mini-digger stolen on the night before our meeting.

2018/75 Public Participation-there were no members of the public

2018/76 Norse grounds Maintenance Contract- the Clerk had received the new contract for 2019 and noticed a 71% increase in the cost. Peter Keen the Norse manager informed the Clerk that the works had been undervalued several years ago and the new price was more relevant in today's market. He blamed the increase in the 'living wage' and the uncertainty of Brexit. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to obtain two quotes from local contractors before responding to Norse.

2018/77 Planning – no applications had been received prior to the meeting, however the Clerk update Council on Application 20181942 to convert farm buildings into a nursery at Lime Kiln Farm Oxnead. The application was refused on a number of issues which can be viewed at www.broadland.gov.uk

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should look again at the idea of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and **it was agreed** that the Clerk should make contact with BDC for advice. The Chairman is aware that it is a big undertaking but at some stage the village will need a new Village Hall as the present one is in serious need of renovation, and having a Neighbourhood Plan could be a way towards engaging the parishioners, organising opinions and getting the ball rolling.

2018/78 Finance- The bank reconciliation was approved. **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

£14.40 to URM (UK) Ltd (Ch NO 100460)
£394.87 to M Claridge (Ch No 100461)

It was agreed to approve the appointment of Ros Calvert as Internal Auditor for 2019-20
It was agreed to approve the Budget for 2019-20 as it stands but because of the Village Gateways application the Budget should be kept open for review as it may change.

2018/79 Election May 2nd 2019- The Clerk handed out nomination papers to all the Councillors with instructions as to how to fill them in, when and where to deliver them. Cllr Sawyer-Stone kindly agreed to deliver all the Cllrs form to BDC. Nomination forms will also be available on the Parish web site.

2018/80 UPDATE OF PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENTS- this item has been referred to the next meeting

2018/81 MEETING DATES 2019-20- the dates proposed were accepted

2018/82 Correspondence- the clerk read out a message from Geoffrey Duke, the Environmental Health Officer at BDC regarding dog fouling. A Public Spaces Protection Order has been implemented across the whole of Broadland District requiring those in charge of dogs to clear up after them on all land open to the public. The order is in effect from 1st march 2019 and applies to:

- Public footpaths and verges
- Woodland
- Heath
- Sports and recreation grounds
- Parks and public open spaces

Agricultural land and common land (unless the owner has expressed permission to the contrary)

2018/83 Highways and Footpaths-

Passing Places Scheme: The Passing Places have been successfully built.

Speed Restriction through Brampton: It was agreed that the Clerk is to contact Ben Rayner, Highway Engineer to arrange a meeting with the Clerk and Jon-Sawyer Stone to discuss with Ben the process we need to follow in order to apply for a speed restriction.

2018/84 Projects:

Kiosk: Cllr Sawyer-Stone informed Council that BHF have agreed that the Parish Council can have a defib for £600, but another £600 is needed for the box to put it in. The fund at present has £240 but another £1100 needs to be raised for the project. Cllr S-S has applied to Tesco for the scheme to be approved by their blue token scheme as the minimum amount available if the scheme is picked is £1000.

Bus Shelter: The Chairman suggested that the renovations are deferred until the drier weather and that we should contact the Good Gym people who helped with the Kiosk painting.

Village Hall: Council heard that the cost for white upvc windows for the ladies toilet and front door would cost £4,727.39

It was agreed that the Clerk should send Mel Cooper a letter of thanks from the Parish Council for painting 2/3rds of one side of the Village Hall. The rest of the side needs to be cleared of overgrown foliage and the gutter needs clearing. It is thought that the soakaway is blocked.

The floorboards in the Village hall need to be replaced as it will be used as a Polling Station for the next Election.

2018/85 Newsletter: it was agreed that the Clerk is to ask Roz Rose if we can send her items for inclusion in The Round, which would be simpler than having our own Newsletter.

2018/86 Late Correspondence-there was none

2018/87 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02pm. The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on May 8th at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date