

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
On Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML) (Chairman), Jon Sawyer-Stone, (JS-S) Maggie Whiley (MW), Gary Bean (GB), Trevor Whiteman (TW),

Also in attendance:

David Harrison (County Councillor), Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

2019/33 Apologies - Apologies were received and accepted from Karen Lawrence
There are still 2 vacancies on the Parish Council for Councillors and these will be advertised on the noticeboards and in The Round

2019/34 Declarations of Interest –There were no declarations of interest

2019/35 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2019 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2019/36 Matters Arising from the Minutes – J S-S commented on the wording used by County Cllr Harrison in his report under item 2019/23. The word 'appalling' should read 'overcrowded'.

2019/37 Reports- County Cllr David Harrison gave us further information on the overcrowded state of the junior schools in Aylsham. He told us that all the peripheral junior schools around Aylsham are full, including many village schools that once had small numbers of children attending them. He went to see the head of Education at NCC to discuss the proposal for an £8 million new school which does not yet have planning permission. In the short term there are plans to extend St Michaels Church school, although this will eventually this will close.

Cllr Harrison informed us that Government are failing to improve Social Services in Norfolk. Despite what the Prime Minister Boris Johnson is saying, austerity is NOT over in Norfolk County Council with cuts to adult social services, which makes up 40% of the County Council's Budget. Cllr Harrison has been approached by many people asking for help with filling in their long and difficult forms regarding Social Services. He has taken them to CAB in N Walsham where they can receive the advice they need to fill out the form.

District Cllr Karen was absent therefore unavailable to give her report.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone gave us his Police report. He commented on the low number of crimes and said that the crime websites figures do not include accidents on the roads. These are recorded separately elsewhere.

2019/38 Public Participation-there were no members of the public present.

2019/39 Planning – there were no new planning applications for consideration.

2019/40 Finance- The Bank Reconciliation was approved

It was agreed to approve the following payments:

£78.00 to Brampton St Peters (rent for Comm Land)
£400.00 grant to Brampton St Peters re grass cutting
£420.00 to Eastern Play Surfaces Ltd (re installation of Table Tennis table)
£461.42 to M Claridge

2019/41 Update of Parish Council Documents-

The Clerk will continue to go through all other documents and present the updates for approval to the PC at future meetings

2019/42 Correspondence- the Clerk informed Council that she had been approached by a producer from Radio Norfolk wanting to use Brampton as a venue for a Sunday morning radio programme.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to let Council know when the rangers are due to visit next.

The Clerk will forward a message to the Editor of the Round to advertise that two new councillors are required on the Parish Council.

2019/43 Highways and Footpaths-

The state of the roads was commented on with the large amount of horse poo. This led to the subject of the large amount of dog poo left lying loose on the railway footpath and tied up in bags. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Roz Rose to put a note in the Round about the unhealthy and unsightly state of the footpaths.

The Clerk commented that she had been informed of a survey of the state of the ash trees on the railway line.

The ownership of the BVR was again raised, and the Chairman informed us that Cllr Lawrence had agreed to look into this for us at BDC and establish just what the current situation is, because it has been unclear who is responsible for maintaining the footpath, although the Mermaid steps have recently been improved.

2019/44 Projects

Kiosk: The Vice Chairman informed us that as there is no money available from Tesco bags for Life scheme so the PC should look at different avenues to fund the defibrillator which will cost £1200 including the lockable cabinet. With £240 in the fund already the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council would match fund any donations in order to get the defib installed as soon as possible. He also said that he would open a new Brampton Parish Defibrillator bank account for the funds.

The question of how the shelves for the book library would be fitted in the kiosk was raised.

Bus Shelter: The bus shelter bench requires a good rub down and varnish.

Noticeboards: It was agreed that the Clerk is to purchase more magnets for the noticeboards

2019/45 Late Correspondence- There was none

2019/46 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on November 13th at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date

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