

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton
On Wednesday 13th November 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:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor), Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

I member of the public (Ben Goodwin)

2019/47 Apologies - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Harrison. There are still 2 vacancies on the Parish Council for Councillors and these will be advertised on the noticeboards and in The Round

2019/48 Declarations of Interest –There were no declarations of interest

2019/49 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2019 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2019/50 Matters Arising from the Minutes – There were none

2019/51 Reports- District Cllr Karen Lawrence gave us her report on issues at Broadland DC. Being relatively new to the role of District Councillor, she has discovered that BDC have an Environmental Panel and not a full Environmental Committee so are unable to make any real actions. Cllr Lawrence has lots of ideas in areas of innovation and sustainability but these were voted down. As an example, Cllr Lawrence discussed biodiversity and whilst BDC have a policy for not cutting their roadside verges, these should be regarded as an asset to the District as they are important green corridors for wildlife and insects. Cllr Lawrence had visited the Norfolk recycling Centre and will put an article in The Round about her findings. She is more than happy to help in village events so that people are aware of her presence and how she can be our representative at District level.

The Chairman commented on local concern over the cathedral like size of the new covered pig farm that has been built in open countryside in the neighbouring parish of Marsham. Built on the site of a former traditional farm building, at night time when lit up it is clearly visible from surrounding roads. Cllrs asked if guidelines have been breached.

Cllr Sawyer Stone gave us his Crime report and said that the last recorded crime was in May, in neighbouring Burgh where several bouts of anti-social behaviour were recorded.

County Cllr David Harrison was absent therefore unavailable to give his report.

2019/52 Public Participation- Ben Goodwin, our new parliamentary Lib Dem candidate who is standing in the next election on Dec 12th, was present as a member of the public. He informed us about his background in the RAF and how he left it seven weeks ago in order to stand for a seat in Parliament. He lives locally in Horstead and informed us that he

has a busy time of canvassing planned between now and Dec 12th and will be speaking in a Hustings in Aylsham Parish Church on Dec 2nd at 7.30pm

2019/53 Planning – The chairman outlined to Council a brief history of the planning applications for the extensions to the Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal Windfarms off the North Norfolk Coast. The objections are not to the offshore scheme, however if the 5 schemes applied for go ahead there would be enormous disruption to the Norfolk countryside. This will come from the trenching that will take place for the cabling carrying the electricity to a number of on-shore substations. The general feeling is that there should be more planning to ensure that small Norfolk villages are not disrupted. The Chairman said that Green Energy is needed but alternative methods for getting the electricity ashore should be explored, and there is a good reason for having an Offshore Ring Main (OGM). The Clerk had made contact with Alison Shaw, a councillor at Oulton Parish Council who has been working on this issue and **it was agreed** that the Clerk should inform Cllr Shaw to add our name to a list of signatories of 24 other parish Council who would be affected by the trenching. It was agreed that the Clerk should send copies of all documents relating to this to the Parish Councillors, so that they are fully informed.

The Chairman described the swift action that had to be taken to send in our letter of concern to the Planning inspectorate.

2019/54 Finance- The Bank Reconciliation was approved

It was agreed to approve the following payments:

£36.00 to Parish Online (subscription)
£14.40 to URM (bottle bank)
£193.32 to NORSE grounds maintenance
£24.25 to Viking re office stationery
£390.15 to M Claridge

2019/55 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

2019/56 Correspondence- there was none

2019/57 Highways and Footpaths-

The chairman asked Cllr Lawrence about the ownership of Bure Valley Railway. She informed us that BDC have retained ownership the footpath adjacent to the railway line. Cllr Lawrence has a plan of the ownership details from Aylsham to Wroxham. BDC are aware that not much money has been spent on the upkeep of the footpath, but they now have a £1.2 million EU grant, so more money can now be invested into it. The Chairman was reassured to hear that the footpath remains in the ownership of BDC and asked if the document is in the public domain

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Highway Engineer Ben Rayner regarding potholes on The Street, by the hedgerow opposite the Barns, and at the top of Marsham Rd at the junction with the main road to Aylsham. The Clerk is also to mention the filthy state of the roads, due to the sugar beet lorries, and ask that they are cleaned.

The dog fouling was mentioned on the footpaths. It is not allowed to leave dog poo on the footpaths, where there is a £1,000 fine.

2019/58 Projects

Kiosk: The Vice Chairman informed Council that £1,309.89 has been raised for the defibrillator and case and these have now been purchased. It was agreed that we should raise funds for a second defibrillator to be positioned outside the Village Hall. A specific bank account has been opened for this fund. The Parish Council agreed to match fund the cost of purchase of the second defibrillator and case. These items are to be added onto the assets list and the insurance policy.

2019/59 Late Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting- The Clerk asked for permission to attend the NPTS training day on Wednesday 20th November in Costessey at a cost of £48.00.

The issue of the lack of a speed limit through the village is to be put on the next agenda. Whilst we have talked to Highways on two occasions in the last 5 years it was mentioned that Brampton must be the only village in the County not to have a speed limit. With the dark nights and local children walking home from school in black blazers this is highly dangerous. **It was agreed** to ask Cllr Harrison for funding from his budget.

The 'Gateway element' is to be put on the agenda in order to reduce speed on the Marsham Road in particular, perhaps looking at creating a Passing Place.

The Budget and Precept are to be discussed at the next meeting, and **it was agreed** that the Clerk is to ask for an extension from BDC for the Precept setting until after our next meeting on Wednesday January 8th 2020.

2019/60 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm. The next meeting will be held on January 8th at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date