

# Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Brampton  
On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 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) and Four members of the public

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**2019/77 Apologies** –David Harrison was not present. There are still 2 vacancies on the Parish Council for Councillors and these will be advertised on the noticeboards and in The Round

**2019/78 Declarations of Interest** –There were no declarations of interest

**2019/79 Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**2019/80 Matters Arising from the Minutes** – There were none

**2019/81 Reports-** District Cllr Karen Lawrence reported that she had to work very quickly to get her £500 Cllrs award for 2019-20 awarded to Brampton & Oxnead defibrillator fund, to go towards the second defib for the village. Any excess funds from this will remain in the special account as a buffer in case of ongoing maintenance charges. Cllr Lawrence discussed the 3.6% increase in Council tax that Broadland DC have added saying that the Lib dems did not approve this especially as BDC have good reserves at present.

In a change to the Agenda, Annie Sommazzi from BDC did not attend the PC meeting as she was expected elsewhere, but Cllr Lawrence informed Council that she has agreed to attend the next meeting in May. Cllr Lawrence provided a summary of what Annie had discussed at the Buxton PC meeting as follows: BDC recognise the importance of the BVR as a green corridor and its importance to walkers and tourists to our villages, They are hoping to promote and create footpath loops that exist in connection with the BVR and because of this the ash die back that is prevalent in the abundant ash trees along the line is regarded as a serious threat to pedestrians using the track. Consequently, the felling licence issued covers all the trees but the schedule for die back has been completed this year, in order to avoid the nesting season. Cllr Lawrence said that she hopes BDC will inform us well in advance before any further felling takes place

District Councillor David Harrison was not present.

Cllr Sawyer Stone said he has been in discussion with the writers of the crime report as historical crimes dating back to the 1970's were included in the data for Brampton & Oxnead. These relate to crimes reported at the Red House/ Huntercombe Hospital which in reality lies

within the Buxton ward and not the Brampton Ward. His concern is that it might affect house prices and insurance but his conclusion is that it does not make a difference.

**2019/82 Public Participation-** there were 4 members of the public present, all were there to discuss the recently built Pig Farm at Marsham. They all voiced their concerns over the strong, acrid smells that have come from the farm affecting the villages of Brampton and Oxnead when the wind is in the right direction. Most concern was for the newly converted farm building on the Aylsham Rd where the resident cannot even open his windows because of the smell. His property was clearly regarded as a commercial property during the planning application process and the odour management plan. He is affected by the noise as well as the smell from the farm, in addition to the building being clearly visible from his property, especially at night when the Pig farm is illuminated.

In answer to the public requests from the floor, Cllr Lawrence agreed to take up the matter with officials at BDC in Environmental Services as well as Cllr Steve Riley, the District Councillor for Marsham. It is an urgent and major concern that a solution is put in place before the summer when the smells in particular could become an environmental hazard. Additionally, Cllr Lawrence has agreed to contact the Economic Development Portfolio holders at BDC due to the impact on the interests in the overall development of Broadland. Questions were asked as to whether the PC had been consulted during the planning application process of the building, which they had not.

A long discussion was held about how the odour emissions are quantified, and how this is also affected by meteorological information. It was suggested to the Parish Council that all parishioners who are affected by the foul smells are to keep a diary of when these are bad. One member of the public is already doing this, by getting a live weather report and logging the smells. It was understood that some odours in the village can be related to muck spreading on the fields.

Cllr Lawrence agreed to take action by contacting Cllr Steve Riley, who is the District Councillor for Marsham, where the Pig Farm is. This Item is to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting in May.

**2019/83 Planning** –there were no new planning applications received.

**2019/84 Finance-** The Bank Reconciliation was approved

**It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

£526.37 to M Claridge

£45.00 to NPTS

£14.40 to URM

**Budget** – The Budget was agreed and the final figures were approved

**2019/85 Neighbourhood Planning Meeting BDC**

Cllr Whiteman and the Clerk attended a Neighbourhood Planning Network Meeting at BDC on Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2020. The Clerk read out a summary from the meeting as sent by Richard Squires, the planner in charge. He has advised the PC on two occasions at the Village Hall. The discussion felt that going through the process of preparing a NP would be good thing for the village, as it would highlight areas such as open green spaces that are in need of protection. The NP is to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**2019/86 Speed Limit through Village and Gateway Element**

Following on from the discussion at the January meeting it was agreed that the softer ways of getting people to slow down through the village are working, these include the white lines

and more cars parked outside the Old Pub along The Street. It was agreed that funds earmarked for the Gateway Features should be used for more passing places on Marsham Rd.

#### **2019/87 Meeting dates for 2020-21**

The Clerk had forwarded the dates for 2020-21 and these were agreed

#### **2019/88 Correspondence-**

Norse Grounds Contract – The Clerk had received a letter from Norse saying that as their grass cutting service had not been cost effective for a number of years, they will no longer be able to continue their contract with us as from march 31<sup>st</sup>. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will make contact with the alternative supplier that Norse have recommended.

Fly Tipping at the Glass recycling Area- A member of the public had reported fly tipping of green waste at the recycling area on a number of occasions. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to thank the person who cleared the rubbish away, and that the PC are to be vigilant to monitor the area.

#### **2019/89 Highways and Footpaths-**

Further information regarding the coppicing of the BVR ash trees is to be found above in 2019/81 under Cllr Lawrences report.

The Clerk is to contact Ben Rayner again re the potholes on The Street, by the hedgerow opposite the Barns, and the large pothole at the top of Marsham Rd, at the junction with the main road to Aylsham.

#### **2019/90 Projects**

**Kiosk:** The Vice Chairman informed Council that the Defib account has received an additional £500 from Cllr Lawrences BDC Cllr Fund, which will pay for the cabinet (cost £550).

Whilst the initial aim was to install only one defib in the village, with the extra funds (including expected amount from Tesco tokens collection) it is anticipated that a second defibrillator will be installed on the exterior wall of the Village Hall. **It was agreed** that there should be an annual report sent to the Parish Council regarding the Defib Account, and if it includes a higher sum than is needed for ongoing maintenance etc for the defib, this should be used for the village.

#### **2019/91 Late Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting-**

The Chairman informed the PC that following an informal discussion with residents, he is hopeful that some residents will come forward to raise funds to get essential repair works carried out on the Village Hall. He asked that if anyone is keen to stand as trustees for the VHMC they would be most welcome. This will be put on the Agenda for the Annual Parish meeting.

**2019/92 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date