

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Zoom, Wednesday 13th May 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

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

Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic this PC meeting was held on-line using Zoom and was a shorter than usual meeting. Government legislation has been granted to allow Parish Councils to hold virtual meetings, and also to postpone the need to hold an AGM this year, with the usual elections. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will remain in post until May 2021

2020/01 Apologies – Maggie Whiley (MW), David Harrison was not present.

2020/02 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2020 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2020/03 Matters Arising from the Minutes – There were none

2020/04 Reports- District Cllr Karen Lawrence updated the Parish Council on the current usage of Jaguar House, the former Officers Mess at Badersfield. Twenty homeless people have been housed there during the lockdown because of the current crisis, as well as 74 asylum seekers from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Syria. Local residents were deeply concerned and there wasn't enough information provided initially, but a joint letter from Norfolk Police and BDC was sent to all residents. It has caused something of a cultural clash, and issues with only having one shop in Badersfield, however a Charity has been set up locally in Buxton to assist the new residents to settle into their temporary home where meals are provided on a regular basis.

2020/05 Planning

Application 20200862 Limekiln Farm, Hall Road, Brampton

Application for a Cowshed to be installed on meadow land to the north of Limekiln Farm.

There were concerns over highways issues, access, odour control, scale and visibility of the building when viewed from the village of Brampton. Tree screening was shown on the drawings but was not sufficient to screen the building. **It was agreed** that the Clerk would send in the comments of the Parish Council outlining the concerns whilst stating that there was no overall objection to the application.

2020/06 Finance- The Bank Reconciliation was approved

It was agreed to approve the following payments:

£14.40 to URM

£403.26 to Clerk

£65.00 to SLCC

£128.32 to NALC

It was agreed to approve Ros Calvert as the Internal Auditor for the 2019-20 accounts.

2020/07 Grass Maintenance Contract

NORSE ended their Grounds maintenance with the Parish Council on March 31st 2020. They suggested two alternative contractors who could take over the work and **it was agreed** that the Clerk should contact two local contractors and go out for prices sending them a simple, but relevant contract. **It was agreed** that the Parish Council include the grass cutting contract for the Churchyard as well, in the hope that by combining the contracts there will be an economy in scale, although the Church will continue to pay for their portion of the cost.

2020/08 Pig Farm Odour

Cllr Lawrence informed the Parish Council that she had been in contact with Swannington 'Farm to Fork', who own the Marsham pig farm, about the odour issues experienced by Brampton residents. She understood that they are waiting for a relevant piece of equipment to be delivered from Belgium. There is currently a new set of piglets in the unit that will be ready by June. Cllr Lawrence told the PC that the owners would welcome members of the PC to visit the unit.

Cllr Lawrence also brought up with BDC the issue of the converted barn on the Aylsham Road which is greatly affected by the odour smell. She was informed that the planning permission for the barn conversion was given before the pig unit, so an error was made by BDC planners. Cllr Lawrence will follow up on inadequate screening of the unit and will send BDC photographic evidence, as well as odour monitoring information.

To report a complaint regarding the severity of the pig farm odour, do one of the following:

- 1) go to www.broadland.gov.uk and in the search box type **environmental protection** look under **pollution team** click on **report online** under **select category** select **odours** then fill in all areas.
- 2) e mail environ.protection@broadland.gov.uk
- 3) Phone 01603 430488

2020/09 Highway & Footpath Matters

Annie Sommazzi from BDC was unable to attend the PC Zoom meeting but did send the Clerk an update on the environmental issues relating to the BVR and BVP.

2020/10 Late Correspondence, Reports from Cllr's & Covid 19 Update

The Clerk had received and forwarded to all Cllr's an e mail update from Cllr Alison Shaw of Oulton Parish Council about the wind turbine cables that are proposed to come across the Norfolk countryside, and the on-going situation with the Offshore Ring Main (ORM) proposal. The Chairman summarised her message saying that the Norfolk Boreas hearing has been deferred from May until October. For more information go to www.oulttonparishcouncil and look under windfarms

Cllr S-S gave the PC an update on all the community efforts in the village helping the elderly and vulnerable confined to their homes during the Coronavirus lock down, to get essential supplies such as food and prescriptions. Facebook and Whatsapp groups have been set up, plus tech support for those too confused by modern technology! An impromptu and very pleasant VE day celebration was held in the evening on the corner of The Street.

2020/11 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm. The next meeting will be held on July 15th at 7.30pm.

Approved

Date

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