

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15th July 2020

Held in the Community Field, Brampton at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor), David Harrison (County Councillor)

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the gradual 'unlocking from lockdown' this PC meeting was held outside in the Community Field 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 Annual Village Meeting this year, with the usual elections. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will remain in post until May 2021.

2020/12 Apologies – Gary Bean

2020/13 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2020 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2020/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes – There were none

2020/15 Reports- District Cllr Karen Lawrence reported that Zoom meetings have been continuing to keep District Councillors updated with BDC issues. Budgets have been put in place to prepare for a potential second wave. 'Covid' related expenses include £250,000 being allocated for the homeless and to assist families who are breaking down under the pressure. An extra £250,000 has been set aside for grants to enable people to 'see this through'. Cllr Lawrence reported that Broadland are doing better than most District Councils and she wanted to clarify that working links with South Norfolk DC do not mean that this is a merger.

Cllr Lawrence updated the Parish Council further on the current usage of Jaguar House, the former Officers Mess at Badersfield. The asylum seekers and homeless families are still being housed there during the current crisis, and where there have been any difficult incidences certain residents have been moved on to other facilities. The contract to house these families is for 6 months and is due to end in September. A charity called Eyes in the Skies 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. They have a reward system for the asylum seekers who can earn privileges such as use of bicycles so they can live a more relaxed lifestyle.

County Cllr David Harrison updated the Parish Council on news from Norfolk County Council saying that Covid arrived here later than elsewhere. However, the County have spent £20,000,000 dealing with the crisis and are verging on bankruptcy, and will need the Government to bail us out. They have received a Bad report on Special Needs Children. He reported that there is now a one-way-system for traffic control in Red Lion Street in Aylsham, something that he has been wanting for ages. It has been done without any consultation and it seems that the officers are running the show!

Cllr Sawyer -Stone updated the Parish Council on the crime figures for Brampton & Oxnead which he said are unusually high again, March 10 crimes, and April 11 crimes but this is still due to the historic crimes reported from The Red House, which has been closed down for several years now. In May there was 1 burglary and 1 case of domestic violence.

The lockdown has seen large numbers of visitors descending on the many local beauty areas beside the river in our locality, and Oxnead Mill attracted large numbers of visitors. Parking and traffic issues were the biggest problems with up to 20 cars being parked on the roadside verges and even on the fields where cows graze. The Police were called out and were also doing regular checks on the areas, but as these are Civil offences and it is up to the landowner to deal with trespassers. Cllr Stone said that visitors to the Oxnead Mill area had been particularly tidy and had taken their litter home with them.

2020/16 Adjournment: there were no members of the public present

2020/17 Planning Application No 20201282

Description : Change of use of barn to residential use

Location: Limekiln Farm, Hall lane, Brampton, NR10 5HP

This application was discussed by the Parish Council, and comments were made regarding the access issues. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to send comments in to Broadland District Council.

The previous Planning Application No 20200862 for a cowshed to be installed on meadow land to the north of Limekiln Farm has received planning approval, subject to a number of conditions.

2020/18 Finance- The Bank Reconciliation was approved

It was agreed to approve the following payments:

£295.12 to CAS insurance
£40.00 to ICO
£21.47 to J S-S
£14.40 to URM
£59.44 to S Turbett
£45.00 to R Calvert
£411.09 to M Claridge
£78.00 to St Peters PCC

End of year Accounts: It was agreed

- a) To exempt the Council from the external audit and to authorise the Clerk and Chair to sign the Certificate of Exemption
- b) To receive the Internal Auditor's report and consider any recommendations
- c) To approve the 2019-20 Annual Governance Statement
- d) To approve the 2019-20 Statement of Accounts

2020/19 Highway & Footpath Matters

It was agreed that the Clerk should invite Annie Sommazzi from BDC to attend the next Parish Council meeting in September to update us issues concerning the BVR footpath. The steps are again in need of maintenance and repair work. The Chairman advised that anyone who notices damage should take a photo and send it in to BDC

2020/19 Late Correspondence

The Clerk read out an e mail message received from a member of the public who had noticed more fly tipping behind the glass recycling banks. Rubble, which was able to be used by the person reporting the incident, and flints were disposed of there. **It was agreed** that all members of the PC should keep a lookout for anyone fly tipping.

2020/20 Walk around the village to view the assets

Members of the Parish Council took a walk around the village to review all of the village assets now that these have been re valued for insurance purposes.

2020/20 Closure of Meeting and refer as appropriate to next meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held on September 9th at 7.00pm.

Approved

Date

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