

# Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Held in the Community Area

### Present

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor)

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

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**2021/15 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Gary Bean and County Cllr Steve Riley

**2021/16 Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**2021/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes** –There were none

**2021/18 Adjournment-** There were no members of the Public

**2021/19 Reports-** Cllr S-S reported that there were no recorded crimes for March April and May 2021

District Cllr Karen Lawrence reported that she had her first face to face meeting at the BDC office since the lockdown in May, where the new Chairman R Foulger, was elected, and John Fisher was elected as Vice Chairman. The Air Ambulance are the newly elected Charity for BDC in 2021.

Cllr Lawrence reported that there is currently a hitch with accessing on-line Planning Applications, so there will be a number of delays, due to the move across to S Norfolk offices, with all the associated new technology required. Cllr Lawrence informed the PC that the Environmental Panel now has a new Co-ordinator for Environmental Strategy, so she is expecting more implementation and promotions, as well as more systematic reporting.

Regarding the BVR footpath status, Cllr Lawrence has been in contact with the NCC lawyers who have informed her that it has permissive rights, and following its transference to NCC those rights are protected for the next 10years. With regard to maintenance of the steps Cllr Lawrence said these are still under BDC jurisdiction along with access routes and bridges.

Cllr Lawrence sits on the Environmental Excellence Committee and is subbing for Planning as well as Oversight and Scrutiny

County Cllr Steve Riley was unable to be at the meeting.

**2021/20 Planning** there were no Planning applications.

## 2021/21 Finance-

- a) The Bank reconciliation was approved.
- b) **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

Clerks salary and expenses	412.95
S Turbett grass cutting	59.44

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that URM are no longer allowing Cheque payments so she will obtain on line access in order to be able to pay their accounts by BACS initially.

## 2021/22 Highway & Footpath Matters

### Highways

Cllr S-S has received a reply and from Ben Rayner at Highways regarding a mock up for the signs for informing HGV drivers of suitable access to Brampton Hall Farm. Cllr S-S wants the signage to be clear and precise in its wording. **It was agreed** that he will continue trying to achieve a suitable outcome. It is understood that the canoe company are relocating to new premises.

With the next visit of the rangers imminent in Sept, **it was agreed** that the Clerk would inform Highways of the positions of all the potholes in need of filling. Marsham Rd, Back Lane and the Oxnead parking area close to Oxnead Bridge, are all in need of attention, as well as the white railings opposite, which are steadily falling over. Also, the 'Low Bridge' sign on Marsham Rd is not visible due to high vegetation, and verges of Back Lane where it meets Aylsham Rd is overgrown. The road verges have not been cut as the policy now is not-to-cut unless requested, although road junctions will still be cut for visibility purposes.

### Footpaths

Footpaths across the common have become very overgrown, making it difficult to access and walk. A discussion was held about the recent history of the cutting of the common and how in the recent past, a group of locals would scythe the grass. This was prior to the NCC footpaths team cutting it regularly, which has now stopped. With more people using the common it is important that the grass is cut and the PC need to inform the Norfolk Trails team. In order to inform them of the correct footpath number, access to the Definitive Footpath Map can be made on line and a report sent in. Cllr S-S agreed to do this. There is a policy not to cut footpaths unless requested, which is the same with road verges.

The poor state of the cradle Bridge was discussed, and it was mentioned that NCC have this work in hand.

## 2021/23 Late Correspondence and refer as appropriate to next meeting 08 09 2021

The Chairman and the Clerk identified at least 9 circular posts that need to be replaced in the perimeter fence to the Community area. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will request Stewart Turbett to replace these.

The new Notice Boards are in place and J S-S is to inform the Clerk who will be a key holder. J S—S informed the PC that he will repaint the telephone kiosk

**2020/24 Closure of Meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Approved

Date

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