

# Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Held in the Village Hall

### Present

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML) Maggie Whiley, (MW) Trevor Whiteman (TW)

Also in attendance:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor)

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

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**2021/25 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Jon Sawyer Stone, Gary Bean and County Cllr Steve Riley

**2021/26 Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**2021/27 Matters Arising from the Minutes** –There were none

**2021/28 Adjournment-** There were no members of the Public

**2021/29 Reports-**

District Cllr Karen Lawrence reported that Broadland and S Norfolk are reviewing the efficiency of maintaining two separate buildings. The expectation is that they may end up using Council Chambers at County Hall for meetings.

At Cllr Lawrences last Council meeting, Neighbourhood Plans for Taverham and Spixworth were approved, a little late as they should have been finished in 2019.

Cllr Lawrence informed us that the Greater Norwich Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State, and that questions were raised regarding a back log of planning applications. BDC are trying to address this, saying that Planning Enforcements and Change of Use applications have created a large amount of work.

Cllr Lawrence reported back favourably from her Environmental Excellence panel, covering issues such as targets for Co2 and waste reports. She informed the Parish Council that the local Authority earn a substantial amount from recycling.

A question was raised about the use of electric cars in rural areas and the location of charging points. Cllr Lawrence informed us that there is an Energy Strategy for Norfolk involving the use of Windfarm Energy.

There was no report from County Cllr Steve Riley or a Crime report from Cllr Jon Sawyer Stone as both were unable to attend the meeting.

**2021/30 Planning** there were no Planning applications, but the issue of bee hives on the Island adjacent to FP12 was raised. The Clerk reported that, according to Planning Enforcement information received, the bee hives have been restocked.

#### **2021/31 Finance-**

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

S Turbett grass cutting	59.44
Clerks salary and expenses	412.95
ICO	40.00
URM	14.76*

\*The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the issue of URM not allowing payments by cheque. Despite trying, the Clerk was unable to complete the process of obtaining online payment access, as our mandate states that two signatures are required. Further assistance was needed in person at Barclays Bank but the local Aylsham Branch had been closed due to UK Power Network issues! The Clerk paid the invoice and was reimbursed but will continue to obtain the necessary on line access.

#### **2021/32 Highway & Footpath Matters**

##### Highways

Cllr S-S was unavailable to comment further regarding his meeting with Ben Rayner at Highways about the signs informing HGV drivers of suitable access to Brampton Hall Farm. The Clerk was informed that the Rangers had not fixed the dip in The Street and **it was agreed** that she should reinform them that this needs rectifying. In addition, the Clerk was asked to note that a Blue Cross has been painted on the Fire Hydrant outside School Cottage, which requires lifting. **It was agreed** that this should be reported on FIX MY STREET.

##### Footpaths

Cllr Sawyer Stone had copied the Clerk in to a number of on-line emails with Sarah Price the Footpaths officer, now based at the Aylsham Depot, so the Clerk read out Sarah's comments to Cllr S-S about the cutting regimes of the footpaths in Brampton & Oxnead.

#### **2021/33 Late Correspondence and refer as appropriate to next meeting 10 11 2021**

The Clerk had been in touch with Stewart Turbett to obtain a price to replace a number of circular posts around the Community Area that have rotted off at the base. As prices for building materials have been fluctuating rapidly, and Stewart is very busy with his other grass cutting business, he informed the Clerk that he would price the job in the winter months, closer to the time when he would be able to carry out the work, for more accuracy.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk look into prices for additional bulb planting throughout the village, in areas around the triangle, bus shelter and Community Area entrance. He also asked the Clerk to speak to the Burgh Clerk regarding the subject of additional Poo Bins, especially in the Cradle Bridge area, between the two villages.

**2020/24 Closure of Meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Approved

Date

