

# Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 12th January 2022

Held in the Village Hall

### **Present**

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML) Maggie Whiley, (MW) Gary Bean (GB)

Trevor Whiteman (TW)

Also in attendance:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor)

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

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[2021/45 Apologies](#) – Apologies were received from Cllr Sawyer-Stone. County Cllr Steve Riley was not present.

[2021/46 Minutes](#) - Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

[2021/47 Matters Arising from the Minutes](#) –There were none

[2021/48 Adjournment-](#) There were no members of the Public

[2021/49 Reports-](#) District Cllr Karen Lawrence

Reported back that from the last Council meeting in December. She told us that another Cllr had asked about Food Chain Supply, and the Food Innovation Centre promoting local food, whilst another Cllr asked if the merger could ensure greater accountability and good service for the public.

Cllr Lawrence had asked about trees lost, and if there could be an analysis showing trees lost per ward. Her aim is that there should be a net overall gain in trees. Cllr Lawrence said we have to work with landowners, and that she will keep plugging away at this as she wants a more strategic plan, in relation to future tree planting, as well as looking after what we have already got.

In relation to water quality in the rivers, Cllr Lawrence had asked about reducing sewage discharge, and that an understanding is needed of where the discharges are in association with areas of new housing development.

[County Cllr Steve Riley](#)

Due to illness Cllr Riley was not present

[Cllr Sawyer-Stone](#) was absent but had reported that there were no crimes recorded.

[2021/50 Planning](#) there were no Planning applications, but the Clerk had received notice of an outstanding Planning Enforcement at Oxnead Hall, with regard to the high number of

weddings being held in recent months. This is due to the back-log of weddings following the Covid lock down restrictions.

#### 2021/51 Finance-

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

Clerk's salary and expenses	471.93
St Peters Brampton PCC	78.00
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- c) The Budget for 2022-23 was agreed and the Parish Precept was set at £4,590.00

#### 2021/52 Highway & Footpath Matters

##### Highways

The Highway Rangers are due to return to the village in early February and concern had been expressed from a local resident asking for a number of Highway issues to be taken into consideration. The Street has some deep potholes and the surface of the road is looking particularly unkempt, rough and in need of a good sweep. The potholes need to be dealt with seriously rather than have a superficial surface treatment, which erodes again rapidly. The point was raised that Back Lane lacks a decent vehicle passing place, which causes traffic to reverse down onto The Street when meeting another vehicle. White Lines need to be repainted at the Back Lane junction and Marsham Rd junction with The Street. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to liaise with the Chairman to get a plan of the works required and to pass this on to the Highway Rangers of the issues within their capabilities. Any further Passing Places will need consent from the landowners as well as grant funding from NCC Highways.

##### Tree Planting & Community Area

The Chairman (ML) asked the Parish Council to consider options for hedgerow restoration work around the Community Area and the allotments.

The Clerk had received a quote from Stewart Turbett to supply and carry out work to replace the broken fence posts around the community area and **it was agreed** that the Clerk should instruct Stewart to proceed. A discussion was held to determine whether it would be advisable to get the existing access road area cleared of overgrown vegetation.

##### Dog Poo Bins

The Clerk has been in contact BDC to discuss the protocol for installing new Dog Poo bins in the Cradle Bridge area, between the two villages of Brampton & Burgh. Their reply was that they have enough Dog Bins and will not be installing any more, but that if decide to go ahead and install more there is a cost of £3.65 per week to empty them. The Parish Council discussed the fact that the BVR and the local area are being heavily promoted as recreational areas It was suggested that funding be provided through the Tourism budget to cover the cost of additional Dog poo bins.

2021/53 Late Correspondence and refer as appropriate to next meeting 09 03 2022

2020/54 Closure of Meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Approved

Date

