

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday March 9th 2022

Held in the Village Hall

Present

Councillors:

Jon Sawyer-Stone (J S-S) Gary Bean (GB)

Trevor Whiteman (TW)

Also in attendance:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor)

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

2021/55 Apologies – Apologies were received from the Chairman Mark Little and County Cllr Steve Riley. Maggie Whiley had sent in her written resignation to the Chairman and Clerk and it was agreed that a message of thanks should be sent to Maggie for her dedication to the Parish Council over many years.

2021/56 Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record

2021/57 Matters Arising from the Minutes –Clarification was requested as to the Grants paid to St Peters Church for grass cutting on Jan 12th 2022.

Cllr TW requested a new notice board for the 'Red House' end of the village, size 2 x A4.

The question was raised about the 2nd defibrillator and the PC were informed that the programme was not open at present. The issue of new doors and windows and other essential maintenance in the Village Hall was again raised.

Platinum Jubilee- ideas were requested for where to spend money to celebrate the Queens 70th year on the throne.

Cllr JS-S offered to do a mail shot out to all residents asking for more Councillors. We have space for three new councillors.

2021/58 Adjournment- There were no members of the Public

2021/59 Reports- District Cllr Karen Lawrence

Cllr Lawrence reported back that the subject of Budgets and Investments had been discussed at her latest District Council meeting. The District Council portion of the Council Tax will not be increased this year, and it was suggested that it should not be increased next year either, as Broadland still have ample reserves.

The BVR resurfacing means that the Brampton section of the public footpath will be closed for three weeks. Cllr Lawrence informed us that there does not appear to be a management

plan for the resurfacing works. There are areas such as the pedestrian steps that require maintenance and the embankments need shoring up in places. Cllr Lawrence keeps asking for some of the budget for the job to be saved for these important issues. There is a £1.2 million fund for improving accessibility and it is imperative for public safety that the well-used pedestrian steps are improved. Whilst the railway line is rented out under a 125 yr lease, BDC still have the responsibility for the boundary fences and all the bridges. The footpath is not marked on the definitive footpath map.

County Cllr Steve Riley

Cllr Riley was not present as he was double booked.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone reported that no crimes had been recorded since December.

2021/60 Planning the Clerk had received notice of:

Planning Application No 20220204

Location: The White House, The Street, Brampton NR10 5AA

Description: Demolition of existing outbuilding to allow single storey extension to rear

Comments required before March 20th 2022.

2021/61 Finance-

- a) The Bank reconciliation was approved
- b) Ros Calvert has agreed to be our Internal Auditor for 2021-22 Accounts
- c) **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary and expenses	471.07
S Turbett	214.00
Norfolk PTS	50.00

Barclays Bank Aylsham has closed down its main office, but arrangements are being made for them to run from the Drill Hall for three days a week. The Clerk is to make enquiries for two more Cllrs to be authorised signatory's.

2021/62 Highway & Footpath Matters

Highways

Despite the Clerk e mailing Highways in early February, asking for repair work to be carried out in The Street, this work does not appear to have been carried out by the Highway Rangers on their latest visit to the village. The Clerk will continue to attempt to make contact regarding the deteriorated state of The Street. White Lines still need to be renewed at Marsham Rd and Back Lane junctions with The Street.

BVR resurfacing Works

As mentioned previously the BVR footpath will be closed for three works to allow for resurfacing works to be carried out. See Cllr Lawrences report under 2021/59 for further details.

Cllr Lawrence has a large 60cm diameter round mirror suitable for highway use. Cllr TW suggested it may be useful at the end of his road to the former 'Red House'. Approval will be needed from the landowner.

2021/63 Late Correspondence and refer as appropriate to next meeting 11 05 2022

Glass recycling

URM informed the Clerk that recycling pick-up costs will rise from £15 to £30 per pick up. The Clerk is to do an Income and Expenditure analysis to assess the difference. Cllr Whiteman said he would like to get another glass recycling bin for the Red House area.

The next meeting will be held on May 11th 2022 and will be the Annual Meeting.

2020/64 Closure of Meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Approved

Date