

Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday July 13th 2022

Held in the Village Hall

Present

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML) Chair

Jon Sawyer-Stone (J S-S) Vice Chairman, Trevor Whiteman (TW)

Also in attendance:

Karen Lawrence (District Councillor)

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

[2022/16 Apologies](#) – received from Gary Bean

[2022/17 Minutes](#) - Minutes of the meeting held on May 11th 2022 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

[2022/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes](#) –

[Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration](#)- Cllr S-S reported that the Street party was a great success and funds made were shared between the Village and the Church. Eleven village children were given Jubilee coins to celebrate the occasion.

The Chairman informed the PC that Cllr GB has six oak trees available for planting to commemorate the Jubilee and that he has put in a request to Tim Briscoe as owner of the land, for his approval to plant them, possibly suggesting a grove of oak trees. The Chairman is awaiting Mr Briscoe's response. Other Platinum Jubilee commemorative items previously discussed and agreed include the provision of two new wooden picnic tables to be placed in the Community Field. These are to be commissioned and made by a local carpenter.

The Clerk reminded the PC of the suggestion from the Chairman last year to purchase a large quantity of wild daffodils (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*) to be planted in suitable places. **It was agreed** that the clerk would look into this further in order to get them purchased in time for an autumn planting session.

[2022/19 Adjournment](#)- There were no members of the public present.

[2022/20 Reports](#)- District Cllr Karen Lawrence reported that the purchase of the £6,000,000 Horizon building (formerly owned by Aviva) was approved and will go ahead without any contribution from South Norfolk DC. At the main meeting of the District Council it was reported that the leadership have put forward a Conservative candidate to act as Chair on the Overview and Scrutiny board, a role formerly held by Cllr Steve Riley, who will now act as Co- Chair. Meetings are to be held in the evenings instead of during the daytime, which will be demanding for those County Cllrs with full time day jobs, who will then be expected to attend late evening sessions which are often in excess of 4 hrs.

Cllr Lawrence told the PC that development is still on hold due to Nutrient Neutrality. She has a discussion planned September with Anglian Water in September regarding increasing the storage capacity of water in the right places to be used when needed. Cllr Lawrence said that benefits from the on-hold planning restrictions means that the housing accommodation for asylum seekers at Badersfield will not now go ahead as the local sewage system is unsuitable for so many additional people.

County Cllr Steve Riley

Cllr Riley was not present.

Cllr Sawyer-Stone reported that no crimes had been reported since the last meeting

2022/21 Planning- there were no planning applications

2022/22 Finance-

- a) The Bank reconciliation was approved and signed
- b) **It was agreed** to approve the following payment

CAS Insurance Policy fee	279.12
Clerk's salary and expenses	467.18
Cllr J S-S Jubilee Expenses	138.99
ICO	40.00
S Turbett Gr Maintenance	89.16

Cllr S-S has signed documents with Barclays to be authorised as a signatory but Barclays asked Cllr T W to phone them to ascertain that his signature has changed. The PC and Clerk await confirmation regarding on line payments

2022/23 Highway and Footpath Matters- It was mentioned again that the steps down from the railway line at Brampton Station and at the Mermaid end are in need of attention and repair. The people at BDC we need to e mail regarding repairs to the BVR footpath, steps and new fencing are Michael Horton and his boss George Denton as they are now the people in charge of Community Assets at BDC.

A discussion was held again about the need for a proper wildlife escape route through the fence, mainly for deer who can now get on the railway line but cannot safely get off it as the fence wires are too close together, an issue that was not addressed by the fencing company who erected it. Cllr Lawrence informed the PC that she intends to write to the RSPCA as this is now an animal welfare issue.

There has been a call from parishioners to the Chairman reporting that the hedges along both sides of The Street are getting very overgrown and are affecting visibility. **It was agreed** that the Clerk would contact highways to request that they are cut back.

A discussion was held regarding the length of the grass on the water meadow footpaths from the Cradle bridge down to Oxnead bridge. Cllr S-S reported that these paths are impassable for walkers in places where the cows have not trampled the long grass down. He has contacted Sarah Price, the footpaths officer at Norfolk CC to discuss the issue. Her response is that the machinery requires attention. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will also contact Sarah Price for a further update.

The Chairman said that litter on the roads has been an ongoing issue. There will be another litter pick in the winter, but in the meantime the issue remains.

2022/24 Late Correspondence and refer as appropriate to next meeting September 07 2022

It was agreed that, due to Cllr holidays, the Clerk is to put a notice in the Notice boards advising that **the next PC meeting** will be on **Sept 7th and not 14th** as previously advertised

The Chairman informed the PC that the Village Sign has been maintained for many years by two residents of the village and they would like a request to be put out asking for volunteers from the village to take over the job. The sign has been carefully maintained since it was installed and the new volunteers would need to be advised as to what paint is required and how to keep it looking good. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to put a notice in the Notice Boards requesting Volunteers, and to ask for an aide memoire from the current maintenance team to be kept on record.

2022/15 Closure of Meeting: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Approved

Date

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