

# Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Held in the Village Hall

### Present

Councillors:

Mark Little (ML), Karen Lawrence (KL), Gary Bean (GB) Trevor Whiteman (TW), Beth Child (BC)

Also in attendance:

Maggie Claridge (Clerk to the Council)

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**2023/26 Apologies** – No apologies were received, but Cllr Goodman and Cllr Riley were both absent. We still have two vacancies for Councillors.

**2023/27 Declarations of Interest**- there were none

**2023/28 Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**2023/29 Matters Arising from the Minutes** –There were none

**2023/30 Adjournment**- There were no members of the Public

**2023/31 Reports**-

County Cllr Steve Riley was not present due to being double booked.

District Cllr Mark Goodman was not present.

Cllr Gary Bean Crime report: Cllr Bean had reported to the Clerk that the Table Tennis table in the Community Area has been vandalised. The clerk reported it to PC Lucas Ward and ask him to attend the next PC mtg. The TT table is still usable but wonky as the vandals had attempted to lift it out of the ground, without success. There is a sign on the table detailing who to contact in the event of vandalism. **It was agreed** that the clerk will make contact. Neil Buchanan has a wildlife camera that could be installed in the Community Area.

Cllr Beth Child Brampton Village Hall refurbishment report: The front door has been replaced, and new heaters are ready to be installed. The Village Hall is being well used by local groups with over 20 people watching the rugby, which is possible now that they have both a TV licence and an entertainment licence.

The first phase of renovation will begin in Jan/Feb 2024 with the asbestos removal. A decision will then be made as to how to proceed with the roof.

**2023/32 Planning** there were no Planning applications.

**2023/33 Finance**-

- a) The bank reconciliation was approved and signed

b) **It was agreed** to approve the following payments:

Clerks Salary & exp	450.38
HMRC	5.47
URM	30.24

The Clerk has updated the Parish Council's Financial Regulation's Document in accordance with on-line payments being made. The Document was Agreed and Signed by the Chairman and will be uploaded to the Parish Website.

### 2023/34 Highway & Footpath Matters

County Broadband work has been completed, having been ongoing for 3 weeks from July 21<sup>st</sup>. The roads were closed for what seemed like ages.

After a busy summer of visitors to the River at Oxnead, the potholes are extremely bad down near Oxnead Bridge. Day-trippers are regularly parking on the verges to offload paddleboarders and walkers. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Rangers to ask them to attend to the post and rails on the highway approaching Oxnead bridge. They are rotten and overgrown with vegetation and need repainting.

The 'Aylsham' sign is rotten on the junction of the Marsham Rd. with The Street

**Footpaths** The Oxnead to Burgh footpath is overgrown and ladies cannot get over the stiles. It is Highways responsibility to cut the paths. It was agreed that the Clerk is to contact Highways to report this.

The high volume of red signal crayfish in the rivers was discussed.

### 2023/35 Late Correspondence

and refer as appropriate to next meeting 08 11 2023

**2023/36 Closure of Meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

Approved

Date