

# Brampton and Oxnead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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) Two members of the Public

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**2023/37 Apologies** – No apologies were received, but Cllr's Goodman and Riley did not attend. There are still two vacancies for Parish Councillors.

**2023/38 Declarations of Interest-** there were none

**2023/39 Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**2023/40 Matters Arising from the Minutes** –There were none

**2023/41 Adjournment-** There were two members of the Public present. **It was agreed** that the Clerk would invite PC Lucas Ward to attend our meeting in January so that any local crime issues can be discussed with him and ask that he make his presence felt in the villages following a spate of petty vandalism.

**2023/42 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: The link to the Police website is to be sent to Cllr Bean for easy access. **It was agreed** that the Clerk is to research when the local SNAP meetings are held in Aylsham.

Cllr Beth Child Brampton Village Hall: the Committee have been active organising a local Halloween event and TV Rugby event. These were well attended.

Renovation work will start on the Village Hall in January 2024. The Clerk reminded Cllr Child that the next PC meeting is due to be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 and we will need the Village Hall to be functional.

**2023/43 Planning** there were no Planning applications.

**2023/44 Finance-**

- a) The bank reconciliation was approved and signed

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

Clerks Salary & exp	488.85
URM	17.28
HMRC	105.40

c) **The Draft budget** was presented to the Cllrs and a discussion was held about appropriate places for money to be spent on improving the villages, and investing in local amenities. Access to the Common was discussed including changing the stiles to kissing gates.

d) Cllr TW has asked for a defibrillator to be installed in the Red House area of Brampton along with a notice board. Cllr KL reminded the PC that there is still money available in a separate VHMC fund for two defibs. Costings for de-fibs should include on-going maintenance of £40 plus per quarter for pads. The issue of training local residents in how to use them was raised, and it was suggested that Brampton Village Hall should be used for general first aid training as well as de-fib usage.

#### 2023/45 River Bure Water Quality:

The Clerk had received a message from BNCT Chairman Peter Baker about a talk held in Burgh reading Room in the autumn of 2023. Interest in the quality of the water was discussed but the Parish Council agreed that it does not have the man power at present to become involved in volunteer water quality monitoring.

#### 2023/46 Highway & Footpath Matters

**It was agreed** that the Clerk report the Mermaid steps up to the BVR railway line which are in a bad state of repair as well as asking for the white railings leading up to the Oxnead bridge to be repaired and repainted

Cllr ML reported that he has cleaned up the 'Finger posts' in the village as they have been looking very muddy.

#### 2023/47 Late Correspondence

and refer as appropriate to next meeting 10 01 2024

**2023/48 Closure of Meeting:** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

Approved

Date