



BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st July 2021 7.15 pm (to allow for 15 mins public open surgery) at the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Present: Mike Bainbridge, Chairman, (JMB), Mike Shellens, Vice Chair (MS), Malcolm Beswick (MB), Glen Brown, (GB), John Childs (JRC), Jon Chitty, (JC), Margaret Footner (MF), Catriona French (CF), Linda Hicks (LH), Simon Jordan (SJ), Alan Mellor (AM), Ronald Stevenson, (RS).

In Attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk, Patricia Jordan, John Morris, District Councillors, 10 residents of Manor close

Public Opening Remarks;

10 residents from Manor Close were present to express their concerns about vehicles parking along the High Street obscuring the views of the motorists leaving the Close. Simon Crampin had prepared a comprehensive report which he read out. JMB thanked the residents for attending and said the matter would be further discussed at agenda item 126/07/21. The residents left the meeting at 7.40 pm. A copy of the meeting minutes will be sent to Simon Crampin once available.

Action: Clerk

JMB apologised for omitting to report on the visit made to the Memorial Centre by the Police and members of Huntingdon District Council on the 23rd of June. MS had prepared a report of the meeting as follows:

'The meeting with the Police and HDC went extremely well. Very positive attitude. They were on site for 1 ½ hours so a big commitment of resource. Dominic was just back from a prolonged course.

However, the recently appointed Inspector is to be replaced (again) shortly

Houses on the perimeter of the Playing fields were visited and residents consulted. I do not have details.

HDC who were also there in force suggested they will try to remove graffiti in the dug outs.

US Military police coming from behind the dug-out confiscated various substances on a surprise visit

The Police will try to establish co-ordination with the US military police

I am ostentatiously to take numbers of cars coming into the car park of an evening to make dealers less enthusiastic about coming here'.

PJ asked what measures had been put into place? She suggested more signage advising that CCTV is in place, leaving the floodlights on for a longer period of time each day and to advertise these facts on Facebook. JMB said that there will be a much-improved CCTV system in place by the end of September.

111/07/21 Chairman's Opening Remarks

JMB reported that Billie Leighton had decided to stand down from

co ordinating the delivery of the Brampton Magazine. He wished to record the Parish Council's thanks for all her hard work over the years. A letter of thanks along with a card and flowers will be arranged.

Action: Clerk

112/07/21 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Liz Ruston – as busy with moving house. Nigel Maggs – away on annual leave.

113/07/21 To Receive Declarations of Interests

None

114/07/21 Village Hub

114/07/21.1 Update on the Men's Shed Project – JMB reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Village Hub and things have started moving again following the easing of Covid restrictions. The Men's Shed project has received planning permission and tender documents are being prepared whilst additional funding is being sought from the Amey Community Fund.

115/07/21 Youth Matters & Funding

115/07/21 Update on Youth Matters from Mr Peter Downes – deferred in Peter Downes absence.

Prior to the next two agenda items JMB asked that District and County Councillor reports should be received into the Parish Council office a week before the meeting date, not just hours before, and that reports should contain items only relevant to Brampton unless reporting items of legality affecting Parish Councils as a whole.

116/07/21 District Council Report

116/07/21.1 PD reported that a full meeting of the District Council was taking place at the same time as this meeting. The planning department are now undertaking site visits.

116/07/21.2 John Morris had provided a written report circulated shortly before the meeting. He read through the report (attached to these minutes).

With regard to outstanding issues on new bridleways and footpaths, JMB will liaise with Laura Hampshire at Highways England.

Action: JMB

JMB said that he was in the process of contacting Mike Brookes, Area Speed watch co-ordinator, at Forces Headquarters in order to get a village Speed Watch group up and running again.

JM reminded the Parish Council that if it was their intention to apply to HDC for additional CIL funding to do so quickly as other Parishes have applied and the money is fast being allocated.

PJ left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

117/07/21 County Councillor Report

Ken Billington was not present at the meeting and had not provided a written report.

118/07/21 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd of June 2021.

Ronald Stevenson said that his name had been omitted from the list of attendees. This was added manually following which it was resolved to accept the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

119/07/21 To Receive an Update about the Progress of Resolutions from the last Meeting.

119/07/21.1 97/06/21 PD absent from meeting therefore issues relating to the youth

meeting which took place on the 16 July will be carried over to the September meeting.

- 119/07/21.2 98/06/21 Unfinished footpath from West End to the A1 - JMB to contact – outstanding.
- 119/07/21.3 101/06/21.1 SJ to meet with the CCC officer re footpath 24. Remains an action.
- 119/07/21.4 Brampton Park Development Dog Control Order – To follow up.
- 119/07/21.5 101/06/21.3 Unfinished footpath at Hansell Way – Await costings, ask for a plan of works.
- 119/07/21.6 101/06/21.4 Decking outside the Willows café. HDC have responded and will follow up.
- 119/07/21.7 102/06/21.2 A second Village Facilities committee – defer to the September meeting.
- 119/07/21.7 103/06/21.1 CCTV – Bridges Fire had visited earlier on the day of this meeting. Quote awaited.

120/07/21 To Receive and Approve any Recommendations Arising from the Minutes of the Following Meetings:

- 120/07/21.1 Greens & Footpaths held 28th June 2021.
5.1 Hidden milestone. The milestone needs to be moved to the west side of Brampton tip. RS said there are 2 milestones in the village not marked on the Ordnance Survey maps. The Clerk will contact Ordnance Survey.

Action: Clerk

GB will write to the Golf Club requesting that they cut back the footpath leading from River Lane to the Mill as this is on their land.

Action: GB

MF proposed acceptance of the minutes and recommendations made within these. RS seconded the proposal, all were in agreement.

- 120/07/21.2 Churchyard & Cemetery held 7th July 2021.
In addition to the matters mentioned within the minutes JMB asked the Clerk to get quotes for laying flat the tomb in disrepair as it is a matter of Health and Safety that it is made safe.

Action: Clerk

The Rotary Club have expressed an interest in helping to tidy up the Churchyard. This would be using their own tools. MF, the Clerk and Keith Wood met with 3 representatives from the club.

MF reported the resurrected wall is looking very good. Derrick Dorks to be thanked for providing such a good service.

Action: Clerk

SJ and MF met with a tree surgeon regarding the Laurel trees which need cutting back. A quote for the works is awaited. In addition, a quote is needed for work required to 3 pine trees which need attention.

Action: Clerk

Derrick Dorks has volunteered to trim the hedge around the war memorial JRC proposed acceptance of the minutes and therefore the recommendations within these. AM seconded the proposed, all agreed.

121/07/21 Parish Council Matters

- 121/07/21.1 To consider any projects to be put forward under the Local Highways Initiative Scheme – closing date 30th September 2021.
To widen the footbridge leading from Leyton Crescent to Brampton Park. The

clerk is to check the planning documents. There is an issue as to where property boundaries lie. Huntingdon District Council will be approached. RS said that the fence on the right hand side (approaching from Leyton Crescent) near the bridge has collapsed. SJ will find out the number of the property to which the fence belongs.

Action: Clerk

- 121/07/21.1.2 To fill the potholes in the ramp/crossing near the Village Green and the school.
It is to be remembered that the level of funding is limited to £10,000 per initiative.
- 121/07/21.2 Projects for consideration under a Privately Funded Highways Initiative Scheme.
- 121/07/21.2.1 The refuge at Saracens Gardens is too narrow and the foliage very high. A pelican crossing is required there. In addition, the Bucken cycle path is still to be implemented. MB proposed that the process be started to be able to cross the road from Saracens Gardens. Am seconded this and all were in agreement.
- 121/07/21.3 To consider the provision of a Parish Council vehicle.
A brief discussion was held but no decision was made. JMB said the parish Council would not purchase a vehicle but might consider a van of sorts on hire.

122/07/21 Planning, Applications and Decisions

Nigel Maggs was absent therefore could not report. The monthly planning list had been circulated to all prior to the meeting.

123/07/21 The Lady Olivia Centre

- 123/07/21.1 Update – JRC reported that things were moving on and the Centre should be ready to open at the end of September. The contractors installing the theatrical lighting and curtains would be on site for 3 weeks during September. There are a number of snagging issues to be addressed.

124/07/21 Parish Communications

- 124/07/21.1 Website – Kathryn Adams, assistant clerk is now tasked with updating the website.
- 124/07/21.2 Facebook – JMB reported continuing as usual.
- 124/07/21.3 Brampton Magazine – to consider the future editorial of the magazine. Anne Saunders has taken over the collating of the magazine. It was agreed that the editorial of the magazine will now be done by Kathryn Adams in the Parish council office.

125/07/21 Representatives Reports

- 125/07/21.1 AM spoke on behalf of the Thomas Miller charity, speaking of the involvement with the Jobs Club and the provision of computers to those families with low incomes.

126/07/21 Correspondence Received

- 126/07/21.1 Ouse Valley Way Notice board – would the Parish Council be prepared to fund this and take on the responsibility of planning the route of a circular path. SJ said that a notice board promoting the Ouse Valley Way is needed at River Lane. JRC offered to view the proposed board as he felt the cost was very high at £2,500. In addition he will evaluate the best place to site a board and report back at the September meeting. The clerk will advise Peter Downes.

Action: JRC/Clerk

126/07/21.2 Will the Great Ouse Valley landscape figure in the government's plan to protect 30% of our nation's countryside? Any comments to be fed back to the Trustees.

The Parish Council have no comments to make.

126/07/21.2 HDC – Consultation on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy – any responses to be returned by 11th October 2021.

Any responses to be made privately.

126/07/21.3 Sport in Brampton – communication received from a resident looking to become involved in setting up sport and physical activity sessions for the local community.

To be considered by the Village Facilities committee.

126/07/21.4 Manor Close – Brampton High Street Parking Issues.

Following on from the report provided by Simon Crampin during the public session of this meeting a discussion took place regarding the placing of either white or yellow lines along the High Street near the junction of Manor Close. JMB proposed that the Parish Council pay for yellow lines to be laid down. It was agreed to investigate the cost of doing this. The Clerk will convey to Simon Crampin that the Parish Council is seeking, without commitment, quotes for the provision of yellow lines.

Action: Clerk

126/07/21.5 The New Police and Crime Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – survey ends on the 31st of July 2021.

Noted.

126/07/21.6 Responsibility for the provision of the Remembrance Day parade.

Recent changes have been made to the way remembrance events that require traffic management are performed. The Royal British Legion are no longer insuring parades and traffic management duties are no longer undertaken by the police. Therefore, these duties now fall to those organising the event, more likely the Parish Council. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the British Legion would be approached to continue to organise the event, as they have the experience in so doing, but the Parish Council would pay and insure. JMB will speak to the present chair of the local British Legion branch and with Peter Menczer of the Village Hub. JC would like to be involved due to his involvement with the Royal Air Force.

Action: JMB

127/07/21 To Accept Notices and Matters for The Next Agenda

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item, LGA 1972 s12 10(2)(b) state therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

None raised.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

128/07/21 Confidential Matters.

None raised.

Signed:
Chair

Date: