

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of September 2021
at 7.15 pm
in the Community Centre, High Street, Brampton

Present: Mike Bainbridge, Chairman (JMB), Nigel Maggs, Vice Chair (NM), Mike Shellens, Vice Chair (MS), Malcom Beswick (MB), Glen Brown (GB), John Childs (JRC), Jon Chitty (JC), Margaret Footner (MF), Linda Hicks (LH), Simon Jordan (SJ), Alan Mellor (AM), Liz Rusdon (LR),

In attendance: John Morris, District Councillor, (JM), 2 members of the public.

Public Session

1. Judith Chitty spoke as Co Ordinator of the Open Gardens event held earlier in the year. She reported that the event had raised over £1000.00, and it had been agreed to spend the proceeds on bulbs to be planted around the village. Judith sited suggested areas for the bulbs and provided a diagram showing the areas. The Clerk will circulate the diagram to the Greens & Footpaths committee who will return a decision following the meeting to be held on the 11th of October.
2. Two members of the Brampton Cricket Club attended the meeting to voice their concern about the lack of proper maintenance to the cricket square. They said that the 5-year plan originally put into place 2 years ago had not been upheld, possibly due to the Covid pandemic. However, this needs to be rectified. The club have volunteers prepared to help with any maintenance. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the village facilities committee and two representatives from the cricket club, to discuss this matter.
(Note following the meeting – has previously been agreed that Allan Moore from Hunts County Cricket will meet with the cricket club and groundsmen to work out the best way to solve this. Allan has spoken with the Development Manager at Cricket East to consider a way forward).

129/09/21 Chairman's Opening Remarks

JMB spoke of the fatal accident that had occurred earlier in the day. JM has taken this up with the authorities, as it is unknown as to how the accident occurred. The location has problems regarding speeding and there has been correspondence with the County Council, in the past, to reduce the speed limit.

A party was held at the Memorial Centre on Saturday the 11th of September. This was to celebrate a 13th birthday. Unfortunately, the centre was left in a bad state, banners had been stapled into the brickwork, various items forced down the toilets, floors left in a mess. A debate will be held at the October meeting to decide if teenage parties will, in future, be allowed to be held.

- 130/09/21 **To Receive Apologies for Absence**
Patricia Jordan, District Councillor due to a clash of meetings.
Catriona French due to a family emergency.
- 131/09/21 **To Receive Declarations of Interests**
All dispensation requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting. You must comply with the statutory and the Authority's requirements to disclose and withdraw from participating in respect of any matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
LH and LR re item 145/09/21.6
JRC item 134/09/21.1 should he, at a later date, be asked to supply a sign.
- 132/09/21 Village Hub**
- 132/09/21.1 Peter Downes spoke on behalf of the Village Hub. He had attended the Village Facilities meeting and provided an update on the Men's Shed project. The report is reflected in the minutes of that meeting.
- 132/09/21.2 The British Legion are no longer able to insure the Remembrance Day parade therefore the Parish Council will need to do so. There will need to be a person qualified in traffic road management closures. The Parish Council will need to arrange for a member of staff to receive the appropriate training. The British Legion will apply for the road closures. Consideration is to be given to setting up a second parade to leave Brampton Park.
Action: Clerk
- 133/09/21 Youth Matters & Funding**
Peter Downes circulated a draft document which laid out ideas for meeting the needs of young people in Brampton (attached to these minutes). In the first instance a Community Support Working party will be engaged. Consisting of Peter Downes, Shirley Menczer and representatives from the Church, Scouts and Guides and the youth football team. The document is a first step forward and the Parish Council will be kept informed as developments are made.
The Clerk passed details of the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative to Peter Downes
- 134/09/21 Chairman asked that item 139/09/21.1 be brought forward as Peter Downes was reporting on this matter. All were in agreement.**
- 134/09/21.1 Further discussion of the Ouse Valley Way & planning of the circular path
The Ouse Valley Way Trust had produced illustrations of signs that had been designed and placed at strategic points along the walk. The Trust had invited Parish Councils to purchase similar signs for placing along the route in their parishes. The artwork on the signs was impressive. However, the cost of the signs as a whole was very expensive at £2,600 and JRC was looking at costings should there be a way of producing one at a lower cost. The artwork would have to be purchased from the original designers. It was agreed in principle that the Parish should purchase a sign.
A possible siting for such a sign would be at the bottom of River Lane as the land there is available. JRC proposed that the Parish Council agree to setting aside a sum of £2000 towards a sign. 10 councillors agreed, 2 abstained.
At this point (7.50 pm MS left to attend another meeting).
MF, SJ, NM and Peter Downes will meet to discuss a route for the circular path which will then be discussed at the next Greens & Footpaths meeting to

be held on the 11th October.

At this point (7.55 pm) Peter Downes left the meeting.

135/09/21 District Council Report.

John Morris had circulated his report prior to the meeting and attached to these minutes. Chairman asked for any questions, there were none.

135/09/21.1 John Morris said the access point from Belle Isle to West End was dangerous for vulnerable road users due to the lack of a pavement and due to the fact that some cars swing into the link road from West End at high speeds.

Cambs CC road safety team have been requested to carry out a safety audit. One option to improve road safety would be to put in a modal filter (a lockable bollard that could be lowered in the event of flooding on Hansell Rd) so that pedestrians and cyclists could still use it as a through route but not cars. It is appreciated that such a proposal might be controversial and could divide opinion.

136/09/21 County Councillor Report

The County Councillor was not present and had not, prior to the meeting, circulated a report. Chairman will write to the County Councillor regarding attending future meetings.

Action: JMB

137/09/21 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 July 2021.

It was resolved to accept the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

138/09/21 To Receive an Update about the Progress of Resolutions from the last Meeting.

138/09/21.1 Items referenced 116/07/21.2 outstanding issues relating to new bridleways and footpaths and 119/07/21.2 unfinished footpath from West End to the A14 remain outstanding.

138/09/21.2 119/07/21.3 Footpath 24 SJ is in correspondence with CCC, a realistic target date should be inserted on the action list.

138/09/21.3 119/07/21.5 To fence in the 2 large play areas at Brampton Park, developer awaiting height of fence to be provided.

138/09/21.4 119/07/21.7 Second Village Facilities Committee. Chairman said that once the Lady Olivia Centre is operational the current Village Facilities Committee will have double the amount of work than currently and this could provide an opportunity to provide good sports facilities. He said he would take a vote at the October meeting.

138/09/21.5 Hidden milestone. Ordnance Survey still to be advised.

138/09/21.6 SJ will double check the number of the property to which the collapsed fence on the footpath leading from Layton Crescent to Brampton Park belongs.

All other actions have received the necessary attention.

139/09/21 To receive and consider recommendations from the following committee meetings

139/09/21.1 Finance held on 08 Sept 21

JRC declared an interest regarding the quote for the sign for the Homer Crossing.

AM reminded Chairs of committees that their budget requirements for the 2022/23 financial year will be required at the next finance meeting to be held

- on the 10th of November.
JC proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by JMB, all agreed.
- 139/09/21.2 Village Facilities held on 06 Sept 21.
Item 2 the Parish Council will strive to get three quotes for the cost of plotting where the utilities run on the Memorial site. These will be circulated to the Village Facilities committee for approval as this work is necessary to enable the Men's Shed project to progress.
SJ proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by MF, all agreed.
- 140/09/21 Parish Council Matters**
- 140/09/21.1 Further discussion of the Ouse Valley Way & planning of the circular path.
See 134/09/21.1 above
- 140/09/21.2 Confirm application for Local Highways Initiative Project.
It was agreed to apply for double yellow lines to be placed at the junction of Manor Close and the High Street, and also outside The Grange opposite the Grove Road junction with the High Street.
Action: Clerk
- 140/09/21.3 Consider Working Party for Climate Change Project.
GB volunteered to begin looking at some areas in which the Parish Council could become involved in such a project. This was welcomed.
The Clerk handed to GB some information supplied by the National Association of Local Councils on the subject.
Action: GB
- 140/09/21.4 To approve one of the two quotes for tree works in the Churchyard.
MB proposed acceptance of the quote received from MJC Treecare, £1,680.00, NM seconded by NM. All were in agreement.
Action: Clerk
- 140/09/21.5 Village Sign – Maintenance
MF said that she and her husband used to maintain the sign. NM said that it had now rotted at the base and MF said the brass plate is missing. MF provided the wording that was on the original brass plate and said that she would like the plate replaced at her cost. NM proposed that the plaque be made of a plastic material as it wouldn't rot or be stolen. MB seconded this and all agreed.
Action MF/JRC
- 140/09/21.6 Queen's Jubilee Celebration 2022
A discussion was held to consider holding a celebration of sorts at the Lady Olivia Centre over the weekend of the 4/5/6 and 7th of June. This would need to be with consideration to other groups within the village who may be holding their own events, as it would be better to stagger these therefore having a weekend of celebration. This will be further considered at the next Village Facilities meeting.
- 140/09/21.7 Overgrown footpath adjacent to Brampton Golf Club/Ouse (RE: Glen Brown).
GB had emailed following the July Parish Council meeting, that he had spoken with the Brampton Park Golf Club, and they said that they would arrange to have the area that they owned tidied up. He would monitor this and report back on the area, not owned by the Golf Club, that remained overgrown. The Parish Council would then consider the approach to be taken to open up the footpath to the public.
Action: GB
- 141/09/21 Councillor Training.**
The next Councillor training, arranged by CAPALC, is to take place on the 5th and 10th of October. GB and MB agreed to attend this.
Action: Clerk
- 142/09/21 The Lady Olivia Centre**

142/09/201.1 S106 update
JMB reported that he had hand delivered the Parish Council's signed copy of the allotment Grossment transfer to the solicitors. However, the transfer of the play areas is no further forward, even though the Parish Council has done all it can to expediate the matter. It is envisaged that these will not be transferred to the Parish Council until 2022 and realistically the football pitch will not be sufficiently bedded and ready for play until 2023.

143/09/21 Planning - Monthly Report

143/09/21.1 The monthly planning report had been circulated prior to the meeting. NM asked if there were any comments. He said that the list needed some updating and that he would arrange to meet with the assistant clerk and make any necessary amendments. MF proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by LR. All agreed.

144/09/21 Brampton Park Development

144/09/21.1 A question was asked as to why the path off River Lane into Brampton Park was still closed off. NM said there had been a planning application made, several years ago, to build a house in that area. He also reported that the Gatehouse at Brampton Park had not, as yet, been renovated.

144/09/21.2 NM said that a section behind the officer's mess had no streetlights. The Clerk will make enquiries as to what the intention is to rectify this.

Action: Clerk

145/09/21 Parish Communications

145/09/21.1 Brampton Magazine

This is now being produced in house using Microsoft Publisher. The Assistant Clerk administers the magazine and all items to be included should be directed through the Parish Council office.

More volunteers are needed to deliver the magazine to Brampton Park residents.

145/09/21.2 Facebook Page

JMB said the Facebook page is receiving new hits weekly.

145/09/21.3 Website

A few updates are required. The Assistant Clerk will action the updates.

Action: Assistant Clerk

146/09/21 Representatives Reports

None

147/09/21 Correspondence Received

147/09/21.1 Godmanchester Mayor's Dinner

JMB is unable to attend the dinner therefore AM volunteered to attend in his place.

147/09/21.2 HDC Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation

The draft statement is available on the district county's website

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/gambling-act-2005-consultation/>

Noted. To be passed to the Gamblers Anonymous Group that meet at the Memorial Centre.

Action: Clerk

147/09/21.3 Jonathan Djanogly, Nominations for Outstanding Local Individuals.

The Clerk suggested that Peter Menczer of the Village Hub should be nominated for his work in administering the volunteers during the Covid pandemic. The idea was welcomed by all present. JMB will put together the nomination.

Action: JMB

- 147/09/21.4 Remembrance Presentation for Parishes 2021
Noted.
- 147/09/21.5 Diamond Hampers request to use the Memorial Centre on Christmas Eve
Agreed.
- 147/09/21.6 NMU Access from West End to New Network of NMU paths.
It was agreed that the gate currently in place should remain. Wheelchair
access should be improved
- 147/09/21.7 Graham Lord move to the Falkland Islands.
Squadron Leader Graham Lord, who has been a regular attendee at Parish
Councillor meetings, is moving to the Falklands, his replacement is Squadron
Leader Adam Podmore. JMB declared the Parish Council's thanks to
Graham for his input to past meetings.

148/09/21 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 at this time.

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.

149/09/21 Confidential Matters.

None.

The meeting was closed at 21.35.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: