



BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

**Minutes of the meeting held
on Thursday the 18th of November 2021
7.15 pm at the Lady Olivia Centre, 85 Central Avenue, Brampton**

Present: Mike Bainbridge, Chairman (JMB), Nigel Maggs, Vice Chair (NM), Mike Shellens, Vice Chair (MS), Malcom Beswick (MB), Glen Brown (GB), Jon Chitty (JC), Margaret Footner (MF), Catriona French (CF), Simon Jordan (SJ).

In attendance: John Morris, District Councillor, Ken Billington, County Councillor, Tess Rogers Clerk, Kathryn Hornett Assistant Clerk. One member of the public.

Public Session: A member of the public was present and spoke as follows:

Safety on Church Road

There has been a fair amount of concern on social media recently over cyclist safety along Church Road between the Huntingdon Road roundabout and Brampton Park due to inadequate cycle tracks and fast traffic. That's a particular issue for increasing numbers of schoolchildren heading between Hinchingbrooke and the new developments.

In effect, our village is expanding to the south along Church Road into Buckden Road. However, that road is being used as a through route between Huntingdon and Buckden, and onwards to the A1.

There's a reasonable alternative route via the Thrapston Road and A1, or even along the A141, for through traffic. One way of reducing the hazard to cyclists between Brampton Park and the village would be to make Church Road a local road, deterring through traffic with a 20 mph limit and installing traffic calming measures like effective speed bumps and chicanes between Brampton Park and the Huntingdon Road. You'd need to add signage such as that used to route traffic around Papworth. The effect on local traffic ought to be minimal; I calculate the journey time difference in travelling the ¾ mile between the Huntingdon Road roundabout and Brampton Park at 20mph as opposed to 30mph would be around 45 seconds. That doesn't sound like much for Brampton or Buckden residents to get worked up about (although I'm willing to bet that some would), and I'd find it hard to sympathise with anyone coming from further afield who were to get upset by not being allowed to dash through our growing village.

If that option were pursued, a more costly further measure to consider could be to reduce that local road width and widen one side path to make it even more suitable for shared use.

The developments to the south of the village centre are part of the village and reducing the amount of through traffic would help integrate them.

I hope the PC will consider supporting the option I have described.

JMB thanked the participant for the above and replied that the contents will form part of a further discussion at a later date.

169/11/21 Chairman's Opening Remarks

JMB welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

- 170/11/21 To Receive Apologies for Absence
John Childs, previous engagement
Liz Ruston, Visiting relatives.
Ronald Stevens, Cricket AGM
Alan Mellor, annual leave
Linda Hicks, Stockmen's meeting.
All absences were approved
- 171/11/21 To Receive Declarations of Interests**
None
- 172/11/21 Village Hub**
172/11/21.1 JMB reported that the Men's shed is to start up in temporary premises at the end of Central Avenue, Brampton Park, near to the Thrift shop premises. There have been seventy expressions of interest.
172/11/21.2 JMB reported that the Village Hub is currently helping to support three Afghan families, recently moved into the village.
- 173/11/21 Youth Matters & Funding**
Nothing to report. Peter Downes is responsible for reporting on this topic. Mr Downes was not present at the meeting.
- 174/11/21 District Council Report**
John Morris had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Attached to these minutes.
174/11/21.1 John is waiting for an update from British Rail on whether traffic lights are to be installed at the new travel hub at the railway station, and what arrangements are being made for the Brampton side of the hub.
174/11/21 Shared use cycle path from Brampton Park to Huntingdon Road roundabout. John said the path is not wide enough being less than three metres in places. It was said that substandard infrastructure is better than no infrastructure at all.
There were no questions.
- 175/11/21 County Councillor Report.**
175/11/21.1 Ken Billington (County Councillor), had circulated a recent press release by email – as follows:

Residents at risk of flooding to be given extra support

Further action will be taken to protect Cambridgeshire homes from flooding, caused by excess surface water and high levels of rainfall.

Members of Cambridgeshire County Council agreed at Full Council on Tuesday (9 November) to invest more money to support residents who live in areas which are at risk. The proposal for additional support was put forward in a motion by Cllr Mark Goldsack, local member for Soham North and Isleham, seconded by Cllr Lorna Dupré, and presents recommendations to assist with managing excess surface water and possible impacts on properties. Following the decision, the council will:

- *Look into the county's underground highways system and assess any known problems it may have coping with large amounts of water in a small period*
- *To use these findings to predict which systems may be overwhelmed and use this information in future planning*
- *Ensure the findings of the Winter 2020/21 flooding report are reflected in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy when considering surface water in future highways projects*
- *Commit to the people of Cambridgeshire that anywhere small bore pipework is causing*

an issue it will be addressed by carrying out an assessment of the full cost of a programme of works to either replace the small-bore soak away pipework, with appropriate higher bore pipe work solutions that bring immediate relief and also future proof as predicted or supply full details of alternative solutions in those areas with fully costed plans of actions that will mitigate and protect property in areas of known puddling. Consideration of solutions and costs for addressing surface water flooding issues to go through the Council's ongoing business planning process

· Ask Cambridgeshire County Council's Chief Executive to write to all planning authority chairs, water companies and other relevant agencies to seek their input on these possible strategies

These plans will ensure residents of homes at risk of flooding caused by heavy downpours are as protected as possible.

Chair of Cambridgeshire County Council's Environment and Green Investment Committee, Cllr Lorna Dupré, said: "We understand the challenges faced by residents whose homes are heavily affected by heavy rainfall and high levels of surface water. We are committed to providing support and reduce the impact of this. I am pleased that this motion was supported in council and will work with our officers to ensure all changes are as effective as possible."

Chair of Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways & Transport Committee, Cllr Peter McDonald, said: "We are committed to reducing the impact of flooding across the county and continue to support residents in every way we can. Like other parts of the UK, Cambridgeshire has recently experienced particularly heavy rainfall. This can overwhelm the existing drainage system and may cause extra water on roads, streets, footpaths and into properties.

"Our highways officers carry out a drain clearing programme across the county and are in the process of designing further drainage schemes to address known issues. We also continue to work closely with residents and partners through the community flood action programme."

Cllr Mark Goldsack, local member for Soham North and Isleham, said: "I am delighted to gain unanimous support for this motion and my thanks to Mr and Mrs Pryke as I know what a struggle it has been to deal with excess rainwater in my division - they have suffered for years. I'm pleased further action will be taken to protect homes from unnecessary surface water."

The agenda and reports relating to Full Council – including the motion can be read on our website [here](#)

The council is planning a consultation about the Cambridgeshire Flood Risk Management Strategy, which provides the framework for managing flood risk within the County for 2021-2027. This will be discussed next week at Cambridgeshire County Council's Environment and Green Investment Committee meeting on Tuesday, 16 November. For more information and to read the committee papers, visit our [website](#).

175/11/21.2 SJ asked Mr Billington to help regarding foliage growing from the drainage adjacent to the cycle path..... Mr Billington will contact Highways England.

175/11/21.2 A discussion was held concerning the fatal accident that happened near to Swifts garage several weeks ago. Since when the police have carried out speed checks. They are in possession of CCTV footage of the incident

176/11/21 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20.10 2021.

John Morris asked for three corrections to be made at 155/10/21.4. these were handwritten into the minutes following which it was resolved that the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.

177/11/21 To Receive an Update about the Progress of Resolutions from the last Meeting.

- 177/11/21.1 154/10/21.1 A survey regarding youth activities is to be carried out at local schools. **Action Peter Menczer – outstanding.**
- 177/11/21.2 155/10.4 the pedestrian crossing at Saracen Gardens is too small, those that put it in did it incorrectly. The Parish Council will write to the County Council. **Action Clerk – outstanding.**
- 177/11/21.3 158/10/21.2 NM to engage with the Belle Isle Residents Association re the access point leading from Belle Isle to West End. This is proving dangerous and should, perhaps, be closed. This doesn't fall within the jurisdiction of Belle Isle, but NM will attend the Belle Isle residents AGM in January. JMB has documents from Peter Downes regarding a proposal. A report will be made at the February Parish Council Meeting.
In addition, a Belle Isle resident has asked the County Council to carry out a safety audit of the area. Ken Billington will chase this up.
- 177/11/21.4 158/10/21.3 Hidden milestone, action still required. Now that the verge has been mowed and foliage has died back the milestone is now visible. It needs moving to the other side of the old waste disposal site. Linda Hicks will be approached for her assistance.
- 177/11/21.5 136/09/21.1 JMB to liaise with Laura Hampshire at HE re outstanding issues relating to new bridleways and footpaths. Action JMB – outstanding.
- 177/11/21.6 138/09/21 JMB to write to Highways England regarding the unfinished footpath from West End to the A14. Action JMB – outstanding.
- 177/11/21.7 159/10/21.2.2 Street lights at Kyle Crescent not working. JMB to deal once he receives the job number given by Amey. JMB has contacted RAF Marham but has received no reply to his calls. He will call again.
All other actions have received the appropriate attention.
- 178/11/21 To receive and consider recommendations from the following committee meetings**
- 178/11/21.1 Village Facilities held on the 1st of November.
Utility pipe work survey now complete
JC will provide a specification for a ceiling mounted projector – blue toothed enabled. **Action: JC**
MF proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by NM, all agreed.
- 178/11/21.2 Churchyard & Cemetery held on the 6th of November.
MB asked why the committee had refused a particular memorial. The reasoning was that the requested memorial would get broken is hit by a mower/trimmer. The cemetery rules are to be amended to reflect this.
CF proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by JC, all agreed.
- 178/11/21.3 Finance held on the 10th of November.
- 178/11/21.3.1 11.3, Budget figure set for the support of Afghan families moving into the village. JMB proposed a figure of £1000.00 be made available if it was needed. All agreed.
- 178/11/21.3.2 JMB said that at the December meeting a vote will be taken to decide upon the precept for the 2022-23 precept.
JMB proposed acceptance of the minutes, JC seconded, all agreed.
- 178/11/21.4 Planning held on the 15th of November.
The minutes were not available. However, the clerk reported that of the three applications discussed, all received the approval of the planning committee with no contentious issues.
- 179/11/21 Parish Council Matters**
- 179/11/21.1 Consideration to be given to the provision of a community allotment.
This had been raised by Peter Menczer at the previous meeting. It was agreed to add this to the waiting list of both allotment sites and the first allotment on either site that became vacant would be used for this purpose. It

- was also agreed that the allotment would be provided free of charge.
- 179/11/21.2 Update on a climate change action plan.
GB is leading a working party on this subject and following the group's first meeting on the 1st of December will report back to the Parish Council with a proposal for what actions it can take to aid climate change.
- 179/11/21.3 Transport
JMB reported that he had made enquiries into the lease or purchase of a `small van but felt the costs outweighed the need. It is envisaged that once the Lady Olivia Centre is open there will be less need for the movement of both staff and equipment.
- 179/11/21.4 To consider granting the filming of a 'Love to Move' session at the Memorial Centre in 2022 by the British Gymnastics TV.
MS said that if filming took place the permission of those being filmed would be required. This would be the responsibility of the group arranging the filming. The concept was agreed.
- John Morris and Ken Billington left the meeting at 8.35 pm**
- 179/11/21.5 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.
- 179/11/21.5.1 JMB proposed that residents be asked if they might be holding street parties, following which the Parish Council will apply for all the road closures necessary. This will be discussed in more detail at the December meeting.
- 179/11/21.5.2 A brief discussion was held regarding the lighting of the beacon at the Lady Olivia Centre and for how long it would be lit. A question was asked as to whether the land upon which the beacon stood would be owned by the Parish Council at the time of the celebrations. GB and MS will lobby the District Council regarding this using the Jubilee Celebrations as a lever.
Action: GB/MS
- The jubilee celebrations will be discussed further at the December meeting.
- 179/11/21.5.3 The Events Group will be asked what they will be organising in order that any event arranged by the Parish Council doesn't clash. **Action: Clerk**
- 179/11.21.6 CCTV update.
- 179/11/21.6.1 The CCTV fit out at the Memorial Centre is almost complete, there is still a camera to be installed on one of the flood lights. This will be fitted once a date is known for the sports lighting contractor to visit site to lower the floodlight. The CCTV will be connected to elected personnel's mobile devices.
- 179/11/21.6.2 The CCTV fit out at the Lady Olivia Centre is to be carried out on the 23rd of November. The broadband will be installed on the 1st of December, following which the CCTV will then be connected to elected personnel's mobile devices.
- 179/11/21.7 Code of Conduct Petition
Jackie Weaver, Chief Officer of The Cheshire Association of Local Councils, had circulated an email asking for as many parish councils as possible to sign a petition as below:
"The Government should amend legislation to enable Councillors to be disqualified or suspended for breaching relevant Codes of Conduct. Some Councillors behave unacceptably, yet currently sanctions do not enable Councillors to be disqualified or suspended for breaches of a Code of Conduct.
Most Councillors maintain high standards of conduct, but a significant minority engage in unacceptable behaviour, such as harassment & bullying incl. racist, sexist, ableist abuse."
This activity would be grounds for dismissal in an employment setting, and equivalent sanctions should exist for Councillors.

CF said that should it be considered an individual be dismissed on the grounds of misfit he/she should have the right to appeal. JMB said that if the Parish Council agrees to sign, should the wording be included into the new code, this could be specified at that time. He proposed that the Parish Council signs the petition, all agreed.

180/11/21 The Lady Olivia Centre

180/11/21.1 Update on fit out.
Unfortunately, the lighting contractors keep putting the fit out back due to varying reasons. The latest date given for the commencement is the 29th of November.

181/11/21 Planning - Monthly Report

NM led the meeting through the monthly update report page by page. All applications that have received approval will be removed from the report in the future. There were no contentious issues, and the report was noted.

182/11/21 Brampton Park Development

182/11/21.1 The Clerk has received complaints of youths climbing over the gate leading to the back of the Lady Olivia Centre, the police have been alerted. It is hoped that this will stop once the Centre is fully open.

182/11/21.2 NM reported that he had cycled past the old officer's mess in the dark and there are no streetlights. The clerk said that she had spoken to Campbell Buchanan on the matter and was told there are no plans to install lighting. However, it was agreed to write to Campbell Buchanan and the clerk will liaise with MS before doing so.

Action: Clerk/MS

183/11/21 Parish Communications

183/11/21.1 Brampton Magazine
Kathryn Hornett, Assistant Clerk, is now editing the magazine and doing an amazing job.

183/11/21.2 Facebook Page
JMB reported this is going well and received 1700 hits when the bridge at the railway station was closed.

183/11/21.3 Website.
Kathryn said the site still needs a little more updating which she will do as time goes on.

184/11/21 Representatives Reports

MF reported that rotary club volunteers would be helping with groundwork in the churchyard on the 20th of November. MB said that the Black Bull was holding a function that day so the volunteers would be unable to use the car park therefore would need to park in the church hall car park.

185/11/21 Correspondence Received

185/11/21.1 Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 14.01.22 virtual.
Noted.

186/11/21 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.

186/11/21.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee – further discussion

186/11/21.2 Update – Car Park at the back of the shop

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.

187/11/21 Confidential Matters.
None.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: