

# ***Draft minutes of the BRAMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING***

**WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023 AT 6.30 PM**

**Brampton Memorial Centre  
Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB**

**Present:** Mike Bainbridge, Parish Council Chairman, Nigel Maggs, John Childs, Jon Chitty, Margaret Footner, Alan Mellor, Max Roberts, Liz Ruston, Mike Shellens. Tess Rogers Parish Clerk.  
Peter Menczer - Village Hub, Alan Barratt - Dementia Group, Charlotte Robinson - Events Group, Mick Forsdick – Royal British Legion, and three members of the public

## **AGENDA**

1. Introduction  
Councillor Bainbridge welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. To Receive Apologies  
Received from Councillor Beswick
3. Minutes of the Annual Assembly held 20 April 2022.  
Available on the website, from the clerk prior to the meeting. The minutes were resolved to be a true record of the meeting by those present at that meeting.
4. Brampton Parish Council  
Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council and Chairpersons of the various committees. Questions on Parish Council and Committee business will be taken by the Chairpersons.  
7 reports (to include that of the Chairman) are available to view on the Parish Council website at [www.bramptonpc-org-uk](http://www.bramptonpc-org-uk). There was no report from the Sports & Recreations Committee. The reports could also be viewed on pages 4-9 of the April edition of the Brampton Magazine and on the Parish Council website.
  - 4.1 A question was put to the Greens & Footpaths chair. Regarding the cyclist path leading from the end of Elizabethan Way up to the Homer Crossing. This then goes past West End, bears to the left and then right. The tarmac then runs out and becomes gravel. The query was then should the tarmac be continued? Cllr Bainbridge said this was not the Parish Council's responsibility. Cllr Rushden said it was a Highways Agency responsibility.
  - 4.2 Cllr Footner said that the milestone at the Brampton Hut required painting, ex councillor Jordan used to attend to this. The Greens & Footpaths committee will attend to this.
  - 4.3 JMB Chair of the Allotments Committee, said that the 'Best Kept Allotments' will be judged in July therefore the winners will receive their recognition after that date.
5. **Representatives from the following organisations were present to give reports and answer questions:**
  - 5.1 Alan Barratt Dementia Activities in the village  
Mr Barratt read a lengthy report to the meeting. He said that he had first approached the Parish Council for support in December 2018. Two river trips had been organized for those with dementia. He said that he is looking to contact those at the beginning of their journey with dementia but it's difficult as many don't wish to admit or reveal that they have the disease. Attached to these minutes.

5.2 Mick Forsdick Royal British Legion (RBL).

Mr Forstick commented on the Remembrance Parade of 2022, saying that he was hoping that 2023 would be an improvement with recognition to the fallen being made in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day. He said that Huntingdon has the highest number of veterans in the country. Individuals do not have to have served in the military to become a member of the RBL and membership is £18 per annum.

5.3 Judith Chitty/Charlotte Thrift Shop and Brampton Events Robinson

Judith Chitty spoke briefly on the success of the Thrift Shop saying that the shop has enabled some large donations to be made to local and military groups. Charlotte Robinson read through her report making note that the Summer Fete will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July and the Christmas Fayre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

5.4 Peter Menczer Village Hub

Peter Menczer spoke on the number of village organisations that operated together to form the Village Hub. He mentioned that the Men's Shed may be able to help voluntary groups with PAT testing and that the shed had helped many residents by repairing different items. He said that the Men's Shed and Craft Club have had a very positive effect on surgery patients. Peter said of Diamond Hampers, that they require more volunteers and are under immense pressure to distribute food to all those in need.

5.5 County Councillor, Ken Billington thanked the Parish Council for its' understanding regarding his current illness. He said he had tried to be present at the Parish Council meetings when he could. He said that he had lobbied the County Council to get the many pot holes, now evident, repaired. Many had been done in such a manner that it will only be a matter of time before the repair breaks down.

The cycle way between Brampton and Buckden has been approved and work should commence during the summer holidays of 2023.

Cllr Billington congratulated the Parish Council on its' support of the Men's Shed and Craft Club and upon the professional way in which it acts.

He has managed to assist a number of people in successfully resolving various issues.

A resident mentioned that the speed limit as you enter Brampton from Buckden is 60mph which then falls to 30mph. Cllr Billington responded that there will be a buffer speed limit introduced bringing the 60mph down to 40mph before becoming 30mph.

5.6 Police report – Cllr Bainbridge asked if, having read the report on the Parish Council website, there were any questions. There were none.

## 6. Open Forum

There was nothing raised to be discussed in open forum.

Cllr Bainbridge thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:  
Chair

Date: