BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Alan Mellor

Minutes of meeting of the **Greens & Footpaths Committee** held in the Community Centre, High Street, Brampton on **Monday 12th of June at 7.00 pm**.

Present: Nigel Maggs, Chair (NM), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Jon Chitty, (JC), Natasha Pope (NP).

In attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th of February 2023.

The minutes had been accepted at the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd of March. Therefore, taken as read. NM signed the minutes.

4. Action List Arising from those minutes.

- 4.1 4.2 To ask MS if he has any further information re street lighting on Central Ave between the LOC and Montague Road. Action, add to the Parish council meeting agenda October 2023.
- 4.4 NM to liaise with Ken Billington re suggested new footpath from Centenary Way leading to the new footpath.
 It is thought that there is very little chance of a footpath being provided and Ken Billington had suggested a phased speed limit being put in place. NM will ask Mr Billington if there had been any progress regarding this.
- 4.3 4.5 Chase Bellways re proposed footbridge to be built at the end of Dorling Way. Bellways have reported that they are awaiting approval of the design from Cambridgeshire County Council.
- 4.4 6.5 Clerk to approach other parishes regarding plans for smartening up shop frontages. There has been no response to the approach made via the SLCC. A suggestion was made to remove the concrete planters currently in situ and replace them with a wooden version. This will be added to the agenda for the September meeting.

5. Street Lighting.

5.1 It was reported that the lights at Knowles Close had been replaced with LED lamps.

6. Greens and Footpaths

- 6.1. Ongoing common land at 32 Buckden Road. A meeting is to be held with the solicitors on the 26th of June as there is confusion over the area of land under discussion being not as specified on their map.
- 6.2. To consider the quote to replace the notice on the Village Green.

 This is peeling off; a local sign maker has been approached for a quote which has not yet been received.
- 6.3 Village Sports Day to be held on the Village Green Saturday 2nd September 2023. Noted.
- 6.4 To agree to the Circus visiting the Village Green from the 6th of May 2024 to the 12th May 2024.

 This was agreed.
- To consider the quotes received for treeworks required at the Memorial Centre and Village Green.
 It was agreed to accept the quote from the company Richardsons for the works needed on the Village Green and at West End/Elizabeth Way and that from M.J.C Tree Care for the work on the Memorial Centre Playing Field.
- 6.6 To decide upon a date and route for the annual walkabout. This will be held on the 3rd of July at 6.30pm, meet outside The Grange on the High Street. All members of the Parish Council will be invited.
- 6.7 General
- 6.7.1 A local resident reported that footpath number 3 leading onto Buckden Road shows as a cycle path, should this be a permitted walkway? NM reported that the landowner has no concern with people walking across the land as long as motorized vehicles do not attempt to do so.
- 6.7.2 Ex Councillor Simon Jordan had suggested that now that footpath 24 leading to Hinchingbrooke Park has been completed it should be called King Charles III Walkway. A discussion was held, and it was agreed to call the footpath Kings Walk.
- 6.7.3 A resident had phoned the office to ask why the pathway at Wood View near the Laws Crecent play area has not been cut back. The response was that this is not a designated footpath and perhaps the County Council have not cut it back due to no mow May. However, there is an alternative, proper footpath that people can use so this is not a necessity. Also, Nursery Walk has not been cut back. Again, due to 'no mow May' and the County Council will catch up as time progresses.
- 6.8 It was agreed to join the 'Open Spaces Society.
- 6.9 The grounds man will be asked to strim the footpath leading from Horeshoes Way to Leyton Crescent.
- 6.10 The hedge along the footpath leading from Rectory Close to the playing field is becoming overgrown. The American base will be contacted to deal with this.

7 PRoWs

- 7.1 To consider a barrier at the end of footpath 24 leading on to Thrapston Road.

 There is a concern that there is no safety barrier at the access entry point to the footpath as it leads onto Thrapston Road. NM suggested that the Parish Council place a key clamp barrier on the edge of the pavement which will stop pedestrians and cyclists from inadvertently walking onto the road from the footpath. In addition to place a reducer at the footpath entrance to stop motor cyclists from accessing the path.
- 7.2 Ouse Valley Way Marathon 10.09.23. Noted.

8. Bus Shelters, Village Benches, Litter Bins

- 8.1.1 Additional litter bins/benches required (if any).
- 8.1.2 There is no call for additional bins at this time.
- 8.2 Bus shelters general.

The bus shelter and signage which Bellways are to place along Miller Way will be sited once the footbridge and footpath, awaiting completion, are done.

9. Trees/Hedges, Verges

9.1 To consider a community orchard.

Councillor, Mike Bainbridge had been contacted via Facebook by a resident suggesting the setup of a community orchard. This was decided against as there is no suitable land available to the Parish Council to do this.

9.2 To consider a donation towards the provision of trees to be planted in individual residents' gardens.

A resident had attended the last Parish Council meeting to ask if there was any funding available to provide trees for individual residents to plant in their gardens. This was delegated to the Greens & Footpaths committee for discussion. Following which it was decided that Parish Council funds could not be used to benefit individuals in this way.

9.3 General

Nothing raised under this item.

10. Next Agenda Items/Next Meeting

Nothing was mentioned at this time.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

| Signed: | Date: |
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| Chair | |