

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the meeting
held at The Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road,
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22nd of March 2023

Present: Mike Bainbridge, Chairman (JMB), Nigel Maggs, Vice Chairman (NM), Malcolm Beswick (MB), John Childs (JRC), Margaret Footner (MF), Alan Mellor (AM), Natasha Pope (NP), Maxwell Roberts (MR), Liz Rusden (LR).

In Attendance: Ken Billington, County Councillor, Dave Shaw, District Councillor, Peter Menczer, Village Hub representative, Tess Rogers, Clerk

36/03/23 Chairman's Opening Remarks.

JMB welcomed attendees to the meeting.

37/03/23 To Receive Apologies for Absence

John Chitty, annual leave, Mike Shellens, unwell, Patricia Jordon, District Councillor.

38/03/23 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.

LR re agenda item 44/03/21.4.

39/03/23 Village Hub

Peter Menczer reported on the S106 funds of £95K being held at County level and received from the Brampton Park development. He said that he had been made aware of this funding at a very late stage and was expected to provide a plan by the 15th of February 2023 of the way in which it was to be spent. Peter had contacted several organisations within the village, who met the criteria for which the funding could be used for and he had managed to develop the plan in sufficient time. The plan was accepted, and all of the funding should be with him by the end of March.

40/03/23 Youth Matters & Funding.

Peter Menczer spoke of the success of the youth club which started in September with 6 attendees and has since had 115 young people attend at one time or another. There is now a problem with space as the hall in which the club meets can only accommodate 40 young people at a time, along with the equipment required to run the club. 21 young people had to be turned away at the last meeting. JMB said the Parish Council would look at how the space within the centre could possibly be expanded. Peter said that sufficient adults could be available to cope with a greater number of youth club attendees.

Peter mentioned that a grant of £10K to help with young people's mental issues had been received and would be passed on to the local surgery who will use this to employ a specialist in young people's health.

Peter thanked the Parish Council for supporting the Village Hub's 2023-24 budget.

JMB thanked Peter for his comprehensive update on both the above subjects.

41/03/23 District Council Report

The District Council report had been circulated prior to the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the need for double yellow lines outside the Nisa store at Miller Way as cars and large delivery lorries park preventing the buses getting through and also on the grass verges causing these to get extremely churned up, particularly during the extremely bad weather recently experienced. JMB felt that yellow lines would not solve the issue. MB said that perhaps the deliveries could be made by several smaller vehicles such as Luton vans as used elsewhere. It was agreed to talk with the owners of the store in order to find a solution to this ongoing problem.

Action: Clerk

42/03/23 County Councillor Report

Ken Billington commenced his report by saying that perhaps weight restrictions placed at Miller Way might aid the above situation. He then reported:

That the shop in Buckden has had to close due to the rise in the cost of living.

The funding for the cycle path between Brampton and Buckden has now been approved.

The potholes along Thrapston Road are re-opening in spite of having been repaired quite recently. This is due to the holes being repaired, using dragon patches, for speed. Ken said that he is lobbying Cambridgeshire County Council about having the holes repaired properly. This is not just a problem locally but across the country.

DEFRA is now looking at forbidding the placing of food waste into the green bins which will be for garden waste only. An additional bin will be provided for the disposal of food waste while the cost of the collection of the garden waste will be met by the homeowners.

43/03/23 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd of February 2023.

MF requested that the name 'Jock' was removed at agenda item 30/02/23.1.

The deletion was made by hand following which it was resolved that the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.

44/03/23 To Receive an Update about the Progress of Resolutions from the last meeting.

44/03/21.1 170/11/22.1 Outstanding with JMB. A14 issues. LR said that she would forward the contact details to JMB of the Highways England representative responsible for clearing up the final issues following the recent A14 works.

44/03/21.2 26/02/23.3 Thermal imaging camera – Buckden Parish Council. Outstanding with JMB.

44/03/21.3 Defects within the Lady Olivia Centre – JRC awaiting response from audio Visual.

44/03/21.4 Low Hartay, Brampton. The issue has been raised with the local planning office who appear unconcerned. Brampton will continue to monitor the situation.

All other actions have received the appropriate attention.

45/03/23 To Note the Minutes of the Following Meetings and to Consider the Approval of the Recommendations being made within them.

45/03/23.1 Allotments held on the 4th of March.

As usual a skip would be provided on the Thrapston site but unfortunately there is no where at the Brampton Park site where a skip could be located, as the area outside of the allotments is not controlled by the Parish Council.

MF proposed acceptance of the minutes, AM seconded, and all agreed.

45/03/23.2 Sports & Receptions held on the 7th of March.
A brief discussion was held regarding reducing the trees at the back of the playing field to 10 feet. However, the tree contractor had said this would leave only the trunks. It was agreed that the bowls club would certainly not agree to the trees being cut back as cricket and football balls would then be free to cross over to the bowls green, which could cause injury to the bowlers. MB proposed that the trees are not removed, seconded by AM, all agreed.
AM then proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by MF, all agreed.

45/03/23.3 Finance held on the 14th of March.
AM asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were none. LR proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by MB, all agreed.

46/03/23 Parish Council Matters

46/03/23.1 To review the Model Standing Orders.
The Clerk said that generally the only required changes were to the wording of Chairman throughout the document, this was changed to 'chair' and likewise the word 'him' was changed to 'his/her/their'. AM proposed adoption of the document, seconded by MB, all agreed.

46/03/23.2 To decide upon undertaking searches on the gifted land.
The solicitors have asked if the Parish Council wished them to carry out necessary searches. The Parish Council are approaching the local planning office to ask what searches are required for the land's change of use. It was agreed to consider the searches at the April meeting.

Action: Clerk

46/03/23.3 To consider nominations for the Coronation Award Scheme – unsung heroes.
The Queen has given her backing to a new award scheme for the coronation to honour the "unsung heroes" who volunteer to help their communities.
One name has been put forward. The office will ensure that the necessary paperwork is completed, and the name is entered for consideration.

Action: Clerk

46/03/23.4 To consider arrangements for the Annual Assembly.
The Annual Assembly will take place on the 26th of April at the Memorial Centre. The agenda and committee chair's reports will be available in the April edition of the Brampton Magazine. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and will be followed by refreshments.

46/03/23.5 Bank Balances
These were noted.

47/03/23 The Lady Olivia Centre

Quotations for a new front door are being sought.

48/03/23 Planning – monthly report 23/02/23 to 22/03/23

The monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. NM guided the meeting through the report. The Clerk was asked to clarify the response at reference 22/01509/FUL as received from the planning office. She will check with the Assistant Clerk.

Action: Clerk

49/03/23 Parish Communications

The website, Facebook page and Brampton Magazine are all operating well.

50/03/23 Representatives Reports

There were none.

51/03/23 Correspondence Received

51/03/23.1 CCC 20mph funding.

A discussion was held regarding 20mph speed limits within the village. Most of the centre of the village already has a 20mph speed restriction placed upon it. As yet Brampton Park is

unadopted, but areas do have a 20mph restriction placed by the developers. MB proposed that the restriction be placed between the roundabout leading onto Buckden Road from Huntingdon and Brampton Park. 6 members agreed with this while there were 3 abstentions.

Action: Clerk

51/03/23.2 District Council urges residents to apply for additional energy bill support scheme.

Noted.

51/03/23.3 Alternative Land Management for Biodiversity in your Parish/Town.

51/03/23.3.1 LR suggested that the area behind the Memorial Garden on the playing field be left unmown during May. Although no firm decision was made supporting this.

51/03/23.3.2 A letter had been received from the grounds manager at Huntingdon District Council requesting the opportunity to personally speak to the Parish Council about biodiversity in the Parish. JMB suggested to invite her to speak at the April Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will offer the invitation.

51/03/23.4 Vibrant Communities Scheme funding.

Huntingdon District Council has allocated funding from the Shared Prosperity (Vibrant Communities) Fund Delivery Plan to Brampton. It was agreed that this funding is offered to the Events Group as their activities meet the criteria upon which the funds can be spent.

51/03/23.5 Upcoming Flood Resilience Days.

Noted, should anyone wish to attend.

52/03/23 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.

52/03/23.1 To consider placing CCTV on the High Street.

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.

53/03/23 Confidential Matters

A staffing matter raised at the Personnel Working Group meeting held on the 20th of March, was brought to the meeting and discussed.

The meeting was closed at 10pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date: