

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the meeting held at The Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road,
at 8.15 pm following the Annual Assembly
on Wednesday 26th of April 2023.

Present: Mike Bainbridge, Chairman (JMB), Nigel Maggs, Vice Chairman (NM),
Mike Shellens, Vice Chairman (MS) John Childs (JRC),
Jon Chitty (JC), Margaret Footner (MF), Alan Mellor (AM),
Natasha Pope (NP), Maxwell Roberts (MR), Liz Ruston (LR).

In attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk, Billy Blissett, Prospective Councillor. 2 members of the public.

Public Participation: Two residents of Manor Close asked about the progress of the double yellow lines being placed at the junction of Manor Close with the High Street. This, along with the same being placed outside of the Grange on the High Street, had been put forward as a Local Highway Initiative in 2021 but had been refused by the County Council due to being below the funding threshold. Whereby the residents thought that the Parish Council had agreed to fund the project. This wasn't so, the minute of the meeting where this matter was discussed (July 2021) read as follows:-

"JMB proposed that the Parish Council pay for yellow lines to be laid down. It was agreed to investigate the cost of doing this. The Clerk will convey to Simon Crampin that the Parish Council is seeking, without commitment, quotes for the provision of yellow lines".
AM asked if any of the residents had contacted the police when illegal parking was occurring. This had been done and an officer did attend once. It was agreed to revisit the situation. The residents were asked to make a log of when the incidents occurred in order to form a pattern of when this was most prevalent. JMB thanked the residents for attending, whereby they left the meeting.

54/04/23 Chairman's Opening Remarks

JMB thanked those present for attending. He said that more needed to be done with regard to the yellow lines as mentioned above and that a working party is needed to take this forward. This will appear on the agenda for the May Parish Council meeting.

55/04/23 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Malcolm Beswick, District Councillors Dave Shaw and Patricia Jordan. County Councillor Ken Billington, having attended the Annual Assembly and given his report there, did not stay for this meeting.

56/04/23 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 item 66/04/23.1

MS re item 60/04/23.1, 5.1

57/04/23 To consider an application received for the position of Parish Councillor.

Mr Billy Blissett had submitted his application form for the vacant position of Parish Councillor and this had been circulated prior to the meeting. JMB proposed acceptance of the application, agreed by all. Whereby BB joined the councillors at the table having completed the Acceptance of Office form. He will complete the Declaration of pecuniary Interests form and return it to the office at a later date.

58/04/23 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd March 2023.

AM proposed the acceptance of the minutes as being a true record of the meeting, seconded by MF and agreed by all.

59/04/23 To Receive an Update about the Progress of Resolutions from the last meeting.

59/04/23.1 44/03/21.1 JMB to liaise with Laura Hampshire at HE re outstanding issues relating to new bridleways and footpaths. Outstanding with JMB.

59/04/23.2 44/03/21.1 JMB to write to Highways England regarding the unfinished footpath from West End to the A14. Outstanding with JMB.

59/04/23.3 44/03/21.2 JMB to ask Buckden Parish Council if we might borrow their thermal imaging camera if there is any need for it. This had been agreed. However any resident wishing to use the camera will need to request to do so through the Clerk, who will then make the request to Buckden Parish Council.

59/04/23.4 51/03/23 20mph speed limit to be proposed from the Huntingdon Road roundabout to Brampton Park. Following the meeting it was agreed not to progress with this matter.

All other actions had received the necessary attention.

60/04/23 To Note the Minutes of the Following Meetings and to Consider the Approval of the Recommendations being made within them.

60/04/23.1 Village Facilities held on the 17th of April.

60/04/23.1.1 4.5 To consider the purchase/hire of a piano for use at the Lady Olivia Centre. AM said that there were plenty of second hand pianos available on various internet sites. MS suggested the JRC call him as he knows of an available piano.

60/04/23.1.2 5.1 regarding the configuration of the Community Centre. The Parish Council agreed to consider the provision of funding towards the refurbishment of the kitchen and the storage area leading from it.

60/04/23.1.3 6.3 regarding the youth club requiring extra space at the Memorial Centre. In order to provide this the Parish Council would need to find another venue for the regular hirer of the Community Room if they were in agreement.

MF proposed acceptance of the minutes and the recommendations made within them, seconded by LR, all agreed.

60/04/23.2 Churchyard & Cemetery held on the 21st of April.

60/04/23.1 MF had requested some amendments be made to the minutes after they had been circulated for this meeting. This had been done.

60/04/23.1.2 12.5 It was agreed that grave owners would be given one month's notice to remove ornaments etc that have been placed on graves but which are contravening the rules of the Cemetery.

60/04/23.1.3 JC then proposed acceptance of the minutes with the changes incorporated, seconded by NM and all agreed.

61/04/23 Parish Council Matters

61/04/23.1 Bike & Scooter marking scheme.

Prices had been received from Bike Register. A discussion was held whereby it was agreed that this was a worthwhile project considering the number of bicycles that get stolen. The Parish Council agreed to fund the project and agreed on purchasing 200 of the permanent marking kits at £4.10 each.

61/04/23.2 To discuss the provision of yellow lines at Manor Close.

As per the public participation item taken prior to the beginning of the meeting. In addition JMB said that the project would be worthwhile. MR said that yellow lines are a visual deterrent. However, AM felt that if the Parish Council were to install the yellow lines then it would be creating a precedent and others would demand yellow lines in other areas of the village where parking is a problem. NP said that those who park on the junction of Manor close and the High Street are already committing an offence and yellow lines would be enforcing the Highway Code. JMB then proposed that the yellow lines were introduced, eight were in agreement, two against and one abstained. Therefore process and costings will be sought.

61/04/23.3 To consider the purchase of 6 x A1 'Advance Road Closure' notices for the Remembrance Day parade to be held in November.

It was agreed to purchase the signs at a cost of £10.00 each.

61/04/23.4. To consider the renewal of the membership to CAPALC.

It was agreed to renew the membership at the cost of £1,028.40, this price is based on the number of electors in the village.

61/04/23.5 Bank Balances

Noted.

62/04/23 The Lady Olivia Centre

62/04/23.1 JRC had met with a hall hirer who had asked if it would be possible to have a barbeque at the Centre during their weekend hire. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to what kind of barbeque would be used before a decision was made.

63/04/23 Planning – monthly report 23.03.23 to 26.04.23.

NM summarized the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He pointed out that there was one application still in circulation due back to Huntingdon District Council on the 29th of April. MF then proposed acceptance of the report, this was seconded by JC, and all agreed.

64/04/23 Parish Communications

64/04/23.1 JMB reported that the website, Brampton Magazine and the Parish Council Facebook page were all operating well.

65/04/23 Representatives Reports

65/04/23.1 Update on Climate Change.

There was no update. JC reported on the meeting that he had attended in Cambridge, saying it was of little use.

65/04/23.2 Thomas Miller Charity, AM reported all of the current financial year's unspent profit will be donated to the Village Hub.

66/04/23 Correspondence Received

66/04/23.1 Bedford Group of Drainage Board.

Noted and the newsletter will be placed on the website.

66/04/23.2 District Council approves Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy

Noted.

67/04/23 To Accept Notices and Matters for The Next Agenda

67/04/23.1 Working party required for the yellow lines project

6704/23.2 Refurbishment of the kitchen and storage area leading from it at the Community Centre.

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.

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.

68/04/23 Confidential Matters

A confidential staffing matter was discussed.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: