

**BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CHAIRMAN: Alan Mellor**



Minutes of the **Greens & Footpaths Committee** meeting  
held in the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton  
on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm.**

**Present:** Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Sue Clarke (SC), Natasha Pope (NP).

**In Attendance:** Tess Rogers, Clerk. 16 members of the public.

**To Elect a Chair in the absence of Nigel Maggs**

JMB proposed that he took the Chair for this meeting, NP seconded this, and SC agreed.

**1. Apologies**

Nigel Maggs, annual leave, Jon Chitty, conflicting meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

None.

NP proposed that items 5.4 and 5.5 be brought forward to this point in the meeting with item 5.5 being taken first, JMB seconded and SC agreed.

**5.5 Consideration that a piece of land be made available where dogs can be exercised off lead.**

NP voiced the background behind this item. She said that there had been reports of dogs being exercised off lead on the playing field and some had frightened young children and there had been instances of some people being bitten. NP asked the members of the public present that if a piece of alternative ground could be found where their dogs could be exercised off lead would they be amenable to this? Whereby the playing field would be only available to dogs being exercised on lead.

Comments received from the audience were:

The ground would need to be central to the village and well maintained.

The playing field is easily accessed by those with disabilities

Dog walking on the playing field isn't just about walking the dogs but is seen as a social meeting place for the owners to get together.

It was said by one that having walked on the field for 7 years no dog attack has been witnessed.

NP said that she would only pursue looking for a suitable place if dog walkers would be amenable to the suggestion. The consensus was that what NP was suggesting was laudable but generally there was no interest in her pursuing the issue.

**5.4 Consideration of a suggestion that dogs should be kept on lead on the playing field.**

One member of the public asked how the keeping of dogs on lead would be policed? JMB said that Huntingdonshire District Council would police this.

Another problem with dogs running free is the amount of dog excrement left on the field. It was thought that this was often left by people walking their dogs off lead in the dark.

It was also said that if anyone suffered problems with dogs off lead, they should report these to the Clerk.

JMB proposed that both of the above items are sensitive issues and that these should be taken to the full Parish Council meeting to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February for further discussion. This was agreed.

- 3. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.**  
NP proposed the acceptance of the minutes as being a true record of the meeting, seconded by SC, all agreed.
- 4. Action List Arising from those minutes.**
  - 4.1 4.2.4.4 NM to ask Ken Billington if there has been any progress with the suggested new footpath from Centenary Way leading to the new footpath. Outstanding.
  - 4.2 6.6.1 NM requested that the Clerk once again contacts Bellway with reference to when the proposed footbridge at the end of Dorling Way will be completed. Bellways have said that the works will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March and take 16 weeks to complete.
  - 4.3 6.6.2 NM requested that the Clerk liaise with Ken Billington re the suggested new footpath from Centenary Way leading to the new footpath. This is to be left with Ken Billington.
  - 4.4 6.6.3 NM will discuss with Ken Billington the progress if any on the phased speed limit being put in place. Completed.
  - 4.5 6.6.4 NM asked for the Clerk to investigate the plans for smartening up the shop frontages.- Remove from the action list.
  - 4.6 6.6.5 An update on the King Charles Walkway sign was requested by NM, the Clerk is to contact John Childs. To ask John again, also if he could prepare the sign NP said she would help as she was once a sign maker.
- 5. Street Lighting.**
  - 5.1 The street light to the left of the village green on the footpath to Cranfield Way needs checking as it may not be working.
- 6. Greens and Footpaths**
  - 6.1 Ongoing – common land at 32 Buckden Road.  
This is ongoing between the would be lessees and the solicitors.
  - 6.2 Absolute Storm Fitness – use of the Village Green.  
Request received from a fitness instructor to operate fitness classes on the Village Green since the previous instructor is no longer operating. It was agreed to allow this at no charge. However the instructor is required to provide her insurance certificate to the Parish Council.
  - 6.3 To consider a request for bollards to be placed on the grassed area near the Nisa Shop.  
A concerned resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding vehicles parking on the verges around the Nisa shop, the verges are becoming churned up and, particularly when the Nisa are receiving deliveries and the lorries park on the verges. A request for bollards to be put on the verges was made. A discussion took place and it was agreed that bollards weren't the answer. NP suggested the possibility of a sausage kerb similar to that in Cambourne. She said that she would take a photograph of this kerb. This could perhaps be a proposal for when the next round of Local Highways Initiative applications are invited.  
General
  - 6.4 Nothing raised.

## 7. PRowS

### General

An email had been received from a concerned resident asking that a resident be asked to cut back their leylandii hedge as it is making it more difficult to access a particular footpath. The Parish Council will send a letter to the property owner. In addition, the concerned resident is concerned about the width of the bridge leading from Layton Crescent to Brampton Park. The bridge isn't wide enough to allow double buggies and some wheelchairs and mobility scooters through. This is a matter that the Parish Council has considered before but to widen the bridge would be both very expensive and it would mean encroaching onto private property if in fact this were allowed. There is also a monitoring station in the area in question. However, it was agreed that the matter would be placed, again, on a future Parish Council agenda.

## 8. Bus Shelters, Village Benches, Litter Bins

8.1 To consider a request for a new memorial bench on the Village Green.

A request for a memorial bench to be placed on the Village Green had been received. The Parish Council is cautious about allowing further memorial benches as there are plenty in the village. It was agreed to look at replacing an ageing bench in bad repair with a new memorial bench.

8.2 It was agreed to place a new litter bin on the playing field centre of the boundary fence with Garner Close. There had once been a bin there but it was removed when the benches were moved back nearer the fence to allow the junior pitches to be moved over to allow more space between the cricket square and the pitch. A new bin would also be purchased to replace the bin destroyed in Bromholme Lane. It was thought that this had occurred when the District Council lorry was collecting fly tipping.

8.3 Bus shelters – general

A question arose as to whether the bus shelter near the Nisa shop would be replaced. The shelter had been destroyed by a bus some time ago. The concern regarding replacing this was that it could well be damaged in the same way again. Currently it appears that bus shelters are no longer erected poles with flags are now what are put in place.

## 9. Trees/Hedges, Verges

9.1 General

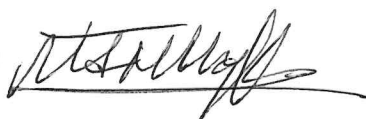
Nothing raised.

## 10. Next Agenda Items/Next Meeting

Nothing raised.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm

Signed:  
Chair



Date:

13th June 2024