

# Brampton Ash Parish Council Meeting, 17 October 2013

## At: The Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley, 7.30pm

### Approved Minutes

**Present:**

Cllr S Power (Chair) (SP)                      Cllr T Hilliard (TH)  
Cllr N Bevan (NB)                                Cllr H Shuttleworth (HS)  
Liz Evans, Clerk to Brampton Ash Parish Council

**Also Present:**

Cllr D Howes (Kettering Borough Council)

**Chairman's Announcement:**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair explained the reason for holding the Parish Council meeting outside of Brampton Ash. He said that normally Parish Council meetings were rotated between the homes of three parish councillors. However, as a result of the last Parish Council meeting held at the parish church of St Mary's none of these councillors were prepared to host this meeting. The vicar also had reservations about the suitability of the church being used for this Parish Council meeting. Dingley Village Hall was the nearest appropriate meeting place to Brampton Ash and our request to use it was kindly agreed.

	Action
<p><b>1. Declarations of Interest</b> <i>To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.</i> No declarations of interest were received.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr A Matthews and Parish Cllr R Stewart.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes</b> <i>To resolve that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on 16 May 2013 be signed as a correct record.</i> The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes</b> <i>4.1 / Item 10.1</i> The Clerk had subsequently received an email from Cllr Stewart saying that he did not consider that Ms Kirby was acting as his representative. <i>4.2 / Item 10.2</i> As a matter of courtesy, the Chair had written to Cllr Stewart to advise him of the Parish Council's decision to withdraw its support for his proposed changes to the Public Footpath, prior to this appearing in the minutes of the meeting. In the Chair's view, the response he received from Cllr Stewart was offensive and was a personal attack on him. <i>4.3 / Item 4.2</i> A photograph of Cllr Shuttleworth had now been posted on the Parish Council's official website. <i>4.4 / Item 4.4</i> It was reported that the newly-planted Jubilee Oak was not looking very healthy. Its condition would be monitored; a spare tree was available as a replacement, if necessary.</p>	

4.5 / Item 7

Any possible precept would be an agenda item for the budget meeting in January 2014.

4.6 / Item 9

Cllr Bevan reported that the road resurfacing had been done but it had now begun to deteriorate, partly due to its use by large agricultural vehicles.

4.7 / Item 11.2

Cllr Bevan understood that new speeding advisory notices were being printed for Northamptonshire County Council (NCC): he would contact them to see if the parish council could procure some for Brampton Ash.

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**5. Minutes**

*To resolve that the minutes of the special meeting of the parish council held on 8 July 2013 be signed as a correct record.*

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**6. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes**

*6.1 / Item 3*

*KET/2013/0372 Crabtree Farm, Hermitage Road, Brampton Ash*

The Clerk had received notification that the application had been approved, subject to specified screening being planted.

*KET/2013/0376 Springfields, Harborough Road, Braybrooke*

The Clerk had advised Kettering Borough Council (KBC) of Brampton Ash Parish Council's support for Braybrooke Parish Council's objection to the lifting of planning conditions for the site.

**7. Minutes**

*To resolve that the confidential minutes of the special meeting of the parish council held on 8 July 2013 be signed as a correct record*

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**9. Communication**

A motion to approve the use of email as a means of communication between parish council members and the Clerk was proposed by Cllr Power, seconded by Cllr Hilliard and unanimously approved.

**10. Parish Council Standing Orders: Document previously circulated**

A motion to adopt the Parish Council Standards was proposed by Cllr Power, seconded by Cllr Hilliard and unanimously approved.

**11. Parish Council Financial Regulations: Document previously circulated**

A motion to adopt the Parish Council Financial Regulations was proposed by Cllr Power, seconded by Cllr Hilliard and unanimously approved.

**12. Financial Matters**

*Current Financial Position*

The Clerk circulated a statement of Income and Expenditure (copy attached) which was approved by councillors and signed by the Chair. Total funds held by Brampton Ash Parish Council at 17 October 2013 are £2,585.48.

Cllr Power returned the chequebook to the designated holder for safekeeping.

**13. Planning Matters**

*To consider any planning applications received since the last meeting.*

*KET/2013/0647: 2-Storey Extension, Hermitage House, Desborough Road*

Plans for the above application were examined and discussed. Councillors generally had no objection to the application but felt that the rear of the building would be more in keeping with historical accuracy if it was built in stone instead of being finished in render. The Clerk would advise KBC accordingly.

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**14. Highways Matters**

See item 4.7 (above)

**15. Any Other Business**

*15.1: Superfast Broadband Rollout*

Councillor Howes had previously sent information on this which had been forwarded to parish councillors. He explained that he and County Councillor Alan Matthews were pursuing the matter at County level. He felt that it would be installed eventually but the time-scale was unknown. An open meeting for interested parishioners and councillors was to be arranged within the near future and would be advertised.

*15.2: Planning & Development Training Session*

No councillors were available to attend this session, offered by KBC on 4 November.

*15.3: 'Fresh Air Desborough'*

Cllr Power had received an update from the above campaigning group: they reported that although a public enquiry had been refused the fight against the proposed waste-to-energy plant would continue.

*15.4: Highways Representative*

Initial details of the proposed new Highways Warden role had been received from Northants CALC. Cllr Bevan expressed an interest in the role. The Clerk would try to obtain more details of what was envisaged and would forward them to Cllr Bevan.

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*15.5: Ron Coulson*

It was suggested that a small brass plaque recognising Ron Coulson's lengthy and productive service as a Parish Councillor be placed on the seat next to the village notice board, which already carried plaques commemorating the service of previous villagers. The Chair would discuss this with Veronica Coulson and, subject to her agreement, a price would be obtained and appropriate wording would be devised.

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*15.6 Councillor Howes 'Walkabout' 22 November*

Details of the above had previously been circulated to councillors. After discussion it was agreed that the 'walkabout' was not needed in Brampton Ash at present but councillors would contact Cllr Howes should the need for his input as Borough Councillor arise.

**16. Date And Venue of Next Meeting**

Thursday 9 January 2014, 7.30pm. Venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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