

Brampton Ash Parish Council
Approved Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held 20 March 2014
At Dingley Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley, 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Steve Power (Chair)	Cllr Nick Bevan	Cllr Teresa Hilliard
Liz Evans (Clerk)		

Action by:

- 1. Declarations of Interest**
To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting
 There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
 Apologies were received from Cllr Shuttleworth and Cllr Stewart.
- 3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held 9 January 2014**
 The minutes of the ordinary meeting held 9 January 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Above Meeting**
 Matters arising from the above meeting were agenda items for this meeting.
- 5. Minutes of Special Meeting Held 10 February 2014**
 The minutes of the special meeting held 10 February 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 6. Matters Arising from the Above Meeting**
 Matters arising from the above meeting were agenda items for this meeting.
- 7. Financial Matters**
 - 7.1** Balances held by the parish council at 17 March 2014 totalled £1665.23. The Clerk presented a financial statement which was signed off by the Chair.
 - 7.2** The Clerk reported a payment of £26.80 made to Trees Direct for a replacement of the oak tree as the original tree had failed to thrive over the winter months. An anonymous donation of £26.00 had been received to cover the majority of the cost of purchasing the tree.
 - 7.3** On-line banking for parish councils had been approved by parliament, effective from 24 February 2014. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) now required that all payments of Pay as You Earn (PAYE) tax are made electronically so the parish council will need to get on-line banking in place by

Signed.....Chair

Date

December 2014, when the Clerk's salary is paid. The Clerk anticipated that further advice on implementing this would be forthcoming from the National Association of Local Councils within the near future and would report back to the parish council when more was known.

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8. Planning Matters:

8.1 *To consider matters relating to planning applications within the parish*
No new planning applications had been received.

8.2 *Kettering Borough Council Planning & Development Training*

Cllr Bevan gave details of the above training session for parish councils that he had attended on 6 March 2014; the Clerk had also attended. The topics covered were:

- Permitted Development Rights
- Advice on Commenting on Consultations
- 5-year Land Supply
- Neighbourhood Planning

Of these, it was felt that Permitted Development Rights were the most pertinent to the parish since it was apparent that Conservation status, in itself, gave little or no guarantee that seemingly incongruous or inappropriate building works could not take place and an Article 4 Direction (Town and Country Planning Acts) may give greater protection against this happening. The Clerk was requested to seek further information from KBC regarding the process and implications of an Article 4 Direction and report back to the parish council.

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9. Diversion of Public Footpath

A revised plan for the proposed diversion of footpath route GB3 had been received from the Definitive Map Technician at Northamptonshire County Council (NCC). Councillors had previously indicated that, if the footpath was to be moved at all, they believed it should be by no more than 10 metres from the existing path. The new plan, however, shows a deviation of 47 metres from the existing path. In light of this, councillors felt that there was no material change from the previous plan. They stated that any new route must be equally as convenient and enjoyable to members of the public as the existing one and they did not consider that the newly proposed route met those criteria. The Clerk would inform George Massingham, Definitive Map Technician of their views.

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10. Highway Matters

10.1 In late 2013 NCC had advertised a proposed voluntary Highway Warden scheme and Cllr Bevan had expressed an interest in this. Further information and an application form were now available and Cllr Bevan's application was approved by the parish council. The Clerk would forward this to the appropriate department.

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10.2 As previously requested, the Clerk had obtained details of the criteria to be met in order to have the grit bin at the at end of Hermitage Road replaced. It had been removed by NCC in late 2012. Councillors considered that the area meets 8

out of 9 of the criteria to be met and the Clerk was asked to write to NCC requesting that the grit bin be replaced prior to winter 2014-15.

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11. Any Other Business

Fresh Air Desborough (FAD): Desborough Incinerator

Cllr Power had been informed that a Court hearing held in Birmingham 30 January 2014 had failed to overturn the planning permission granted to ORIGIN for the Desborough Incinerator. However, FAD advises that most of their concerns are matters for the Environment Agency to deal with and there will soon be the opportunity to put those concerns to them, meaning that their efforts in this matter will continue.

12. Date And Venue of Next Meeting:

The next meeting and the Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21 May, 7.30pm at Dingley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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