

**Brampton Ash Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held**  
**Thursday 23 February 2017, 7.30pm, At St Mary's Church, Brampton Ash**

**Present (Parish Councillors)**

Cllr Steve Power (Chair)

Cllr N Bevan

Cllr Terry Hilliard

**Also Present**

County Councillor Allan Matthews

**In Attendance:** Liz Evans (Clerk)

**Public Attendees:** None

Action By:

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shuttleworth for health reasons and from Borough Cllr Howes due to a prior engagement.

**2. Chair's Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**3. 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 to record.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting Held 14 December 2016**

*To approve the minutes of the above meeting as an accurate record or to amend factual inaccuracies if they occur.*

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**5. Matters Arising From the Above (except where they are agenda items for this meeting)**

All matters were listed as agenda items.

**6. Financial Matters**

*1. Current financial position*

The Clerk issued a financial statement showing a current balance of £1504.68. This was accepted as a correct record and signed by Cllrs Bevan and Hilliard.

*2. Budgeted Items unpaid 2016-17: Church Lighting Donation*

A cheque to the value of £250.00 was issued for the express purpose of externally lighting St Mary's Church. The clerk will forward it to the treasurer of Brampton Ash Parochial Church Council. The cheque book was returned to the designated holder for safekeeping.

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**7. Planning Matters:**

*To Consider Matters Relating to Planning Applications in and Adjacent to the Parish*

*1. KET/2016/0839 Mr S Guinness: convert barn to 2-storey office*

The parish council did not object to this application.

The Clerk had received notification from Kettering Borough Council (KBC) that they had refused the application for the following reason:

*'The subject building cannot benefit from the permission granted by Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as*

amended) as the site is not used solely for an agricultural use, as part of an established agricultural unit.'

2. *KET/2016/0919 & 0920 Mr & Mrs Lillie, 22 Hermitage Road: demolish single-storey outbuilding and erect single-storey front extension*

The parish council did not object to these applications.

### **Town & Parish Council Planning Training Session, Kettering Borough Council 22 March 2017 6pm-8pm**

Cllr Bevan and the clerk volunteered to attend the training and report back to parish councillors. The clerk will inform KBC.

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## **8. Highway Matters**

1. *Traffic Calming Measures, Hermitage Road: Vehicle Activated Signs Proposed Dates*

It was agreed that the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) would be installed in Brampton Ash for the period 24 April – 15 May 2017 and thereafter on a rolling basis as the equipment is shared with other parishes. In Brampton Ash this is next likely to be in late September 2017. Either Steve Barber (Northants County Council Highways) or C Cllr Matthews will be on hand to assist parish councillors with the initial setup of the equipment and parish councillors will then be responsible for monitoring it. A villager had kindly volunteered to assist with the scheme and Cllr Power will contact him with details.

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2. *Road Safety A427: Update*

Northants County Council (NCC) had stated that safety works would be carried out 'by the end of January' but this had not happened. Cllr Matthews has pursued this with NCC and is awaiting a response from them. He will inform the clerk of the outcome.

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3. *Pond Inspection, Hermitage Road A6 end*

Due to other commitments and inclement weather this had not yet been done. It was rearranged for Sunday 5 March, weather permitting.

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4. *Community Enhancement Gang (CEG) Applications (closing date Friday 24 February 2017)*

It was agreed that the Clerk would apply to the CEG for the following works to be carried out:

- a. *Re-install the Hermitage Rd sign that is currently leaning against a house wall*
- b. *Renovate the bus shelter and tidy the area surrounding it, A427 junction with Hermitage Road*
- c. *Clean/clear the pond overgrowth, A6 end of Hermitage Road*

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Applications will be considered in March for work to commence in April/May. There is no guarantee that applications will be successful.

5. *Street Lighting Faults: Reporting*

These should now be reported to Michael Chester, Engineering Technician at [streetlighting@kettering.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting@kettering.gov.uk) 01536 534491, with the following details: Parish/Street name/Column location (eg, outside no xxx or description of the area)/Fault (eg, unlit, continuously on, etc.)

## **9. Parish Crime Reports**

Northamptonshire Police report that no crimes were recorded for Brampton Ash in January 2017

**10 Rural Forum Minutes 1 December 2016 (draft) (forwarded to councillors separately)**

*Items of interest*

No items were noted for discussion.

*Latest Rural Forum meeting: 2 February 2017 (draft minutes awaited)*

Draft minutes of the meeting held on 2 February are awaited and will be circulated to councillors when they become available.

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**11 Any Other Business**

*1. Forestry Management Plan, Brampton Wood*

The above was noted without comment.

*2. Fresh Air Desborough: Waste Incinerator*

It was noted that industrial units are to be constructed on the site formerly identified for a waste incinerator and, as a result, there was no longer any land capacity for the disputed incinerator to be built on.

*3. Dumped Rubbish*

A resident had reported that a considerable amount of rubbish had been illegally dumped in Hermitage Road. Cllr Bevan, Highways Warden, had requested 'grabbers' and refuse bags from KBC. A litter-pick was arranged for Sunday 5 March and a poster seeking volunteers would be put on the village noticeboard. KBC will be notified when the filled bags are ready for collection.

*4. Kier WSP (Highways) Annual Parish Survey*

The clerk will complete the survey with the agreed responses and return it. It would include a comment that councillors were concerned at the lack of communication from Kier WSP with regard to changes in the timing of their works program (see item 8.2 of these minutes).

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**12 Date and Venue of Next Meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 8 May 2017, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Signed:** Liz Evans, Clerk to Brampton Ash Parish Council

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| Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income and Expenditure 1 Apl 2016 - 27 Apl 2016              |                        |         |   |           |               |          |           |        | Pre-pay card £<br>amount<br>credited | Pre-pay card £<br>transaction |
|---|------------------------|---------|---|-----------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Date  | On-line<br>transaction | Chq no. | Item  | Income £  | Expenditure £ | Salary £ | Balance   |        |                                      |                               |
| 01/04/16  |                        |         | Balance brought forward current account                 |           |               |          | £166.52   |        |                                      |                               |
| 01/04/16  |                        |         | Balance brought forward deposit account                 |           |               |          | £463.52   |        |                                      |                               |
| 01/04/16  |                        |         | Balance brought forward pre-payment card                |           |               |          |           | 103.26 |                                      |                               |
| 01/04/16  |                        |         | Total balances brought forward                          |           |               |          | £733.30   |        |                                      |                               |
| 17/04/16  |                        |         | KBC Precept payment                                     | £1,000.00 |               |          | £1,733.30 |        |                                      |                               |
|   |                        |         | <b>Signed S Power (Chair)</b>                           |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income and Expenditure 28 Apl - 25 May 2016</b>           |                        |         |   |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
|   |                        |         | No transactions in this period                          |           |               |          | £1,733.30 |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Signed: N Bevan (Member)</b>   |                        |         | <b>Signed: W Brooks (Member)</b>                        |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income and Expenditure 25 May - 4 October 2016</b>        |                        |         |   |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| 19/05/16  |                        |         | Councillors' Empowerment Fund (Section 50)              | £260.00   |               |          | £1,993.30 |        |                                      |                               |
| 04/06/16  |                        |         | Interest  | £0.16     |               |          | £1,993.46 |        |                                      |                               |
| 30/06/16  |                        |         | Interest  | £0.15     |               |          | £1,993.61 |        |                                      |                               |
| 19/08/16  |                        |         | Prepaid card account closed                             |           | £103.26       |          | £1,890.35 |        |                                      |                               |
| 19/08/16  |                        |         | Prepaid card balance transfer to current account        | £103.26   |               |          | £1,993.61 |        |                                      |                               |
| 14/09/16  |                        |         | Pre-pay ALTO card fee refund                            | £6.00     |               |          | £1,999.61 |        |                                      |                               |
| 30/09/16  |                        |         | Unity Bank Service Charge                               |           | £18.00        |          | £1,981.61 |        |                                      |                               |
| 30/09/16  |                        |         | Interest  | £0.02     |               |          | £1,981.63 |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Signed: N Bevan (Member)</b>   |                        |         | <b>Signed: T Hilliard (Member)</b>                      |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income and Expenditure 4 October - 14 December 2016</b>   |                        |         |   |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| 11/10/16  |                        |         | Spanglefish web-hosting charge                          |           | £29.95        |          | £1,951.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| 03/11/16  |                        |         | Northants County Council Transparency Fund              | £150.00   |               |          | £2,101.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| 04/11/16  |                        | 300101  | Northants County Council Section 5 Licence              |           | £260.00       |          | £1,841.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| 16/11/16  |                        |         | Zurich Insurance  |           | £253.00       |          | £1,588.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Signed: W Brooks (Member)</b>  |                        |         | <b>Signed: T Hilliard (Member)</b>                      |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income and Expenditure 14 December - 23 February 2017</b> |                        |         |   |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |
| 14/12/16  |                        |         | Balance transferred out, Unity bank account closed      |           | £1,588.68     |          | £0.00     |        |                                      |                               |
| 31/12/16  |                        |         | Unity bank charges                                      |           | £18.00        |          | -£18.00   |        |                                      |                               |
| 03/01/17  |                        |         | Unity bank charges refund                               | £18.00    |               |          | £0.00     |        |                                      |                               |
| 19/12/16  |                        |         | Balance transferred in, Cooperative bank account opened |           | £1,588.68     |          | £1,588.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| 01/12/16  |                        |         | Credit from Cooperative Bank for poor service           | £50.00    |               |          | £1,638.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| 09/02/17  |                        | 500001  | Clerk salary Dec 2016-Mar 2017 (4 months)               |           | £107.20       |          | £1,531.48 |        |                                      |                               |
| 13/02/17  |                        |         | HMRC PAYE   |           | £26.80        |          | £1,504.68 |        |                                      |                               |
| <b>Signed: N Bevan (Member)</b>   |                        |         | <b>Signed: T Hilliard (Member)</b>                      |           |               |          |           |        |                                      |                               |

\*The provider has ceased paying interest on deposit accounts. Deposit a/c balance has, therefore, been t/f to the current a/c for easier management