

Minutes of the Meeting of Brampton Ash Parish Council held
Monday 5th October 2020, 7.30pm.

In accordance with current legislation relating to public meetings during the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting was held virtually.

This meeting was open to members of the public, subject to prescribed regulations where applicable. Log-in details were supplied on the published agenda.

This meeting was recorded in accordance with the parish council's protocol.

Present: Parish Councillors

Cllr S Power (Chair) Cllr N Bevan Cllr W Brooks Cllr T Hilliard Cllr J Lillie

Present: County Councillor Allan Matthews **Borough Councillor** David Howes

In Attendance: Liz Evans (Clerk)

Public Attendee(s):None

		Action by:
28/ 20-21	Chair's Announcements None	
29/ 20-21	Apologies for Absence None	
30/ 20-21	Declarations of Interest: <i>To Receive Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors On Matters to Be Considered at the Meeting.</i> Members were reminded to update their register of interests if necessary. There were no declarations of interest.	
31/ 20-21	Minutes of the Meeting held 29 July 2020 (meeting 2: 20/21): <i>To approve the minutes of the above meeting as an accurate record or to amend factual inaccuracies if they occur.</i> The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
32/ 20-21	Matters Arising from the Above Minutes (except where they are agenda items for this meeting) Matters arising were all agenda items.	
33/ 20-21	Policies Review : <i>a) Financial Risk Assessment</i> The document was agreed without amendment and signed by the Chair. <i>b) Financial Regulations</i> It was noted that the provision of a Debit Card for parish council transactions was included in the above regulations at point 6.18. The document was agreed without amendment and signed by the Chair. <i>c) Standing Orders</i> The document was agreed without amendment and signed by the Chair. <i>d) Internal Control Procedures</i> The document was agreed without amendment and signed by the Chair. The above documents will be published on the parish council's website.	LE
34/ 20-21	Financial Matters: <i>a) Quarterly internal control: councillor checklist</i>	

	<p>This was completed prior to the meeting by Cllr Bevan and signed off by him. <i>b) Councillor check of invoices against payments /reconcile to bank statement</i></p> <p>This was completed prior to the meeting by Cllr Bevan and signed off by him. c) Reporting of payments made since the last meeting: i. Purchase of external hard drive = £37.99 ii. Clerk’s salary, September quarter including nationally agreed increase of 2.5%, backdated to April 2020 = £131.50</p> <p>The above items of expenditure were reported to members. <i>d) Budget Statement</i></p> <p>This was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. <i>e) Current financial position statement</i></p> <p>A current financial position statement is attached to these minutes.</p>	<p>LE</p>
<p>35/ 20-21</p>	<p>Planning Matters: <i>To Consider Matters Relating to Planning Applications in the Parish:</i></p> <p>a) Government White Paper ‘Planning for the Future’ can be found at this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future Details of Northants CALC response to the above proposals can be found here: https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/planning-for-the-future-executive-summary-11sep20.pdf</p> <p>The Chair advised that, broadly, the government document covers the areas of: -</p> <p><u><i>Growth</i></u> Substantial development is proposed across the North Northants area. This would largely, but not entirely, take place in towns rather than rural areas: the ‘A6’ towns, and rural areas would have to take a share of the growth. It was important for the parish council to monitor local planning proposals for any impact on Brampton Ash.</p> <p><u><i>Renewal</i></u> This would regenerate existing areas, as well as allowing infill development, including in rural areas.</p> <p><u><i>Protected (Conservation) Areas</i></u> It was established that the Brampton Ash Conservation Area covers only the main area of Hermitage Road. Cllr Brooks queried whether the local authority, for development, could compulsorily purchase land that is not in a Conservation Area. B. Cllr Howes considered that there was little, if any, likelihood of this happening and it had not happened in his considerable time as a Kettering Borough Councillor.</p> <p>C. Cllr A Matthews said that the future planning situation is not fully known until the new North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority (NNUA) comes into being in May 2021 and, as the current number of 6 councillor representatives for the local parishes would then be reduced to 3, he urged parish councillors to be particularly proactive in monitoring the planning proposals.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>B. Cllr D Howes also urged councillors to monitor the Site Specific Proposals LDD, now entitled the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2). The document can be found at this link: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20058/planning_strategies_and_policies/27/site_specific_part_2_local_plan</p> <p>Cllr Lillie said the document seems to suggest that it is unlikely that there will be any further development in Brampton Ash. He will contact Simon Richardson at Kettering Borough Council (KBC) for an update on neighbourhood planning generally in Brampton Ash and on the progress of the Conservation Area Policy more specifically.</p> <p>b) KET/2020/0106(amended) : Crabtree Farm – it was reported that this application had been approved by Kettering Borough Council.</p>	JL
36/20-21	<p>Kettering Borough Council Conservation Policy - Brampton Ash (update) Cllr Lillie advised that this is still a work in progress and he is awaiting an update. See also Item 35 (above). It would remain as a regular agenda item.</p>	JL
37/20-21	<p>Highway Matters:</p> <p>a) <i>Village Autumn Litter-Pick arrangements (subject to current Covid 19 regulations)</i> This item remains on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) <i>Updates on the following, where applicable:</i></p> <p>i. <u>Signage</u> None</p> <p>ii. <u>Potholes</u> Cllr Bevan reported that there had been some further deterioration in potholes in Hermitage Road which he would report to Northants County Council Highways department.</p> <p>C. Cllr A Matthews advised that although the new NNUA would come into force in May 2021, the administration of the Highways department was likely to continue in its present form for some time.</p> <p>iii. <u>Lighting</u> None</p> <p>iv. <u>VAS Cameras</u> This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>v. <u>Other (if any)</u> None</p>	
38/20-21	<p>Parish Crime Report & Police Matters: No recent reports received.</p>	
39/20-21	<p>Rural Forum: Regular meetings had previously been cancelled for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19 regulations but, since the agenda for this parish council meeting was published, the Clerk had received notification of an on-line (Zoom) meeting of the Rural Forum to take place on Tuesday 13th October. The meeting is open to the public. Login details can be found here: https://northamptonshire-</p>	

	<p>gov.zoom.us/j/97291304887?pwd=TEFYk8wYkFZenBrQjRRV2g1NS9pUT09 Meeting ID: 972 9130 4887 Passcode: 756297</p> <p>B. Cllr D Howes strongly advised parish councillors to attend the meeting because some items will be particularly significant for parish councils when they move to the NNUA. Log-in details would be forwarded to parish councillors.</p>	All SP/LE
40/ 20-21	<p>Local Government Reorganisation update For details of the North Northamptonshire Local Government Reorganisation Question and Answer session held on-line, 14 September 2020, please see the following link: https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/north-northants-lgr-qanda-14sep20.pdf</p>	
41/ 20-21	<p>Any Other Business: <i>To report any matters of a minor nature not requiring formal approval.</i> The clerk had recently received notification that, as of May 2021, parish councils must bear the cost of their election expenses. A rough estimate for Brampton Ash would be £444.00 per election but the figure had yet to be finalised. Historically, KBC have, unlike other borough councils in the county, paid for elections. When KBC ceases to exist at LGR in May 2021 this practice will not continue under the new NNUA. The clerk would contact KBC for further information, prior to the parish council's budget meeting in December.</p>	LE
42/ 20-21	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th December 2020, 7.30pm. Details of the meeting format and venue will be announced in due course.</p>	LE

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The meeting closed at 8.40pm

