

Minutes of the Meeting of Brampton Ash Parish Council
Thursday 22nd July 2021, 7.30pm.
At St Mary's Church, Brampton Ash

This meeting was open to members of the public, subject to prescribed regulations where applicable.

Present: Parish Councillors

CLlr S Power (Chair) CLlr N Bevan CLlr W Brooks CLlr J Lillie CLlr T Pentelow

Present: North Northants Councillor: CLlr David Howes**In Attendance:** Liz Evans (Clerk)**Public Attendee(s):** None

		Action by:
21/ 21-22	<p>Chair's Announcements</p> <p>The Chair had delivered gifts bought by parish councillors personally, to former Councillor Terry Hilliard. Terry sent her thanks and best wishes to the new parish council.</p>	
22/ 21-22	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None</p>	
23/ 21-22	<p>Declarations of Interest: <i>To Receive Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors On Matters to Be Considered at the Meeting.</i></p> <p>None received.</p>	
24/ 21-22	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held 20 May 2021 (meeting 1: 21/22) <i>To approve the minutes of the above meeting as an accurate record or to amend factual inaccuracies if they occur. Minutes of the above meeting have been circulated to councillors and it is assumed that they have been read prior to this meeting.</i></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
25/ 21-22	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes</p> <p>Item 90/20-21 (f) litter picking equipment purchased and received.</p> <p>Item 89/20-21 is ongoing: <i>'This matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting, in order to confirm the exact location and extent of the village's conservation area and to consider whether any action, for example, the development of a Parish Plan, would be feasible and beneficial.'</i> See these minutes, item 30.</p> <p>Item 10/21-22 Certificate of Exemption from Audit has been returned to the auditors and acknowledged by them.</p> <p>Item 11/21-22 Audit documents have been published on the website.</p>	
26/ 21-22	<p>Adoption of North Northants Code of Conduct</p> <p>i. Code of Conduct to be adopted by the parish council and signed off by the Chair.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct was formally adopted by the parish council.</p> <p>ii. Councillors' Code of Conduct forms to be signed, witnessed and returned to the clerk.</p> <p>Code of Conduct forms were completed and returned to the clerk.</p>	
27/ 21-22	<p>Policies Review – the documents can be found here: http://www.parish-council.com/bramptonash/index.asp?pageid=633064</p> <p>Hard copies are available from the clerk on request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders – review was deferred until the next meeting. • Financial Regulations – review was deferred until the next meeting. 	LE LE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Protection policies were reviewed and signed off by the Chair with no amendments. Equalities Policy was reviewed and signed off by the Chair with no amendments. 	
28/ 21-22	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Quarterly internal control: councillor checklist</p> <p>b) Councillor check of invoices against payments /reconcile to bank statement</p> <p>c) Current financial position statement no. 2</p> <p>Items a) b) and c) were checked by Cllr N Bevan and signed as being correct.</p> <p>d) Approval of payments to be made: None to be made currently</p> <p>e) Budget Statement no. 2 was checked by the Chair and signed as being correct.</p>	
29/ 21-22	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p><i>To Consider Matters Relating to the following Planning Applications:</i></p> <p>NK/2021/0306 The Hermitage, Desborough Road, Brampton Ash, LE16 8GP</p> <p>This application has been referred to the planning committee as objections have been received from several statutory sources.</p> <p>Planning application NK/2021/0422: Manor Farm, Harborough Road, Brampton Ash, Approval Notice received 20th July 2021.</p> <p>Planning application KBC/2020/0758: 14 Hermitage Road, Brampton Ash, referred to planning committee, no further updates received.</p> <p>Cllr David Howes explained that, whilst planning applications are now the responsibility of North Northants Unitary Authority (NNUA), the previous area planning committees have been retained as they have best knowledge of their local areas.</p>	
30/ 21-22	<p>Kettering Borough Council Conservation Policy: Brampton Ash:</p> <p>Update, Cllr John Lillie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location and extent of the conservation area <p>See attached map showing boundaries of the conservation area. Any building outside of this area would be deemed as either development in open countryside or permitted development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Plan <p>Cllr Lillie is awaiting further developments from NNUA. Cllr Howes explained that the proposed protection under Part 2 of the plan devised by the former Kettering Borough Council (KBC) had been rejected by the statutory authority but it was considered that Brampton Ash was unlikely to be affected by large-scale development due to a lack of infrastructure. Cllr Lillie would investigate the feasibility of producing a Parish Plan, possibly with reference to the one produced by Braybrooke parish council. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	JL LE
31/ 21-22	<p>Highway Matters:</p> <p>a) Village Litter-Pick</p> <p>This was successfully carried out and several refuse bags were filled. These have since been collected by KBC/NNUA. Parish councillors would monitor any further littering. Cllr Lillie reported that there seemed to be some evidence of building refuse being dumped in a ditch running through private land. Parish councillors would monitor the situation and contact the land owner, if necessary.</p>	All All

	<p>b) Updates on the following, where applicable:</p> <p>i. Signage Nil</p> <p>ii. Potholes Potholes just off the A427 had been reported by Cllr Nick Bevan and work was in hand with the Highways Authority. Highways teams were only permitted to repair potholes that are on their list at the time of their visit. The situation will, therefore, require ongoing monitoring and reporting.</p> <p>iii. Lighting Nil</p>	NB/All
32/ 21-22	<p>Parish Crime Report & Police Matters: Bus Shelter – report on bus shelter destruction and decide whether it will be replaced. The village bus shelter was destroyed by suspected arson on 30th May 2021. The fire service attended and it was logged by the police as a crime. The debris had been cleared by the local authority: it is not yet known whether there will be a cost for this. The incident had been reported to the parish council's insurance company. It was decided however that, as there had not been a bus service for many years, the bus shelter would not be replaced as it served no purpose. The Asset Register would be amended to reflect this.</p>	LE
33/ 21-22	<p>Local Government Reorganisation May 2021: Update, Cllr Howes Cllr Howes reported that the changeover to NNUA was now complete and the local borough councils in Northamptonshire had ceased to exist in their previous form. Many services had, however, been devolved to the former local councils. It was expected that the situation would evolve over the next few years, with resulting improved value and efficiency.</p>	
34/ 21-22	<p>Any Other Business: <i>To report any matters of a minor nature not requiring formal approval.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wall surrounding the quarry at the south end of Brampton Ash requires repairs: the parish council will contact the landowners to make them aware. A damaged car on the church verge had been designated as an abandoned vehicle and removed by the local authority. VAS cameras would again be placed in Hermitage Road in October 2021: the exact siting was to be decided. A voluntary 20mph scheme is being piloted in West Haddon (there would be no change to the statutory speed limit). Brampton Ash would request to be included if the scheme is rolled out county-wide. 	SP/LE All
35/ 21-22	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday November 14th, 7.30pm at the Parish Church</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm

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