

Minutes of the Meeting of Brampton Ash Parish Council

Thursday 10th March 2022, 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 Pentlow

Present: North Northamptonshire Council: Cllr Mark Dearing

In Attendance: Liz Evans (Clerk) Public Attendee(s): None

Action by:

66/21-22	<p>Chair's Announcements: The Chair welcomed Mark Dearing, who is one of the three North Northants (NNC) Councillors representing the ward.</p>	
67/21-22	<p>Apologies for Absence: NNC Cllr David Howes due to a clash of meetings.</p>	
68/21-22	<p>Declarations of Interest: <i>To Receive Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors On Matters to Be Considered at the Meeting.</i> Members are reminded to update their register of interests if necessary. No declarations received.</p>	
69/21-22	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held 10 January 2022 (meeting 4): <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 approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
70/21-22	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes <i>except where they are agenda items for this meeting</i> Item 59/21-22 Parish Plan: George Normand Braybrooke Parish Council is unable to attend the meeting: the item will be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	SP
71/21-22	<p>Policies Review None currently for review.</p>	
72/21-22	<p>Asset Mapping Project – North Northants Council <i>Details have been forwarded to councillors. Assets within the parish boundaries, not owned by the Parish Council, have to be identified and listed by at least 2 named councillors and then uploaded to the Parish Online website by the clerk. A payment of £205.58 will be made to the Parish Council if it agrees to participate. Deadline is 31st March 2022 but an extension may be requested. Parish Councils do not have to take part in this project if they choose not to.</i> It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would take part in the project, with Cllrs Bevan and Lillie as named councillors. All councillors would assist in the collection of data. For operational reasons the Parish Council's deadline would be pushed back to mid-May 2022. The clerk would inform the project co-ordinators.</p>	Clerk + all
73/21-22	<p>Financial Matters: a) Quarterly internal control: councillor checklist b) Councillor check of invoices against payments/reconcile to bank statement c) Current financial position statement no. 5 Items a) b) and c) were checked by Cllr Bevan and signed as being correct. d) Reporting of payments made since the last meeting: None e) Payments for approval: all of the following payments were approved:-</p>	Clerk

Signed.....Chair.....Date: 5th May 2022

	<p>i. Grant towards church external lighting: £250.00 LGA72 S137 Proposed by Cllr Bevan, seconded by Cllr Power, approved</p> <p>ii. Reimburse £20 emergency cash payment for road clearance made by Cllr Bevan to a third party in the safety interests of parishioners: £20.00 LGA72 S137 Proposed by Cllr Pentelow, seconded by Cllr Power, approved</p> <p>iii. Election costs, North Northants Council: £374.20</p> <p>iv. Clerk's salary March quarter: £137.00 (£128+ £9.00 National Pay Scale increase 1.75% backdated to 1st April 2021)</p> <p>f) Budget Statement no. 5 : Signed off by the Chair</p> <p>g) Insurance claim (bus shelter) Insurance payment received £6020</p> <p>h) Grant funding NNC Funding for Queen's Platinum tree: a decision is still awaited. It was agreed that, if grant funding is not received, funding would be allocated from the insurance payment (item g) above).</p>	
74/ 21-22	<p>Clerk's Annual Performance Review</p> <p>Due to an increased workload the clerk's hours were revised upwards to 70 per annum, National Pay Scale LC1 SCP6, £10.42 per hour, effective from 1st April 2022 = £182.35 per quarter.</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would receive a one-off extra payment of £100 for the additional hours associated with the Asset Mapping Project. This is to be funded from the £205.58 payment allotted to the Parish Council for taking part in the project.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lillie, seconded by Cllr Bevan and unanimously agreed.</p>	Clerk
75/ 21-22	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p><i>To Consider Matters Relating to the following Planning Applications:</i></p> <p>It is understood that North Northants Council is currently unable to meet their 8-week deadline for deciding planning applications due to a shortage of planning officers.</p> <p>No recent applications have currently been notified.</p> <p>Application NK/2021/0306 Hermitage Business Park application has been approved subject to several conditions, notably:</p> <p>Condition 6 The development is to be used for manufacturing only, not for solely office-based employment</p> <p>Condition 8 All work is to be carried out only inside the building</p> <p>Condition 18 During the development of the site it is to be accessed only via Desborough Road and at no time from Hermitage Lane.</p>	
76/ 21-22	<p>North Northants Council/Kettering Borough Council Conservation Policy - Brampton Ash:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Northamptonshire Draft Corporate Plan 2021-25 Consultation (<i>update if available</i>). No updates are currently anticipated. This will remain an agenda item. Parish Plan Defer to next meeting after consulting with George Normand, Braybrooke Parish Council. 	SP, Clerk
77/ 21-22	<p>Rural Forum / Strategic Town and Parish Forum:</p> <p><i>Update if available: Cllr Lillie</i></p> <p>No report</p>	

78/ 21-22	Local Government Reorganisation May 2021: <i>Update if available</i> Cllr Dearing advised that transformation/reorganisation will be ongoing for approximately four to five years. This will remain an agenda item.	
79/ 21-22	Highway Matters: <i>Updates on the following, where applicable:</i> a) Signage: some signage has been damaged by contractors. b) Potholes: there are some small potholes that don't currently meet criteria for repair. To be monitored. c) Lighting d) Litter: Nick and Linda Bevan were thanked for picking litter on their walks around the village. See item 81b e) Other	NB,TP
80/ 21-22	Parish Crime Report & Police Matters: No formal crime reports received. a) Police Liaison Representative (PLR) The appointment of Christian Darling as PLR was unanimously approved. Details to be forwarded to Sophie Harding at Northants County Association of Local Councils (NCALC), who are co-ordinating the scheme.	Clerk
81/ 21-22	Any Other Business: <i>To report any matters of a minor nature not requiring formal approval.</i> a) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, June 2022 The Parish Council is to explore the idea of liaising with the Parochial Church Council in arranging village celebrations and possibly making a financial contribution towards costs. Details to follow. Cllr Pentelow offered his field as a venue for celebrations. Tree planting (minute no 64/21-22 will take place in the autumn). b) Spring litter-pick To be arranged for Sunday 10 th April 2022. Cllr Bevan to obtain suitable bags. All other equipment is available. c) VAS cameras will be installed in the village for the month of April.	NB TP NB + all
82/ 21-22	Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 5 th May 2022 at the Parish Church.	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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