

Minutes of Meeting of Brampton Ash Parish Council

Monday 24^h April 2023, 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**In Attendance:** Liz Evans (Clerk)**Public Attendee(s):** None

Item no.		Action by:
9/23-24	Election of Chair & Acceptance of Office Nominations were invited for the role of Chair to the Parish Council. Cllr Power accepted the nomination which was proposed by Cllr Lillie, seconded by Cllr Bevan and unanimously approved. Cllr Power signed the Acceptance of Office form.	
10/23-24	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from North Northants Council (NNC) Cllr David Howes (Planning Meeting)	
11/23-24	Chair's Announcements None	
12/23-24	Election of Officers & Acceptance of Office a) <i>Vice Chair:</i> Cllr Lillie was appointed. b) <i>Highways & Parish Paths Wardens x 2:</i> Cllrs Bevan and Pentlow were appointed. c) <i>Strategic Town & Parish Forum Representative</i> (formerly Rural Forum) Cllr Lillie was appointed. d) Acceptance of Office forms were signed by all of the above. e) Christian Pentlow-Darling was reappointed as Police Liaison Representative.	
13/23-24	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.	
14/23-24	Minutes of the Meeting held 6th March 2023 (meeting 6): <i>To approve the minutes of the above meeting as an accurate record or to amend factual inaccuracies if they occur.</i> The minutes of the above meeting were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
15/23-24	Matters Arising from the above minutes except where they are agenda items for this meeting 96/22-23b Church External Lighting The policy and guidance on external church lighting can be found here: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/lighting Cllr Bevan reported that the church is lit externally during the Christmas period and at other times when it is deemed to be appropriate, mainly during the winter months. Environmental and financial issues are always taken into consideration.	
16/23-24	Minutes of the Extra Meeting held 6th April 2023 (meeting 1): <i>To approve the minutes of the above meeting as an accurate record or to amend factual inaccuracies if they occur.</i> The minutes of the above meeting were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
17/23-24	Matters Arising from the above minutes except where they are agenda items for this meeting Matters arising were agenda items.	

	<p>Items a) b) and c) were checked by Cllr Bevan and signed as being correct. Item c) was approved by the auditor as part of the audit process.</p> <p>d) <i>Reporting of payments made since the last meeting</i> VAS cameras payment to Wilbarston Parish Council, invoice no. 025/2023 for cameras in June 2023: incorrectly listed on the agenda as £30.00, corrected to £60.00.</p> <p>e) <i>Budget Statement no. 6 (final)/22-23</i> The Chair signed the budget statement as being a correct record.</p> <p>f) <i>Grant funding application NNC, King Charles' 3rd Coronation tree</i>: decision is awaited.</p>	
21/23-24	<p>Defibrillator: update</p> <p>a) <i>Installation</i> Cllr Pentlow reported that the defibrillator had been installed and was in working order.</p> <p>b) <i>Set-up and Registration</i> The defibrillator set-up had been carried out and the equipment had been registered with the ambulance service. It was noted that it could take a couple of weeks for the registration to be confirmed but the defibrillator is now available for use.</p> <p>c) <i>Awareness Session</i> The Chair confirmed that the church is available for a public Awareness Session on May 24th. The clerk would contact the organiser at Community Heartbeat to make arrangements. The event will be advertised to villagers and Dingley Parish Councillors will also be invited to attend.</p>	LE
22/23-24	<p>Planning Matters: <i>To Consider Matters Relating to the following Planning Applications:</i> None</p>	
23/23-24	<p>North Northants Council/Kettering Borough Council Conservation Policy - Brampton Ash: <i>Update: Cllr Lillie</i></p> <p>a) North Northamptonshire Draft Corporate Plan 2021-25 Consultation (update if available). No updates are currently anticipated. This will remain an agenda item.</p> <p>b) Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Planning No report. This will remain an agenda item.</p>	
24/23-24	<p>Strategic Town and Parish Forum (formerly Rural Forum): <i>Update if available: Cllr Lillie</i> No updates are currently available.</p>	
25/23-24	<p>Local Government Reorganisation May 2021: <i>Update if available</i></p>	
26/23-24	<p>Highway Matters: <i>Updates on the following, where applicable:</i></p> <p>a) <i>Signage</i> Bridleway signage is completed.</p> <p>b) <i>Potholes</i> Potholes filled as appropriate and deteriorated areas of verges in Hermitage Road have been filled with aggregate.</p> <p>c) <i>Lighting</i> No report.</p>	

d) *Litter-pick rearranged to Sunday 23rd April 2023, 11 am*
Cancelled due to the weather conditions. Rearranged to 14th May, weather permitting. Information will be circulated to villagers for those who wish to volunteer.

All

e) *Road Safety A427*

In an email to NNC Highways, dated 14th April 2023, Parish councillors had expressed their concerns about the variable speed restrictions that were proposed on the A427. Parish councillors had suggested that a consistent speed limit of 50mph on the A427 between Brampton Ash and Dingley would be more appropriate (and safer) in order to avoid the confusion which could arise if drivers are faced with multiple speed limits within a stretch of approximately 1 mile on a rural highway. The NNC response to their concerns is shown below:

“Whist we acknowledge the concerns of the Parish Council about the number of variations of speed limit along the A427, carrying on the reduced speed limit all the way to Dingley would result in a significant section of 50mph limit in open countryside. For a limit to be effective a driver has to see the reason for its implementation, if the limit extends through open countryside then this is likely to be ignored and just leads to unrealistic expectations for Police Enforcement. If the 50mph limit started at Dingley then drivers heading eastbound on the A427 will have lost the significance of the 50mph signing by the time they get to Brampton Ash which would likely lead to less compliance.

By having a specific 50mph limit just along the immediate Brampton Ash section this will highlight to drivers the change of nature of this stretch where there is the Hermitage Road junction, which is the only junction on this section of the A427 without a dedicated right turn lane, and where a number of residential properties and the Church access directly onto the road. “

Parish councillors expressed disappointment at this response, as they remain concerned about the variety of proposed speed limits over a relatively short stretch of the A427. They felt that the NNC proposal ignores the likely negative impact on driver behaviour, arising from a confusing number of speed limits. They believed that, when drivers leave the 40mph limit, they would accelerate on entering the 60mph limit and would then be unlikely to reduce their speed on entering the 50mph limit at Brampton Ash, where there are bends, domestic entrances, farms, laybys and a bridleway, in addition to the right-turn into Hermitage Road. They reiterate their belief that a 50mph limit between Dingley and Brampton Ash, with repeater 50mph signs, would be a safer option. The clerk would inform NNC.

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f) *VAS camera February data analysis:*

From the A6 direction into the village, in the period 9th February to 2nd March (21 days):

- There were on average 159 traffic movements per day, approximating to 7 per hour.
- Recorded speeds overall ranged from 1 mph to 77 mph, with approximately 85% of vehicles travelling below the legal speed limit, at an average of 28 mph.
- Actual Average Speed – 23.5 mph.
- Peak travel times recorded were 7:30am – 9:30am and 4:30pm – 6:00pm, with

	<p>peak travel days being Monday through to Friday (evenings) <i>From the A427 direction into the village, in the period 13th February to 22nd March (38 days):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were on average 255 traffic movements per day, approximating to 11 per hour. • Recorded speeds overall ranged from 3 mph to 45 mph, with approximately 85% of vehicles travelling below the legal speed limit, at an average of 28 mph. • Actual Average Speed – 23.3 mph. • Peak travel times were 8:30am – 9:30am and 6:00pm – 7:00pm, with peak travel days being Monday and Saturday. <p><i>g) Hermitage Road spring-water update (Cllr Lillie)</i> Water continues to flow on the eastern side of Hermitage Road. This is an ongoing problem which Cllr Lillie will monitor and deal with in the coming summer months.</p> <p><i>h) Other</i></p> <p><i>i. Water Leak, A427</i> Cllr Brooks reported that the water leak on the A427 has been rectified by Anglian Water.</p> <p><i>ii. Bollards, Hermitage Road</i> Cllr Bevan reported that some of the bollards on Hermitage Road need replacing. This is in hand with NNC.</p> <p><i>iii. Church Parking, A427</i> The Parochial Church Council (PCC) Church Warden had emailed the parish council, seeking advice regarding car parking at the front of the parish church, adjacent to the A427. It appears that this area of land, which is primarily intended for church parking, belongs to NNC, with the concrete insets and ancillary works having been funded by the PCC. It is the first parking area that drivers encounter after leaving Corby and there is nothing to indicate that it is not for general use by vehicle owners, so the area is sometimes filled by non-church visitors' cars and, occasionally, by heavy vehicles whose weight could impact on the viability of the concrete insets.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the matter and it was agreed that, in the first instance, the Church Warden should be advised to contact NNC Highways department for advice, as it is NNC land: they could clarify the legal position on the options regarding possible signage. They may also be able to advise on any structural issues.</p> <p>The clerk would inform the church Warden and provide contact details.</p>	JL
27/23-24	<p>Parish Crime Report & Police Matters: No formal crime reports received.</p>	LE
28/23-24	<p>Any Other Business: <i>To report any matters of a minor nature not requiring formal approval.</i></p> <p><i>King's Coronation Event May 2023:</i> Cllr Lillie has the bunting in storage. Councillors will liaise and arrange to stream the bunting prior to the Coronation celebrations.</p>	All
29/23-24	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Monday 24th July 2023, 7.30pm at the parish church.</p>	

Meeting closed at: 8.45pm

Signed: Liz Evans, Clerk to Brampton Ash Parish Council

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Date	On-line Transaction	Cheque no.	Item	Income £	Clerk's Salary	Expenditure £ inc VAT	(VAT Paid £)	Expenditure £ Section 137 inc VAT	Balance Including Reserves	Reconciled to bank	Reserves 1 Running total LGA72 S137	Reserves 2 Running total Election Costs	Legal Power
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2022 - 31 Mar 2023: Report 1													
01/04/22			Balance brought forward	£6,244.61					£6,244.61				
01/04/22			(Reserves)								£6,020.00		
06/04/22	Y		HMRC PAYE E Evans			£20.40	£0.00		£6,224.21				LGA 72 s.112
07/04/22	Y		HMRC PAYE Contra E Evans	£20.40					£6,244.61				
07/04/22	Y		NCALC AMP Grant	£205.58					£6,450.19				
13/04/22	Y		Wilbarston PC, road safety			£30.00	£0.00		£6,420.19				H/ways 1980 s41
26/04/22	Y		HMRC VAT refund	£42.31					£6,462.50				
28/04/22	Y		HMRC VAT refund	£4.99					£6,467.49				
29/04/22	Y		North Northants Precept	£1,500.00					£7,967.49				
29/04/22	Y		(Reserves)								£100.00		
Signed			N Bevan	Member						05/05/22			
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2022 - 31 Mar 2023: Report 2													
06/05/22	Y		British Legion (Jubilee)				£5.59	£33.54	£7,933.95		£5,986.46		LGA 72 s.137
07/05/22	Y		Amazon Services (Jubilee)				£9.66	£57.98	£7,875.97		£5,928.48		LGA 72 s.137
08/05/22	Y		Wilbarston PC, road safety			£30.00	£0.00		£7,845.97				H/ways 1980 s41
20/06/22	Y		NCALC Membership + DPO			£211.72	£24.00		£7,634.25				LGA 72 s.143(1)(b)
20/06/22	Y		NNC Community Grant Funding	£1,520.00					£9,154.25				
27/06/22	Y		Designer Metal, Grant funded				£262.00	£1,572.00	£7,582.25		£5,876.48		LGA 72s.137
27/06/22	Y		E Evans Salary 1st quarter		£182.35				£7,399.90				LGA72 s.112
Signed			N Bevan	Member						18/07/22			
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2022 - 31 Mar 2023: Report 3													
29/09/22	Y		E Evans Salary 2nd quarter		£182.35				£7,217.55				LGA72 s.112
Signed			N Bevan	Member						10/10/22			
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2022 - 31 Mar 2023: Report 4													
11/10/22	Y		Parish On-line Mapping			£28.80	£4.80		£7,188.75				LGA72.111
07/11/22	DC		Spanglefish web hosting			£29.95	£4.99		£7,158.80				LGA72.111
25/11/22	Y		Insurance			£257.60			£6,901.20				LGA72.112
25/11/22	Y		Clerk's expenses			£17.00	£2.83		£6,884.20				LGA72.111
25/11/22	Y		NCALC Retrospective VAT			£23.00	£23.00		£6,861.20				LGA 72 s.143(1)(b) Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014
Signed			N Bevan	Member						05/12/22			
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2022 - 31 Mar 2023: Report 5													
05/12/22	Y		Coles of Thurnby (Jubilee tree)				£21.40	£128.40	£6,732.80		£5,748.08		LGA 72s.137
28/12/22	Y		E Evans Salary 3rd quarter		£234.85				£6,497.95				LGA72 s.112
18/01/23	Y		Gibbs & Dandy Postfix				£12.00	£72.00	£6,425.95		£5,676.08		LGA72 s.137
06/02/23	Y		British Legion plaque				£25.83	£154.99	£6,270.96		£5,521.09		LGA72 s.137
Signed			N Bevan	Member						06/03/23			
Brampton Ash Parish Council: Income & Expenditure 1 Apl 2022 - 31 Mar 2023: Report 6													
12/03/23	Y		PCC Church lighting					£250.00	£6,020.96		£5,271.09		LGA72 s.137
12/03/23	Y		Community H/beat defib					£523.00	£3,138.00		£2,882.96		LGA72 s.137
20/03/23	Y		E Evans Salary quarter 4		£199.85				£2,683.11				
Totals			End of Year Totals	Income	Salary	Exp (inc VAT) non S137	VAT	Exp (inc VAT) S137	Balance inc Reserves	Reconciled to bank	Reserves S137	Reserves Election Expenses	Reserves
				£9,537.89	£799.40	£648.47		£5,406.91	£2,683.11	31/03/23	£2,133.09	£100.00	
			VAT total to be reclaimed				£919.10						
Signed			Agreed by auditor 13 04 2023										