

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:

Thursday 30th July 2020 commencing at 7.00PM. Meeting conducted using Zoom video conferencing.

Minutes taken by Sarah Stock, Clerk to the Parish Council

Record of attendance and apologies

Apologies: Cllr Steve Walsh: received & accepted

Attendees:	Cllr Jill Slinn (Chairman)	Cllr William Shearer
	Cllr Mick Macmain	Cllr Robin Green
	Cllr Jason Stather-Lodge	Cllr Stephen Crane
	Cllr Richard Gent	Cllr David Shawyer

2020/047 Declarations of Interest: Cllr MM - Agenda Item 2020/054 (10, Little Close, Chapel Brampton planning dispute)

2020/048 Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council on matters related to this agenda.

No MOP in attendance

2020/049 Minutes from the meeting held 18th June 2020 having been circulated separately were approved. The minutes will be signed by the chairman at the earliest convenience.

Outstanding Issues/Updates

- Gigaclear 'snagging' (minute ref: 19/110 & 19/122): Re-seeding to take place in Spring 2020. Gigaclear are unable to provide a date for this works at the moment.
- Village Design Statement (minute ref: 19/158): Work on the VDS is deferred until further notice.
- Village Pavements: Request for path clearance and siding out through villages. As NCC have declined to fund this project, the council considered funding the siding out from reserves. Council will assess the areas that need work before seeking a quote. Clerk will forward a map to councillors.
- Verge maintenance nr Farmdale House (minute ref: 19/124): NCC have issued a private licence to Mr Cutler allowing him to establish a wild flower area. FOI request has been sent to NCC. NCC have answered the FOI request stating that no licence exists. Clerk to investigate.
- Brampton Hill Track: correspondence with Ian Costello confirm that usage of the track has resumed unofficially and without challenge from the tenant farmer. IC agree to monitor this situation. Item Closed.
- Brampton Valley Caravans: DDC Planning Enforcement Officer has been notified. Awaiting response.

- Boughton Mill footpath diversion: NCC are aware that the path has been diverted without authorisation. CCB PC will establish what signage has been erected and confirm that a footpath is accessible.

2020/050 Playing field and Pocket park

- Playing field equipment upgrade/refurb (Cllrs RGt & RGn)

Grant application has been submitted to DDC. Deadline for applications is 1st July and the decision date is due in August.

Council have had extensive correspondence with Liz Sergeant, by email and on FaceBook, questioning the choice of play equipment and purchasing protocols of the council. Cllr JS has answered Mrs Sargent to allay these concerns and requested that any future comments are addressed to the Chairman of the council or the Clerk. Mrs Sargent has complied with this request and has ceased contact with individual councillors.

Two pieces of equipment have been ordered from Miracle and will be installed later this month. The council will await the results of the grant application before considering the next phase of the project.

2020/051 Environment (verges/paths/trees)

- Trees on Harlestone Road. The council considered the report received from Susan King (May Trees, Golf Lane) regarding overhanging trees bushes and shrubs, growing between the boundary fence and the road. Council are having difficulty establishing who is responsible for these trees. Cllr RGn will ask previous land owner for information.
- 1-10 Ten Cottages: Hedges overhanging pavement. Council was contacted by Keith Archibold requesting the hedge be cutback. Although the hedge has been trimmed Mr Achibold is concerned that the top of the hedge grows out over the pavement by about 18 inches forcing pedestrians off the pavement. Council noted Mr Archibold's comments and Cllr JS will relay the concerns to the occupant. The council is prepared to contract out this work in order to remedy the dispute if necessary.
- "Althorp" Oak Tree. Cllr SC will supply the replacement tree.
- Council raised concern regard trees that have been felled recently. No action seems to have been taken to grind out the stumps and replant. Clerk will make enquiries to Althorp.
- Tree on A5199 has been rather brutally pruned. Cllr JS will investigate.

2020/052 Neighbourhood Watch/PCSO (Cllr RGt)

- Minutes of the quarterly meeting circulated to councillors 8th July. No comment.
- Council raised concern that the PCSO's warning to residents not to park on Pitsford Road pavement has not been effective. The council will ask Paul Miller to speak to the residents again. Cllr SC will make a personal request.

2020/053 Uno Bus Service

The council briefly discussed financial support for the scheme and recognised that in all likelihood the CCB-PC contribution will increase next year. The council will consider future contributions when setting the 2021/22 budget.

2020/054 Applications for Consideration:

The council reviewed the decision notices for:

DA/2020/0095 (Breeze) - refused 29th June.

DA/2020/0263 (Skettlecroft) - Approved 8th June

DA/2020/0175 (Dene House, Cedar Hythe) - Approved 28th April

DA/2019/0358 (10 Little Close). Cllr MM informed the council that DDC enforcement officers have requested additional information although the resident is not in breach of planning regulations.

DA/2020/0474 (Rosebank, Golf Lane) Tree Works. Will be decided by DDC case officer.

Almshouse. Council has been notified of development taking place at Almshouse. Matter has been referred to DDC planning who have confirmed that planning permission should have been sought. DDC enforcement will investigate.

2020/055 Consultations & Meetings

- The council reviewed the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission and the associated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment consultation, councillors will make comments individually.

2020/056 Bank Reconciliation & YTD Budget vs Expenditure review

The council reviewed and accepted the bank reconciliation and reviewed the detailed budget analysis provided with the agenda.

Current Account (Unity 20415701)	£1,021	
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)	£43,790	
2019/20 Opening balance:	£44,811	
YTD Income	£17,730	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£14,919
Online Balance as at 27th July		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£4,870
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)		£44,962
Balance b/f		£49,832
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£49,832
2020/21 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£753	

Receipts for June/July £3,899

30/06/2020 (Interest)	£	46.10
25/06/2020 (HMRC VAT Claim)	£	3,852.86

2020/057 Accounts for Payment & Receipts

The council approved the accounts for payment - all payments are inclusive of VAT

Clerk's Salary	Sarah Stock	July	28.5.20	£369.95
Litter Wardens	J Hawkins	July	28.5.20	£27.50
Litter Wardens	D J Flemington	July	28.5.20	£27.50
Litter Wardens	Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	July	28.5.20	£27.50
Office Expenses	Sarah Stock (Zoom Subscription)	INV27190719	22.6.20	£14.39
Office Expenses	SS (Amazon, ink cartridge)	#206-6396633	27.6.20	£22.66
Grass Cutting	PW Warden Environmental Services	6907	30.6.20	£732.00
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Office Expenses	Sarah Stock (Zoom Subscription)	INV32295403	22.7.20	£14.39
Contingency	Cllr RGr (Connect Telecom Solutions)	24991	15.6.20	£84.06
Litter Wardens	Cllr MM (Jones)	n/a	20.6.20	£8.84
Street Lighting	E-on	H18A5FFB34	2.7.20	£204.42
Street Lighting	E-on Energy Sol	CHU002 99026	25.6.20	£155.81
Office Expenses	Barbara Osborne	6321	30.6.20	£66.00

Correspondence:

Council reviewed the correspondence.

- Unity Bank. The council has been asked to confirm its eligibility for the FSCS scheme whereby the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) compensates customers of UK authorised financial services firms up to a maximum of £85,000, if a firm has stopped trading or does not have enough assets to pay claims made against it. Confirmation was sent 27th July 2020. No action required.
- James Osborn (email 20th July): Following on from the anti-social behaviour incident at the cross roads last weekend with two employees from Greene King, the Business Development Manager, Joanna Wright has offered to step in and organise repairs of the Mary Higgy bench. Clerk has replied to JO and will inform the PCSO of the developments should he think it appropriate to offer support to Ms Wright. Clerk will contact Ms Wright.

Next Meeting September 16th 2020

Future dates for 2020

October 15th 2020

November 19th 2020