

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:

Thursday 16th September 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: Cllrs Steve Walsh; Stephen Crane, Jason Stather-Lodge: received & accepted
Cllr David Shawyer

Attendees: Cllr Jill Slinn (Chairman) Cllr William Shearer
Cllr Mick Macmain Cllr Robin Green
Cllr Richard Gent

2020/062 Declarations of Interest. No declarations of interest

2020/063 Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council on matters related to this agenda. No MOP in attendance.

2020/064 Minutes from the planning meeting held 3rd September 2020 having been circulated separately to were approved. The minutes will be signed by the chairman at the earliest convenience.

Outstanding Issues/Updates

- Village Design Statement (minute ref: 19/158): Council agreed that the VDS should be progressed and will approach Cllr SLC to lead this project.
- Village Pavements: Path clearance and siding out through villages. Clerk will approach LGG (Simon Letts) for a quote for siding out.
- Verge maintenance nr Farmdale House (minute ref: 19/124): NCC have stated no licence has been issued to Mr John Cutler for mowing. This information contradict the information provided by Kerry Palmer at NCC. Clerk will contact Mr Cutler to confirm the situation and establish which areas our contractor should mow.
- Brampton Valley Caravans: DDC Planning Enforcement Officer has been notified. Awaiting response. Clerk to contact Pitsford Parish council. CC John Shephard, Sarah Peck.
- Boughton Mill unauthorised footpath diversion: Access to the footpath remains restricted because of the lack of signage and because the landowners rather aggressive Alsatian dogs are allowed to roam loose. Clerk to notify Nick Wedgebrow, NCC Footpaths. CC Judy & John Shephard
- Trees on Harlestone Road (adjacent to May Trees, Golf Lane). Council have confirmed that these trees do not fall under parish council responsibility. Item Closed.
- "Althorp" Oak Tree. Cllr SC will supply the replacement tree and will plant in the Autumn.
- Althorp Tree Works (roadside felling & pruning). Council noted the procedure and expect to see some trees replanted Autumn 2021 and can take no further action at this time. Item Closed.
- Tree on A5199 has been rather brutally pruned. Council have not been able to establish who pruned the tree but recognise that the tree belongs to the parish. Cllr SC will be asked access pruning needs and report back to the council.

2020/065 Environment (verges/paths/trees)

- Works to hedge along Harlestone Road (adjacent to Spencer Close): Council accepted the quote from Guy Robins for £1,110.00 to lay hedge and tidy afterwards.
- Hedging at front of No.22 Cedar Hythe. Council note that despite covenants to retain unmarked borderlines in the front gardens at Cedar Hythe, owner of number 22 has planted box hedging along the boundary line. Clerk to seek guidance from DDC conservation officer.
- Ornamental hedging on Spencer Close. Clerk to approach Mr Warden for a quote (to contact Mike).

2020/066 Street Lighting

Council approved expenditure of £80 (exc. VAT) to repair lamp post in Cedar Hythe.

2020/067 Bench renovations

The council considered a programme of work to renovate the parish benches.

1. Harlestone Road (opposite school): Council accepted the quote from A&A Landscapes to remove the old and replace it along with associated works at a cost of £1475.00 (exc. VAT).
2. Harlestone Road (nr Post Box)
3. Golf Lane Triangle.
4. Spencer Close. Needs clean up and revarnish.

Cllr RGN will ask volunteer youth group to access benches 2, 3 and 4 and establish which they would be able to renovate.

2020/068 Playing Field & Pocket Park

- DDC have awarded the council a community grant of £10,901.
As per the strategy for the play area discussed at previous meetings, the council resolved to purchase the Pentagon Play Ship at a cost of £6,795. The manufacturer does not recommend use of matting and can install in 6 weeks. Cllr RGN will place the order.
- Planting hedge on southern boundary of Playing Field. The council reviewed the quotes from Guy Robins and discussed the merits of replacing the hedge. It resolved to defer the decision until councillors could inspect the current boundary.
- Tree work in Playing Field. The council approved the quote from Maurice Fitch for works on the trees in the playing field at a total cost: £1,180.00. The council requested the debris should be shredded on site and spread around the top boundary.

Clerk to write to the school to request that their southern boundary consisting various trees and shrubs be trimmed
- Car Park: Council discussed the poor state of the car park surface. Cllr MM will contact John Arnold/Ray Bell regarding an alternative surface.

2020/069 Rotary Car Rally (April 2020)

Subject to the relaxation of COVID-19, the council approved the proposal to hold a classic car rally on the Chapel Brampton playing field April 18th 2021.

2020/070 Speed Watch

- Council noted the cancellation of the 2020 Speed Watch. They will join the 2021 programme.
- Council discussed the concerns raised on FB about the lack of traffic calming on the Welford Road, Chapel Brampton. It is not highways policy to place traffic calming measures on A roads. However, our local PCSO is prioritising speed watch services across all the villages and will include a session on Welford Road at peak time. Council noted that speed surveys have shown traffic is not generally exceeding the speed limit in this area although there is a large volume of traffic. The council will continue to place the VAS speed sign on the Welford Road.

2020/071 Neighbourhood Watch/PCSO (Cllr RGt)

Update regarding parking on Pitsford Road (Cllr MM). Vehicles parked on the north side of the Pitsford Road are blocking the pavement, forcing pedestrians into the road. Cllr RGt reported that the PCSO will not take action based on photographic evidence but if he witnesses illegally parked vehicles will tackle the vehicle's owners and issue penalty notices if appropriate. Cllr MM will send photographic evidence direct to the PCSO.

Clerk was asked to issue a notice for the newsletter reminding residents not to block the pavement.

2020/072 Applications for Consideration:

The council is asked to review the following application:

Application No: DA/2020/0716
 Description: Works to trees within a conservation area
 Location: Holly House, Back Lane, Chapel Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AJ
 Application DA/2020/0716 will be decided by the DDC planning officer.

DDC Decision Notices Received & Pending

DA/2020/0474 (Rosebank, Golf Lane) Tree Works. Approved.
 DA/2020/0557 (The Stables barn conversion, Chapel Brampton). Pending

Application for Old Alms House was received after the publication of the agenda. Date for comments falls before the next council meeting and the council resolved to give delegated power to the clerk to respond to the application.

Application No: DA/2020/0662
 Description: Installation of garden room (retrospective)
 Location: Old Alms House, Harlestone Road, Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8AU

The council have received several objections to this development from neighbouring residents.

The council OBJECT to the installation of this garden room which is situated in the curtilage of a listed building. The council noted that the modern design, footprint and height are out of character with the principle dwelling and over dominate the plot. The structure is visible from the surrounding area and as it is not in keeping with the surrounding landscape is detrimental to the setting. The council has received several negative comments from local residents regarding the structure.

2020/073 Consultations & Meetings

Nothing reported.

2020/074 Clerk's Salary

The council accepted NCALCs recommendation to increase the clerk salary by 2.75% and move the clerk to SPC 14 and back date the payment to April 1st.

2020/075 Bank Reconciliation & YTD Budget vs Expenditure review

The council 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)		£32,137
Online Balance as at 28th August		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£2,690
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)		£44,962
Balance b/f		£47,652
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£30,404

2020/21 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£3,159	
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Receipts for August

Nil

Council

agreed to

reallocate £1,500 from the contingency to donations to cover the increase cost of the UNO Bus service.

2020/076 Accounts for Payment & Receipts

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

Sarah Stock	September	28.5.20	£xxx
Uno Bus (Spratton PC)	n/a	1.9.20	£1,677.09
PW Warden Environmental Services	6911	30.7.20	£816.00
D J Flemington	September	28.5.20	£27.50
J Hawkins	September	28.5.20	£27.50
Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	September	28.5.20	£27.50
Datacenta	29693	26.3.20	£60.00
NortonLifeLock (Sarah Stock)	NP260155618	4.6.20	£89.99
Sarah Stock (Zoom Subscription)	INV37396979	22.8.20	£14.39
Unity Bank Charges	Statement 007	3.6.20	£18.00
A&A Landscapes Ltd	9149	31.8.20	£90.00
Cllr RGr (Paints & Plants)	n/a	30.8.20	£245.84
Miracle Design & Play	INV-12487	24.8.20	£13,360.61
Eon Energy Solutions	100126	25.8.20	£96.00

Correspondence:

Council reviewed the correspondence.

- KIERWSP (NCC Highways) NCC have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from along those lengths of Public Footpath CE19 in the Parish of Church with Chapel Brampton and Public Footpath CC6 in the Parish of Boughton (Corner near Brampton crossing). Noted.

Next Meeting October 15th 2020

Future dates for 2020
November 19th 2020

Meeting Closed 20:20