

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on:

Thursday 15th October 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: N/a

Attendees:	Cllr Jill Slinn (Chairman)	Cllr William Shearer
	Cllr Mick Macmain	Cllr Robin Green
	Cllr Jason Stather-Lodge	Cllrs Steve Walsh
	Cllr Stephen Crane	Cllr David Shawyer
	Cllr Richard Gent (arrived 7.30pm)	

2020/077 Declarations of Interest. None made.

2020/078 Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council on matters related to this agenda.
None in attendance

2020/079 Minutes from the meeting held 16th September 2020 having been circulated separately were discussed. Cllr RGt requested an amendment to item 2020/071. Following the amendment, the minutes will be signed by the chairman at the earliest convenience.

Outstanding Issues/Updates

- Village Design Statement (minute ref: 19/158): Cllr JS will place a notice on Face Book and in Newsletter to recruit volunteers to progress this project.
- Verge maintenance nr Farmdale House (minute ref: 19/124): Mr Cutler has confirmed the condition and extent of his licence with NCC. Mr Cutler will establish a wildflower area adjacent to his hedge and leave a 1.5m mowing strip. Markers have been placed to show the boundary of the wildflower area. Item closed.
- Brampton Valley Caravans: DDC Planning Enforcement has been notified. Response from Maureen Halliday 12th October (Pitsford PC) outlined the complicated and somewhat hostile circumstances regarding this land and the tenant. CCB-PC will monitor the situation and continue to put pressure on DDC to resolve the issues.
- Boughton Mill unauthorised footpath diversion: Access to the footpath remains restricted because of the lack of signage and because the landowner's rather aggressive Alsatian dogs are allowed to roam loose. Clerk notified Nick Wedgebrow, NCC Footpaths. CC Judy & John Shephard (21/9). Awaiting response.
- "Althorp" Oak Tree. Cllr SC will supply the replacement tree and will plant in the Autumn.
- Telephone Box electricity supply. Quote received from E-on to re-establish unmetered supply, £1045.00 (exc. VAT) and for installation of private supply £250 (exc. VAT). Cllr RGn will seek an additional quote before making a recommendation to the council.
- Tree on A5199 has been rather brutally pruned. MF asked to make a report and quote for necessary works. Cllr SC will report back to the council in November.

2020/080 Environment (verges/paths/trees)

- Ornamental hedging, Spencer Close. Quote of £65 received from Mr Warden was accepted.
- Village Pavements: Path clearance and siding out through villages. Quote received from LGG (Simon Letts) £900. Council accepted the quote in principle, however the area quoted for does not include Church Brampton nor the Pitsford Road. Cllr SC will meet with Mr Letts to establish a comprehensive quote.
- Hedge overhanging from 22 Cedar Hythe is obstructing the pathway on Pitsford Road. The council will send a request to clear the obstruction.

2020/081 Playing Field & Pocket Park

- Planting hedge on southern boundary of Playing Field. The council accepted the quotes from Guy Robins and will go ahead with works at a cost of £1,110.00.
- Car Park: Council agreed that remedial works are required to repair several pot holes are required and accepted the estimated cost of £250 (Cllr MM to oversee works).
- Council approved expenditure to install a locking swing barrier at a cost of £360. Item to be installed by Mr Miller (Cllr MM to oversee works).
- Play equipment installation update (Cllr RGn). Play Ship ordered and for installation on 2nd-4th November.
- Wild flower areas at Playing Field & Pocket Park. Cllr RGn has purchased seeds which will be planted along the path of the pocket park and near the western boundary of the playing field.
- Bulb planting at Playing Field. Spoil from installation of the play equipment will be used to established at the boundary of the playing field. Rotary Club have offered 3500 crocus bulbs at the front of the school.

2020/082 Highways

Works by Cadent Gas Ltd in Church Lane, Church Brampton. Cllr WS reported that Cadent had informed residents in Church Lane that the gas connections were due to be changed, however, after digging holes the work was cancelled and deemed unnecessary. The reinstatement works have now been completed. A full explanation has been provided to each householder. Highways are aware of the action taken.

2020/083 Neighbourhood Watch/PCSO (Cllr RGt)

The council reviewed the parking situation on Pitsford Road pavement. Although some residents do seem to be more considerate, it was noted that some vehicles regularly obstruct the footpath. Cllr JS will draft a letter to residents reminding them to be mindful of pedestrians and not to park on the pavement and verges in this area.

2020/084 Benefice Newsletter

Derek Bland has announced that the final issue of the newsletter under his editorship will be published in April.

The council will investigate possible support which could be offered to a new editor. Cllr MM to establish printing costs and Cllr JS will speak with Derek to establish the amount of work involved.

2020/085 Change of provider for Unmetered Electricity Supply

The council reviewed the proposal to change energy supplier. While the discount is a benefit the council would like to see quotes from other companies (including E-on and Octopus a renewable energy provider) before making a decision. Cllr RGN will review the quotes and make a recommendation to the council.

2020/086 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
 Council resolved to leave the case office decide this application.

Decision Notices Received & Pending

DA/2020/0557 (The Stables barn conversion, Chapel Brampton). Pending

DA/2020/0662 (Old Alms House, Church Brampton) Garden room has now been demolished.

2020/087 Cedar Hythe Conservation Area

Council reviewed the information provided by Rachel Booth outlining planning regulations for planting in Cedar Hythe. The council resolved to press DDC planning to extend the Article 4 directive to include legislation which would preserve the open plan character of Cedar Hythe and prevent residents establishing boundaries. This would accord with the conservation area management plan which specifically notes that the impression of space throughout the development is a characteristic of the layout of this 1960s residential estate.

2020/088 Consultations & Meetings

- Council will not make a response to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) consultation.
- Council will not send a representative to Parish and Town Council's Meeting - 29 October 2020.
- The council discussed how much of the traditional winter time support will continue this year (events such as Christmas dinners for older people, gifts for disadvantaged children etc) will be impacted by COVID. It seems unlikely that the Spencer Club will run the Christmas lunch this year. The council resolved to work with the Spencer Club committee to ensure that a suitable substitute arrangement is made and will make an appropriate financial contribution. Clerk will contact Bill Rose.

2020/089 Bank Reconciliation & YTD Budget vs Expenditure review

Council reviewed and accepted the bank reconciliation and the 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	£30,730	
YTD expenditure (Inc. VAT & Unauthorised payments)		£35,326
Online Balance as at 28th September		
Current Account (Unity 20415701)		£3,442
Reserve Account (Unity 20415714)		£39,962
Balance b/f		£43,404
YTD Closing balance (less pending expenditure)		£40,215
2020/21 Unclaimed VAT YTD	£3,596	

Receipts for September

24 September: Precept £13,000

2020/090 Accounts for Payment & Receipts

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

Clerk's Salary	Sarah Stock	October	28.9.20	£xxx
Litter Wardens	D J Flemington	October	28.9.20	£27.50
Litter Wardens	J Hawkins	October	28.9.20	£27.50
Litter Wardens	Z A Finney (Noah & Grace)	October	28.9.20	£27.50
Office Expenses	Sarah Stock (Zoom Subscription)	INV42664539	22.9.20	£14.39
Street Lighting	E-on Energy Sol	CHU002 99026	25.6.20	£155.81
Pocket Park	Althorp Estate	13519	29.9.20	£209.42
Office Expenses	Barbara Osborne	6406	30.9.20	£66.00
Tree Works	Maurice Fitch	10506	29.9.20	£1,416.00
Pocket Park	Clr R Green (Boston Seeds)	434059	5.10.20	£92.99
Grass Cutting	PW Warden Environmental Services	6920	30.8.20	£732.00

Two invoices received after the publication of the agenda will be paid:

Maurice Fitch, Inv 10508 £432.00

Eon, Inv H18FF1744B £206.66

Correspondence:

- Notice has been received from Daisy Flemington (litter picker, Church Brampton). Council will offer the job to Noah Finney.

Next Meeting November 19th 2020Meeting dates for 2021: January 21st; February 25th (avoids half term); March 18th; April 15th; May 20th; June 17th; July 15th

Meeting Closed 8pm