

CHURCH WITH CHAPEL BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2016 in Bramptons Primary School at 7.30pm

Record of Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Mrs J. Slinn

Mr. P. Stansfield

Mr. D. Bland

Mr. R. Gent

Mr. M. Macmain

Mr. B. May

Mr. W. Shearer (7:40pm)

Apologies for Absence - Cllrs R. Green & I. Costello had provided advance notice of their absence and these were accepted.

The Clerk was not able to attend due to a personal commitment.

Parishioners - 2

16/082 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

16/083 Meeting adjourned for comments/questions from parishioners

David Littlestone addressed the Council regarding its objection to planning application DA/2016/0697 for the Grange in Church Brampton. Mr Littlestone discussed the points that the Council had objected to and presented the Council with new documents that claimed to clarify the plans received from the Planning Officer. The Council was requested to reconsider its objection and Councillors were invited to an on-site meeting with the Planning Officer on a date between the 24th and 26th October.

Mr Crouch addressed the Council regarding the grass-cutting incident on the Harlestone Road, and stated that the parishioner who had written to the Council in September was now aware that the instruction to cut the grass had not come from a Parish Councillor.

16/084 Minutes of the statutory meeting held on 15th September 2016 and Minutes of the planning meeting held on 24th September 2016

The minutes of the statutory meeting on 15th September 2016 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

The minutes of the planning meeting on 24th September 2016 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

16/085 Outstanding Issues and Action Points update

The outstanding action points were reviewed:

- Footpath on Northampton Road; Areas narrowed and in need of siding out –*This has been reported by the Clerk*
- Water blockage near fishing lodge – *No contact details were available, Action Closed*

- Noticeboard refurbishment – *Noticeboards have been repainted, Action Closed.*
- Road repairs at top of Church Lane – *Completed, Action Closed.*
- Church Lane; Water in middle of the road – *Clerk has re - reported to Highways. Action Closed.*
- Back Lane; Pedestrian crossing sign. *Request was rejected by Highways, Action Closed.*
- Deployable Speed cameras - *Clarification required from the Clerk, Carried over to next meeting.*
- Hedge line at Spencer Close - *Incorrect photo sent to Pilgrims, Carried over to next meeting.*
- Pensions – *NCALC have been notified, Action Closed.*
- Althorp cottages – *Overgrown hedges around 10 Cottages - Hedge line extends over pathway beyond 2nd cottage, Carried over to next meeting*
- Carpark funding – *Funding not available from normal sources, Cllr Shearer to investigate potential funding that may be available from the Buckton Fields project.*
- Dead Elm at Brampton Stables – *Not currently causing an obstruction. Action Closed.*
- Sandy Lane; Only half of potholes repaired – *Completed. Action closed.*
- Pocket Park; Replacement Fencing - *Completed. Action closed.*

16/086 *Playing field and Pocket park*

Playing Field - Cllr Bland reported that the Main Gate of the Playing Field Car Park had been struck by a vehicle from the Playing Field side, and three cross members had been damaged. The gate was operable, but a replacement will be required shortly. The Clerk is to obtain quotes for a replacement gate from Hassett fencing. Sections of the Bund wall have also collapsed and the Clerk is also to obtain quotes from Hassett fencing for half-rail timber fences for a) complete replacement and b) replacement of the damaged sections only. One goal post had also been partially dismantled and the Clerk is to report on the condition of the goal post following the inspection that was conducted recently.

Pocket Park - Cllr Stansfield reported that a quote had been received from Abbott Signs for three “Danger Deep Water” at a cost of £379.34. The council agreed that these signs are to be ordered by the Clerk.

16/087 *Highways*

Speedwatch – Cllrs Slinn, Bland, Gent and May reported that the Speedwatch camera had been in use for at least two sessions each day between 10th - 15th October and that a noticeable reduction in ‘excessive speeds’ was being observed. Cllr Bland reported that the Speedwatch co-ordinator had been advised that the camera should be sited on Crown Bank and not north of the Junction with Back Lane when recording at the north end of Welford Road. Cllr Gent stated that the Speedwatch coordinator had also been requested to share the data collected with the Parish in due course.

Following reports of concrete lorries in the 7.5 tonne weight restricted area, the Speedwatch group is to be asked to record HGV activity in weeks when the camera is not available.

Cllr Macmain reported that the road sign at the bottom of Sandy Lane has been damaged. Clerk was asked to report these issues via StreetDoctor, along with other issues outside the boundary of the parish.

Cllr Slinn is to arrange for the weight restriction sign on the Harlestone Rd to be rotated appropriately following suspected collision with a vehicle.

16/088 ***Verges, Footpaths and Village Matters***

Police Report – The monthly report was received and acknowledged.
Traffic Calming Proposals – Roadworks are to begin near Halfway Thorn between 26th -28th October.
Neighbourhood watch – No comments were made and it was agreed this item should be removed from future agendas unless requested.
Defibrillators – Cllr Gent stated that enquiries are ongoing and will be discussed at the next meeting.

16/089 ***Administration***

Website – Cllr Slinn is to contact the website design company with minor changes agreed by the website subcommittee. Cllr Slinn also stated that bank statements show that an overpayment of £300 has been made and these will be sent to the Website Design Company. Cllr Stansfield requested that the Clerk supply the NCALC Excel Spreadsheet necessary to apply for further funding from the Transparency Fund.

Village Fund – Cllr Bland stated that a £35 cash float had been returned to the Supervisor of the Village Fund and £350 remains in the fund. Potential uses of this fund for the benefit of the Village are to be discussed at the next meeting.

Spencer Club – Cllrs agreed that a donation of £150 to the Spencer Club would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Social Media Policy – The text of the social media policy was agreed by majority. The Facebook Access Policy was discussed and is to be carried over to the next meeting.

Report on External Audit of Accounts – The external audit was inspected and comments were noted and will be acted upon. A ‘Notice of Audit Conclusion’ will be posted on the village notice boards and website once it has been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer. Following the repeal of local government discretionary payment legislation in 2012, the Clerk was asked to clarify the current allowable limit of pension gratuity payments. The Clerk has also been requested to make accounts available for internal review on a quarterly basis.

Formulation of Budget for 2017/18 – The council discussed the formulation of the budget ahead of November’s Statutory Meeting where a formal proposal is required. The Clerk was requested to clarify the financial regulations that would trigger increased annual audit costs, as well as the implications for the council of exceeding this limit.

16/090 ***Bank Reconciliation & Budget for month of October 2016***

Bank Reconciliations were distributed before the meeting The Bank Reconciliation was amended and agreed as an accurate record. The budget was agreed as an accurate record of expenditure.

Bank Reconciliation October 2016	
Current Account	3043.29
Deposit Account	48915.39
Cheques not presented	1494.42
Balance	52464.26

16/091 Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed that all invoices should be paid:

	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque No
	£	£	£	
Clerk Salary – Oct	-	-	-	1785
HMR&C – PAYE October 2016	-	-	-	1786
Chapel Brampton Litter Picker – October 16	27.50	-	27.50	1787
Church Brampton Litter Picker – October 16	27.50	-	27.50	1788
BDO External Audit fee	135.00	27.00	162.00	1789
Eighth Earl Spencer Family Settlement – rent	-	5.48	-	1790
P W Warden – grass cutting contract	361.00	72.20	433.20	1791
EON – street lighting charges	128.25	6.41	134.66	1792
The Spencer Club	150.	-	150.00	1793

16/092 Money Received in September

Interest - September £1.57

Precept – September £12,000.00

16/093 Applications for Consideration

DA/2016/0697 – Construction of new dwelling including new access to the existing dwelling at The Grange, Golf Lane, Church Brampton

Whilst acknowledging Mr Littlestone's comments, the Council agreed that, as long as the submitted documents remain in contravention of Daventry's Supplementary Planning Guidelines (SPG), its objection should not be withdrawn.

The Chair shall contact Barry Frenchman to ask if the SPG guidelines are still expected to be applied.

16/094 Planning Applications – Comments

DA/2016/0653 – Granted – Single storey rear extension and new garage roof at Chartwell House, Sandy Lane, Church Brampton

16/095 Correspondence

A parishioner's complaint regarding a vehicle being advertised for sale near the roadside in Church Brampton was received. The Council agreed that since this vehicle belonged to a private seller, had subsequently been sold / removed and did not constitute a persistent problem that no further action was necessary.

To be circulated:

- NCALC update
- Playing Field Equipment Brochure

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Next Meeting 17th November 2016