

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 in The Bramptons Primary School at 7.30pm

Record of Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Mrs J Slinn

Mr B May

Mr I Costello

Mr R Green

Mr R Gent

Mr P Stansfield

Mr W Shearer

Mr M Macmain

Mr D Bland

Apologies for absence

Mrs R Warne – Clerk – due to illness

17/001 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

17/002 Meeting adjourned for comments/questions from parishioners

No Parishioners present

17/003 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman

17/004 Matters Arising and Outstanding Issues

In the absence of the Clerk details of some responses to matters previously raised required further clarification as follows:-

10 Cottages, Church Brampton- It had been ascertained which of the houses (numbers 1-5) were privately owned and which were still owned by the Althorp Estate and the privately owned residents are to be requested to cut the hedges back to improve the width of the footpath in front of their properties.

Hiring of Classrooms – It was noted that if the Parish Council thought it likely that they would exceed the two hours booked then a few days prior notice would be required.

Village Design Statement – It was confirmed that this had not been registered at Daventry District Council as was previously thought.

Clerk's Pension – We will await details of what arrangements should be made in the future.

Roadside Hedge and Trees – Spencer Close – Agreed that the Council would write to the CEO of Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association to seek a response which had not been forthcoming from the usual channels.

Althorp Tree Survey and Works – It was noted that Althorp Estate had already carried out the only tree felling required within the villages and there were no further issues.

Traffic Cones on corner of Harlestone Road Junction on Chapel Brampton – Now resolved with the installation of permanent bollards.

17/005 Playing field and Pocket park

Playing Field report - Councillor Bland provided inspection reports for November and December 2016 and reported that the car park gate had been locked over the Christmas and New Year period

Play equipment – Quote for Goalposts – A further quote to be obtained - deferred to next meeting

Playing Field gate and bund wall to carpark – Quote not to hand – deferred to next meeting

Pocket Park - Reported that the 'Deep Water' signs were now available and it was agreed that Councillor Bland would contact Ken Wade to install these in concrete and a maximum expenditure of £100 was authorised for this work.

17/006 Highways

Traffic Calming works – The Chairman would contact NCC to ascertain when these works, in particular the extension of the island on Harlestone Road, would be finished.

The Culvert Jacks Lane – NCC to be contacted to remind them that this culvert was constructed by them and we therefore believe should be maintained by them.

Poor signage and sign visibility approaching traffic calming – Chairman would raise the issue of the size of sign indicating the priority point on the Harlestone Road by the Playing Field as it was believed many drivers were failing to be aware of the calming measure.

Signs on the gateways into Church Brampton – It was thought that any signage to indicate the presence of CCTV cameras aimed at the highway would be required to be adjacent to those cameras.

Pedestrian Crossing – There had been some suggestion on the Facebook site that a Pedestrian Crossing was desirable in Chapel Brampton. The council had previously recognised that the positioning of a crossing would be difficult on the Welford and Northampton Roads. The Chairman would enquire from Pitsford PC as to through which channel they had obtained the Pedestrian Crossing and advise Brampton residents via the social media sites.

7.5 Tonne Weight Limit – The Chairman would contact the Speedwatch co-ordinator to see if the Speedwatch Team would be prepared to carry out planned surveys of the Harlestone Road from the Church Brampton Crossroads to the A428 at Harlestone to log those vehicles over the weight limit with a view to providing details of those vehicles to the relevant authorities and/or writing to the owners of the vehicles to remind them of the offence their drivers had committed.

Traffic Count 2017 – It was suggested that a traffic count be carried out at similar points in the villages in April as in previous years. It was also suggested that in order to have an indication of traffic speeds *within* the villages a further four points be monitored on the Welford Road, Northampton Road, Harlestone Road near Walkers Lane and on Sandy Lane close to the public footpath entrance. The Clerk is to get a quote for the usual 7 locations plus the additional four points.

17/007 Verges / Footpaths / Village Matters

Village defibrillators – There was some uncertainty as to whether the installation of one or two Defibrillators in the villages would be effective due to the time required to locate and use the equipment and what had been the success of these items in other parts of the country – we should seek details of how effective they had been elsewhere before proceeding further. However, the Parish Council did agree that it should provide CPR training within the village for those residents who would like to participate. This is to be progressed and take the opportunity to seek the views of those participating on the possible acquisition of defibrillators.

Playing field car park – Awaiting means of funding. DDC Councillor John Shepard to be contacted to enquire as to whether further funds might be available from phase two of the Buckton Fields development. Existing repairs dealt with under 17/005

Parking on verges - Concerns had been raised about parking on verges by commercial vehicles in particular in Great and Little Close. Agreed that a notice be placed in the Newsletter and on Website requesting that this practice cease and pointing out the potential offence which has taken place.

Street lighting and CCTV cameras for Church Brampton – Those wishing to install CCTV cameras are required to obtain the consent of the Parish Council and whilst the Council was not averse to the principle, it did not wish to agree without a survey of Church Brampton residents first being carried out. It was agreed that this would be conducted via the social media sites and the Newsletter and questionnaires would be sent out with the Newsletters in Church Brampton with returns to the Church Brampton Parish Councillors. The areas of Church Brampton which were not covered by street lighting had been raised by the police as a security issue. It was noted that a previous policy of the council to increase street lighting in Church Brampton had been rejected by a majority of residents.

Community Enhancement Gangs 2017

This item was on the agenda but no paperwork was available. Deferred to next meeting

Dog Fouling – There has been an increase in dog fouling in Church Brampton in particular in recent months and it was agreed that reminder notices continue to be placed in the Newsletter

Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Gent (NW Co-ordinator) will visit those who indicate a desire to join the scheme to validate their application. There had been 12 burglaries in Church Brampton in the past 12 months

Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2017 – The council agreed to be responsible for the grass cutting within the villages for the 2017 cutting season and receive the NCC grant

17/008 Administration

Website update - Agreed to renew the Data Protection Registration

17/009 Bank Reconciliation & Budget for month of December 2016

Distributed before the meeting. The Bank Reconciliation was agreed as an accurate record. The Budget was agreed as an accurate record of expenditure

Bank Reconciliation December 2016	
Current Account	£ 4,899.49
Deposit Account	£44,921.07
Cheques not Presented	£ 27.50
Balance	£49,793.06

17/010 Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed that all invoices should be paid

	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque No
	£	£	£	
Clerk's salary – January 2017	-	-	-	1801
HMR&C – PAYE January 2017	-	-	-	1802
Church Brampton Litter Picker – January 2017	27.50	-	27.50	1803
Chapel Brampton Litter Picker – January 2017	27.50	-	27.50	1804
Ken's Property/Garden Maintenance	200.00	-	200.00	1805
EON UK Plc – Lighting Charges	128.25	6.41	134.66	1806
EON Energy Solutions Ltd – Lighting M't'ce	180.10	36.02	216.12	1807
The Chapel annual rental charge	63.79	-	63.79	1808
P W Warden – grass cutting contract	527.00	105.40	632.40	1809
B Osborne – PAYE services	60.00	-	60.00	1810
Northants ACRE membership	35.00	-	35.00	1811
The Information Commissioner – Data Protect	35.00	-	35.00	1812
The Bramptons Primary School – Hire of Hall	97.00	-	97.00	1813

17/011 Money Received

Interest - November £2.01

Interest – December £1.91

17/012 Applications for Consideration

No applications received for consideration

17/013 Planning Applications – Comments

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

DA/2016/0773 – Permission granted – Construction of two storey extension to existing golf club to provide lettable units and leisure facilities at Brampton Heath Golf Club, Sandy Lane, Church Brampton

Query regarding the construction of an extension at 34 Great Close whether planning permission was required. It was thought that the footprint of the area being developed may have been within the permitted percentage allowed but the council would check with DDC that they had been consulted.

17/014 ***Correspondence***

Mr J Cutler had contacted the Chairman regarding his concerns about the cutting of grass on land at the front of his property on Harlestone Road, Chapel Brampton. It was agreed that the Chairman would email Mr Cutler that the matter was resolved.

To be circulated

NCALC update

Clerks and Councils Direct

Rockingham Forest Trust – Northamptonshire Countryside Design Guide

Next Meeting 16th February 2017