

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th July 2017 in The Bramptons Primary School at 7.30pm.

Record of Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

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| Mr D Bland | Mr I Costello | Mr R Gent |
| Mr. R Green | Mr M Macmain | Mr W Shearer |
| Mr P Stansfield | | |

In attendance – R Warne – Clerk

Parishioners - 7

Apologies for absence: Apology received and accepted from J Slinn and B May

17/090 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

17/091 Meeting adjourned for comments/questions from parishioners:

- Residents in attendance came to discuss with the Parish Council as follows:-
- Their concerns about the speed, volume of accidents and types of vehicles using Pitsford Road and their desire to see a reduction in the speed limit from 50MPH to 40MPH.
- That a weight limit should be considered for Pitsford Road as the road is unsuitable for buses and lorries
- That the Hedges alongside the footpath on Pitsford Road are overgrown with pedestrians having to walk in the road.
- That traffic lights should be installed on the bridge at Spratton Sands
- Their concerns that new road systems and new housing systems will put further traffic pressure on Pitsford Road and the village in general, and have a detrimental impact of the area's environmental health
- That no Police speed checks are being undertaken on A5199

The Parish Council noted the concerns and agreed that the following actions would be taken before the next meeting:

1. That the Clerk will write to The Chairman of Long Buckby Parish Council (Steve Osborne) to enquire how they have successfully managed to obtain speed signs and implement speed reduction initiatives
2. That Councillor Shearer will investigate hedge ownership via the Land Registry with a view to having these cut back
3. That the Clerk will speak to Highways regarding a weight limit on the Pitsford Road.

Further discussions will take place in September once a response to the Council's letter to its local MP has been received.

17/092 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2017

The Minutes of the meeting 15th June 2017 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Vice Chairman

17/093 *Matters Arising and Outstanding Issues*

- ***Hedge Spencer Close*** – Letter has been sent and awaiting response
- ***Repairs to roadside verges including Church Lane*** – Ian Boyes (Highways) has confirmed that works will be undertaken as soon as workmen are available.
- ***Trees on the bridleway*** – Rights of Way advised that they have inspected and the bridleway is in an acceptable condition - Resolved
- ***Broken manhole cover*** – Clerk has spoken to the resident and the issue is resolved at present.
- ***Freedom of Information Act Request*** – Response received - Resolved
- ***Tracsis invoice*** – Response received and reduction to invoice obtained - Resolved

17/094 *Playing field and Pocket park*

Playing Field report – Councillor Bland provided Clerk with the monthly report and advised that the field is being checked regularly and that the bin has been reported as being full.

Pocket Park: None

17/095 *Highways*

Traffic Calming – Councillor Bland used data from the recent traffic census to raise concerns that Sandy Lane and the road outside Spencer Arms are areas of high speeding infringement and that there is a need to encourage speed reduction at these areas.

A5199 Crossroads and Pitsford Road – New signs are being installed.

Crossroads signage costs – discussion of quote – Councillors approved the purchase of a 600mm sign with crossroads warning triangle above a SLOW DOWN safety message including installation costs totalling £3145.00 on a proposition by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Macmain and majority of Councillors in agreement, subject to an agreement on its location with Highways and any objections from residents affected by it.

At this time discussion also took place regarding purchase of 2 mobile VAS sign at a cost of £4000.00 each. It was agreed that Clerk would write to Ian Boyes asking can we use the money left in the traffic calming budget to fund both items.

A5199 – Road gullies and gutters – The gullies and gutters on the eastern side of the A5199 need to be cleared and Clerk shall report this to Highways.

Consultation on Northampton North West Relief Road – Concerns were raised about the most recent proposal now connecting to the bottom of Sandy Lane and not to a roundabout at Windhofer, and also with regards to the expected increase in traffic travelling North on the A5199.

Consultation on Northampton Northern Orbital Route – Discussions took place and the Parish Council felt that the currently proposal ran too far North and that Lorries from Moulton Park would continue to use the current route through Boughton and Church with Chapel Brampton. Councillor Stansfield is to calculate a distance comparison between the current road and proposed Northern Orbital Routes. Concerns were also raised about the road being unfunded at the present time.

17/096 *Verges / Footpaths / Village Matters*

1. ***Additional Streetlights*** – Item to be carried forward to the September meeting
2. ***Overgrown hedgerows Sandy Lane/Harlestone Road*** – Article requesting the cutting back of hedges to be put in the newsletter

17/097 *Administration*

Recording of road traffic accidents – Councillors discussed the proposed method of recording road traffic accidents and it was agreed to continue with this method in order to supply as much detail as possible with the aim of generating accurate information to update local police records.

17/098 Bank Reconciliation & Budget for month of June 2017

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 June 2017 | |
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| Current Account | £ 4481.64 |
| Deposit Account | £49787.69 |
| Cheques not Presented | £ 257.50 |
| Balance | £54011.83 |

17/099 Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed that all invoices should be paid

| | Net | VAT | Total | Cheque No |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | |
| Clerk's salary –July 2017 | - | - | - | 1851 |
| Clerk's salary – August 2017 | | | | 1854 |
| HMR&C – PAYE July & August 2017 | - | - | - | None payable |
| Church Brampton Litter Picker – July 2017 | 27.50 | - | 27.50 | 1852 |
| Church Brampton Litter Picker – August 2017 | 27.50 | - | 27.50 | 1855 |
| Chapel Brampton Litter Picker – July 2017 | 27.50 | - | 27.50 | 1853 |
| Chapel Brampton Litter Picker – August 2017 | 27.50 | - | 27.50 | 1856 |
| Tracsis Traffic Data Ltd – traffic count | 846.00 | 169.20 | 1015.20 | 1857 |
| B Osborne - Payroll | 80.00 | - | 80.00 | 1858 |
| EON – Lighting maintenance | 180.10 | 36.02 | 216.12 | 1859 |
| NCALC – Training course | 36.00 | - | 36.00 | 1860 |
| EON – Lighting charges | 138.75 | 6.94 | 145.69 | 1861 |
| R Warne – Clerk/PC expenses | 185.57 | 6.42 | 191.99 | 1862 |

17/100 Money Received

Interest - June £2.23

17/101 Applications for Consideration

1. Consideration of an Application for single storey side extension at 1 Hamilton Court, Chapel Brampton – Application Number DA/2017/0626 – Councillors considered the plans and has no objections or observations.

2. Consideration of an application for construction of new dwelling (revised scheme) at Croft House, Church Lane, Church Brampton – Application Number DA/2017/0593 – Councillors considered the plans and object to this application for the following reasons

- The garage is positioned in front of the house which is against DDC policy of no garages in front gardens
- To the best recollection of Councillors the original plans showed a shared access and the current plans now shows two entrances – this needs clarification and consideration

3. Consideration of an application for first storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 1 Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton – Application Number DA/2017/0591 – Councillors considered the plans and had no objections or observations, however, it was noted that application states that the development is “not visible from the road” when in fact it is visible

17/102 Planning Applications Comments – No comments**17/103 Correspondence**

Telephone Box – Councillor Green reported that the Telephone box had been inspected and a selection of books for public use had been provided. Councillor Green will also investigate the possibilities of installing a defibrillator at no cost to the Parish Council.

Trees – Correspondence regarding the replacement of Yew tree at 2 The Ten Cottages which was subject to a TPO was noted.

Next Meeting 21st September 2017