

Church with Chapel Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2017 in The Bramptons Primary School at 7.30pm.

Record of Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Mr D Bland Mr R Gent Mr. R Green
Mr M Macmain Mr. B May Mr W Shearer
Mrs. J Slinn (Chairman)
Mr P Stansfield (Vice Chairman)

Chris Heaton-Harris MP
County Councillor Mrs. J Shepherd

In attendance – R Warne – Clerk

Parishioners - 31

Apologies for absence: Apology received and accepted from Mr. I Costello – previous commitment

17/107 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Stansfield declared an interest in Planning Application DA/2017/0822 – neighbouring property
Councillors Gent and Green declared an interest in Planning Application DA/2017/0855

17/108 Meeting adjourned for comments/questions from parishioners:

Councillor Jill Slinn welcomed Chris Heaton-Harris MP and residents to the meeting.

A number of issues of concern to residents were discussed as follows:-

Residents in attendance voiced their concerns regarding the ongoing traffic problems especially at the crossroads where Pitsford Road meets with A5199. An outline of the accidents including photographs was shown to Chris Heaton-Harris MP. The problems being experienced have been ongoing for a number of years but now the numbers of accidents are on the increase. Residents are scared to walk their children along that road and several households have experienced damage to their houses due to these accidents. Residents want this issue to be taken seriously and for action to be taken by Parish Council and Highways to resolve the speeding issues. Councillor Slinn outlined the actions currently being researched by the Parish Council to try and resolve the matter within their remit. The Parish Council is in discussions with Highways who are currently monitoring the speeds. Residents have suggested rumble strips and zebra crossing but these have been rejected by Highways.

Chris Heaton-Harris MP took on board all the comments and living in a village himself understands the concerns and frustrations. He felt that residents need to be pro-active and feels that any speed reduction schemes should be in place before the orbital road is constructed due to the concern of additional traffic through the village. The following are the actions Chris-Heaton Harris will undertake:-

1. Will speak to the Police to get the Road Safety Team to monitor the area
2. Will write to the SATNAV companies to ensure that the crossroads is on their maps
3. Will speak to the Chief Constable to ask why weight restrictions not being policed

Residents then discussed the increase in crime (some of which are very serious) in the area and many of which were the result of professionals. Several residents provided Chris Heaton-Harris with their own personal experiences. In the area there have been 77 crimes but only 2 convictions. Councillor Gent outlined the various options he is researching to improve the safety of residents and these include CCTV. Chris Heaton-Harris is aware of the current status in the village and feels that the village needs to take more action itself as unfortunately Police budgets are stretched and not looking likely to improve in the future.

The employing of a village PCSO was discussed and it was generally felt that this could be a way forward as long as the PCSO is tailored for the needs of the village. It was agreed by all that this is worth pursuing further and Parish Council made residents aware that this could result in an increase in the Precept.

At the end of this part of the meeting Councillor Slinn thanked Chris Heaton-Harris MP for attending and thanked residents for their vital input

17/109 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2017 and Planning Meeting held on 5th August and 26th August 2017

The Minutes of the meeting 20th July 2017 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman
The Minutes of the planning meetings 5th August and 26th August were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman

17/110 Matters Arising and Outstanding Issues

- **Hedge Spencer Close** – Pilgrims proposed to trim the tops and sides and are planting some additional trees.
- **Tree obscuring 30MPH sign by Cedar Hythe** – Councillor Slinn advised that Ian Boyes NCC would be writing to the resident and she will discuss further with Ian Boyes
- **Hedge trimming Pitsford Road – update** – Some hedges have been cut back.
- **A5199 – road gullies and gutters** – These need to be cleaned out properly to ensure drainage
- **Overgrown hedgerows – notice in Newsletter** – Some hedges have been cut back. The hedge at Rice Farms has been cut back, however, debris has been left and this might be blocking some of the drains on the A5199 – Clerk to write to ask for this debris to be cleared

17/111 Playing field and Pocket park

Playing Field report – Councillor Bland provided Clerk with the monthly report for July and August.

Pocket Park: Councillor Stansfield advised that there is some damage to bench and signs – Agenda item for October meeting

17/112 Highways

Traffic Calming – Councillor Slinn is awaiting quotes for portable signs and it was agreed that once the quote is received that the Parish Council will meet to discuss to enable this item to move forward prior to the next meeting.

A5199 Crossroads and Pitsford Road – New signs are being installed by Highways

Flashing sign for crossroads – See traffic calming

Accidents at crossroads – This item was discussed in depth during public participation

Flooding in Church Lane, Church Brampton – Highways will be undertaken a thorough inspection to locate spring prior to remedial action, if needed, being undertaken

17/113 Verges / Footpaths / Village Matters

1. **Additional Streetlights** – Item to be carried forward to the October meeting
2. **Grass verge on Jack's Lane – to discuss solution to being used as car parking** – item resolved. Also noted that dog fouling signs have been received and Councillor Slinn will install these
3. **Signs for Neighbourhood Watch & Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)** – Councillor Gent is looking to install signs for both NHW and ANPR and it was agreed that these would be purchased by the Parish Council and installed at the gated entrances on a proposition by Councillor Gent, seconded by Councillor Green and all Councillors in agreement
4. **PCSO Sponsorship**- Parish Council need to gain clarification on costing and powers before proceeding further – item to remain on the agenda

17/114 Administration - None

17/115 Bank Reconciliation & Budget for month of August 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 August 2017	
Current Account	£ 2089.56
Deposit Account	£49791.92.69
Cheques not Presented	£312.50
Balance	£51568.98

17/116 Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed that all invoices should be paid

	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque No
	£	£	£	
				1864
Clerk's salary –September 2017	-	-	-	
HMR&C – PAYE	-	-	-	None payable
Church Brampton Litter Picker – September 2	27.50	-	27.50	1865
Chapel Brampton Litter Picker – September	27.50	-	27.50	1866
Bridleway Litter Picker – August & September PAYE	22.10 5.40	-	27.50	1867
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The Althorp Estate	153.33	30.67	184.00	1869
P W Warden – grass cutting June, July and August	1249.00	249.80	1498.80	1870
Refund to Cllr – Land registry search	6.00	-	6.00	1871

17/117 Money Received

Interest - July £2.18

Interest – August £2.05

17/118 Applications for Consideration

1. Consideration of an application for work to tree within a Conservation Area at Barnwalls, Back Lane, Chapel Brampton – DA/2017/0822

Councillors discussed the application and agreed there were no objections or observations

2. Consideration of an application for removal of trees within a Conservation Area at 7 Cedar Hythe, Chapel Brampton – DA/2017/0818

Councillors discussed the application and agreed there were no objections or observations

3. Consideration of an application for single storey side extension at Oak House, Harlestone Road, Church Brampton – DA/2017/0855

Councillors discussed the application and agreed there were no objections or observations

- Daventry District Council – notification of Tree Preservation Order relating to trees on land in Church Brampton – these are situated on the property borders of Everglades and Rydal House
- Approval – DA/2017/0557 – construction of new porch at 3 Hamilton Court, Chapel Brampton
- Approval – DA/2017/0591 – first storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 1 Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton
- Refusal – DA/2017/0626 – single storey side extension at 1 Hamilton Court, Chapel Brampton
- Application for demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two detached dwellings and garages at Everglades, Golf Lane, Church Brampton – Application Number DA/2017/0612 – withdrawn

Buckton Fields new revised plan was discussed and it was agreed that Councillors would look at the plans online

17/103 Correspondence

- BHIB Insurance Brokers – advising that insurance on renewal will be handled by them - noted
- Northamptonshire Highways – leaflets regarding bus information – copy of leaflet distributed to Councillors
- BPHA – Email received regarding the hedge on Spencer Close and they are recommending cutting back the sides and reducing the growth down between the larger trees to form a basic hedge. They are then prepared to infill with natural species such as field maple and hawthorn to create a hedge line that can then be maintained. The larger pine trees will need to be cleared of ivy and dead wooding – anticipated works will be completed in November 2017

To be circulated

- Clerk and Councils Direct
- NCALC update

Next Meeting 19th October 2017