

Brampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting for the Parish of Brampton
held in Cutthorpe Village Hall on the on 11 May 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairperson - Councillor W H Hoskin, Councillors P Elliott, D Mackenzie, P Margereson and A Wood

Also Present: Mrs E Boswell Clerk to the Council.

Apologies

Councillors B Madin and D Phipps

Chairman's Report

There have been eleven meetings of the Parish Council during the year, the summer recess being taken in August. In April 2014 we were saddened to receive the resignation of Barbara Stringer who had given exemplary service to the Council and is very much missed. Following the advertising of the Casual Vacancy Peter Margereson was welcomed to the Council in June 2014. The recent election was uncontested as there were seven candidates for nine seats; we are very sorry that Karen Lane and John Robinson have decided not to re-stand and wish them all the best for the future. This again leaves two vacancies on the Council one for Cutthorpe Ward and one for Old Brampton / Wadshelf Ward; these posts will be advertised according to procedure on the local notice boards.

Finance

The 2013/14 accounts were inspected by both Grant Thornton and the Internal Auditor and no problems were found with the financial and administration systems. The 2014/15 accounts have been through the internal audit process and will be submitted to Grant Thornton within the next couple of weeks. In summary the Parish Council is operating on a sound financial and administrative footing and is well placed to tackle any future developments that may arise.

Police

The area has a relatively low crime level. The main problems with crime in the Parish are theft of agricultural machinery from rural locations.

Planning

We continue to comment on all applications received from North East Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park. During the year the Parish Council objected to the planning application submitted for the re-development of the site of 23 The Square, Cutthorpe

Recreation Ground

It was a devastating period when the Cricket Club removed a number of trees from the Recreation Ground without permission, we are pleased that the Club have worked with the Council to re-instate; and hope that the newly planted trees will thrive on the Ground.

Playgrounds

During the year two successful grant applications have been made to Viridor Credits and Awards for All. This has now completed the fund raising process for the Cutthorpe Play Area. We are pleased to be able to announce that the order has been placed for the new piece of equipment and this should be installed in the next couple of months. We continue to be most grateful to the community who have raised thousands of pounds towards the project and we hope that local children will enjoy playing on the new equipment.

The Probation Service have again been approached to see if they are able to carry out painting works to the fencing around the play area at Wadshelf and an outcome is awaited on this application.

Village Halls

The Management Committees have continued to run the Village Halls on a day to day basis, the Parish Council has continued to maintain the properties to a high standard. The Management Committees now forward their minutes on to the Parish Council for information.

An application to make Cutthorpe Village Hall a Community Asset has been successful. Further to most prolonged proceedings we still do not know whether a new lease will be issued for the Village Hall or whether the Parochial Church Council is looking to sell the building as a community asset.

Notice Boards

The notice boards at Old Brampton and Priestfield have been thoroughly renovated. Works are awaited on the boards at Cutthorpe.

Allotments

Eric Harding has looked after the allotment gardens on Common Lane for a number of years; he resigned in February this year and is thanked for his service. Chris Sowden has offered to take on the role and we look forward to working with him. The allotment gate has recently been replaced.

Website

In line with the governments transparency code for local councils, the Parish Council has decided to set up it's own website rather than using a page on the District Council's site. Councillor Dave Phipps is in the process of setting this up and he is thanked for his work on this considerable project

Statement of Accounts

The Clerk presented an un-audited statement of accounts for the Parish Council for 2014/2015. The accounts for 2013/2014 were passed by the Audit Commission without qualification. The income and expenditure is very much in line with our estimates and I am satisfied our financial position remains sound.

Any Other Business

Thank you to all Councillors for their service during the past year and to Liz for the work that she has undertaken.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm

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