

Brampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting for the Parish of Brampton
held in Cutthorpe Village Hall on the on 9 May 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Chairman B Hoskin, D Catton, K Lawrie, B Madin, P Margereson, D Phipps and A Wood

Also Present: Mrs E Boswell Clerk to the Council.

Apologies

Councillor J Topham

Chairman's Report

There have been eleven meetings of the Parish Council during the year, the summer recess being taken in August. In May 2015 there was an uncontested election as there were seven candidates for nine seats, with Councillors Lane and Robinson deciding not to re-stand. We thank Councillors Lane and Robinson for their service to the Council. At the June meeting we were delighted to co-opt Councillors Lawrie and Topham on to the Council. In December we had the shock news that Councillor Mackenzie had passed away; our best wishes go to his family. And in April 2016 we were pleased to welcome Councillor Catton on to the Council, which means that we commence this new year with a full contingent.

Finance

The 2014/15 accounts were inspected by both Grant Thornton and the Internal Auditor and no problems were found with the financial and administration systems. The 2015/16 accounts are going through the internal audit process and will be submitted to Grant Thornton following the June meeting.

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.

Objections were raised to an application to place a wind turbine at Moorhay Farm in Wigley; further objections to the discharge of conditions on the development of 23 The Square, Cutthorpe and to the proposal for a new property behind 1 Main Road, Cutthorpe

Playgrounds

Following a period of local fund raising, local donation and the Clerk making successful grant applications with the Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Fund, Viridor Credits and Awards for All, the new piece of play equipment was installed during July. The equipment has been very well received by local children.

The Probation Service carried out painting works to the fencing around the play area at Wadshelf, fence posts were replaced and repairs made to made the paving area by local contractors.

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 to the Parish Council for information.

In September a meeting was held with the Parochial Church Council when it was verbally agreed that it would be possible for the PCC to sell the Cutthorpe Institute to the Council. In December an offer was accepted and the Parish Council have been given time to raise the funds.

It has now been confirmed that the precept can be raised by £5,200 to allow for PWLB loan repayments, monies will be put in from reserves and the grants and donations are being sought for the remaining £10,000.00

Allotments

Chris Sowden is looking after the allotment gardens on Common Lane, we are currently working with them to see if a water supply can be installed.

Defibrillator

Last month the Council took on the ownership of the telephone box at Old Brampton, we are currently waiting for the next funding round from the British Heart Foundation

Website

During the last 12 months a website has been set up, thanks to Councillor Phipps and the Clerk in setting this up.

Statement of Accounts

The Clerk presented an un-audited statement of accounts for the Parish Council for 2015/2016. The accounts for 2014/2015 were passed by the Grant Thornton 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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed.....

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