

Brampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Assembly for the Parish of Brampton
held in Wadshelf Village Hall on the on 8 May 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Chairman B Hoskin, D Catton, B Colwill, K Lawrie, P Margereson, J Topham and A Wood

Also Present: 1 Member of the Public, Mrs E Boswell Clerk to the Council.

Apologies

Councillor D Phipps

Chairman's Report

There have been eleven meetings of the Parish Council during the year, the summer recess being taken in August. Following the retirement of Barry Madin, we were pleased to welcome Becky Colwill to the Council and we continue with a full contingent of 9 Councillors.

Finance

The 2015/16 accounts were inspected by both Grant Thornton and the Internal Auditor and no problems were found with the financial and administration systems. The 2016/17 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.

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 for an application to site 32 eco friendly lodges at the Fox and Goose Inn at Wigley and support has been given to a resident wanting to save a tree in the Wadshelf Conservation Area.

Playgrounds

The Play Grounds continue to be inspected on a weekly basis, following the annual inspections works have taken place to the fence at Wadshelf and re-seeding works at Cutthorpe.

Village Halls

The Cutthorpe Institute Charity Committee and the Wadshelf 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 the Parish Council for information.

In December 2015 an offer was accepted by the Parochial Church Council for the purchase of Cutthorpe Institute. There has been considerable local fund raising and thanks are given to all those that have been involved. A grant for £10,000 has been secured from Viridor Credits and a £20,000 loan has been received from the PWLB. We are now waiting for the Solicitors to get the paperwork in order for the transfer.

Allotments

Chris Sowden is looking after the allotment gardens on Common Lane, investigations took place to get water on to the site, due to the cost implications the holders decided not to proceed.

Defibrillator

The funding application to the British Heart Foundation was not successful for the defibrillator in the telephone box at Old Brampton. We are now looking to submit a grant application for a defibrillator in Cutthorpe, Old Brampton and Wadshelf. We are currently waiting to see if the Old School Room Trustees will agree to the siting on the Old School Room in Old Brampton and for a quotation for the installation.

Community Assets

An application to make the Three Merry Lads in Cutthorpe an asset of Community Value has been successful.

Thank you to all Councillors and the Clerk for their service during the past year

Statement of Accounts

The Clerk presented an un-audited statement of accounts for the Parish Council for 2016/2017. The accounts for 2015/2016 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

A question was raised on the Council's view on fracking, it was answered that the Council would not form a collective view until there was a local application during which time there would be detailed discussion on the matter; however Councillors would hold their own view on the subject and the pros and cons of the methodology used in the process of fracking.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

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