

Brampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Assembly for the Parish of Brampton
held in Wadshelf Village Hall on the on 13 May 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors B Colwill, P Elliott, D Phipps and A Wood, retiring Chairman B Hoskin

Also Present: 3 Members of the Public, Mrs E Boswell Clerk to the Council.

The meeting was chaired by the retiring Chairman Bill Hoskin

Apologies

Councillor D Catton

Chairman's Report

During the year 2018 to 2019 there have been eleven meetings of the Parish Council during the year, the summer recess being taken in August. We had a full contingent of Councillors over the last year until the resignation of Peter Margereson in February 2019. Following the election on the 2nd May this year we currently have four vacancies following the retirement of Jacqueline Topham and myself.

The 2017/18 accounts were inspected by both PKF Littlejohn LLP and the Internal Auditor, there was only an issue with timing for the exercise of public rights, no further problems were found with the financial and administration systems. The 2018/19 accounts will shortly go through the internal audit process and will be submitted to the External Auditor 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. Thank you to Liz for keeping the accounts in order.

We continue to comment on all applications received from North East Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park.

Comments have been made on the extension of a property in Cutthorpe and the matter referred to the Enforcement Officer

The Management Committees have continued to run the Village Halls on a day to day basis. Cutthorpe Institute has a strong Management Committee and the hall continues to be well maintained and used. The Hall at Wadshelf is now looking for volunteers to join the Committee to help increase usage.

As reported last year the funds are now all in place for the purchase of the Cutthorpe Institute, thanks are specifically given to all the residents who have donated and given up their time for fund raising for this project and also to County Councillor Angelique Foster for a further generous donation from the Community Leadership Fund.

Following delays in legal proceedings we are sorry to report that we are still waiting to complete on the purchase of the Cutthorpe Institute. The Diocese in Derby has now undertaken a further valuation, contracts were sent out, but these restricted the use of the building and still gave the PCC a say in any future works to the building. We are currently trying to find a way through this.

The Play Grounds continue to be inspected on a weekly basis and issues highlighted in the annual inspections have been rectified. A grant application for the replacement of fencing at Wadshelf is underway.

Work with residents from each of the villages has commenced on a Neighbourhood Plan; Both North East Derbyshire District Council and the Peak District National Park have now approved the designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area. Andrew Towleron has been appointed as Consultant for the plan, a grant application was successful in securing some funds for the project and a survey was delivered to each household in the Parish. The response in the completion of the surveys was good and the initial results have been collated. The Committee is now in the process of working through each section of the plan, to ensure that the Plan meets the needs of the Parish.

Finally I would like to give my grateful thanks to all the members of the Parish Council for their support during my years in office and to Liz for running the Council in both a professional and relaxed manner, I am sure that the Council is in a good position to go from strength to strength.

Councillor Dave Phipps gave a vote of thanks to Bill and wished him well in his retirement.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm

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