

Brampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Assembly for the Parish of Brampton
held in Wadshelf Village Hall on the on 14 May 2018 at 7.00pm

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

Also Present: 2 Members of the Public, Mrs E Boswell Clerk to the Council.

Apologies

Councillor A Wood and County Councillor Angelique Foster.

Chairman's Report

There have been eleven meetings of the Parish Council during the year, the summer recess being taken in August. There have been no changes in personnel during the year and we continue with a full contingent of 9 Councillors.

Finance

The 2017/18 accounts were inspected by both Grant Thornton and the Internal Auditor and no 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 superb order.

Planning

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

Questions were raised on an application for clay pigeon shooting at Freebirch and two objections to plans to build and substantially extend two properties in Cutthorpe.

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 the Parish Council for information. Thank you to all members for their sterling work.

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 the generous donation of £2,500 from her 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. It is understood that the Diocese in Derby now requires a further valuation to take place. We are now awaiting an update on the likely timescale to obtain this.

Other Matters

The Play Grounds continue to be inspected on a weekly basis, there are some issues with the matting at Cutthorpe, although this is proving problematic to rectify.

Following the retirement of Chris Sowden, the Clerk is currently administering the allotments. All plots are currently taken and most rents collected in.

An application to Awards for All was successful and we are delighted to announce that defibrillators have been installed at Cutthorpe Institute, Wadshelf Village Hall and the School Room in Old Brampton.

The Telephone Box at Old Brampton has now been refurbished with a plan to convert to a book swap.

Work with residents from each of the villages has commenced on a Neighbourhood Plan; North East Derbyshire District Council have previously approved the designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area and approval is now awaited from the Peak District National Park Authority.

In conjunction with Derbyshire County Council the village signs have now been installed in Cutthorpe.

The website is updated with Council documents on a regular basis and a facebook page has been set up primarily to help find contractors for small works.

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

Statement of Accounts

The Clerk presented an un-audited statement of accounts for the Parish Council for 2017/2018. The accounts for 2016/2017 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 parishioner raised a concern with regards to the cutting of verges in Wadshelf, and the disgraceful condition of the footpath from Wadshelf to Wigley which is not at all conducive for encouraging families to from the village to school.

The matters will be reported to North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.17pm

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