

Brampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parishioners and Annual Council meetings held on 14th June 2021 at Wadshelf Village Hall

Present: Councillors D Phipps (Chair), D Catton, B Colwill, N Cunnane, J Fell.

Also Present: District Councillor M Thacker, Severn Trent Water Ranger Lloyd Ross and A Anderson (Clerk)

ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING

13/21-22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Concillors P Elliot, A Wood and K Lawrie

14/21-22 Chairmans Report

Over the last 12 months, the Parish Council has maintained its meeting schedule, meeting each month with the usual exception of August. It has been a strange year, with tonight being the first physical meeting in over a year rather than another Zoom meeting.

The Parish Council currently has one vacancy, and it remains an objective to try and fill this with a representative from Old Brampton, which has been an ongoing challenge in recent years.

James Johnson was appointed as Clerk in early 2020 and only managed to attend one meeting prior to the COVID lockdown. This made James' task all the more difficult and he decided at quite an early stage that the role wasn't for him. It is to his great credit that James agreed to remain in post until a suitable successor was recruited.

Cllr Elliot and I conducted the interview process for a replacement for James and I am pleased to welcome Adrian Anderson as our new and hopefully long-term clerk. Adrian is an experienced clerk and administrator, and I am certain that he will ensure that the business of the Council is conducted with increased efficiency and professionalism.

We continue to comment on applications received from North East Derbyshire, Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park, and supported the parishioners of Old Brampton in their objections to a speculative development on Hemming Green. More recently, we have considered what the position of the Council may be in relation to the proposed nearby development off Dunston Lane.

The Village Halls have been largely inactive over the last year due to COVID restrictions but will hopefully return to normal usage over the next few months. The purchase of the Cutthorpe Institute rumbles on with the slow pace of progress determined by the diocese of Derby and their legal team. I would like to record thanks to Ken Lawrie for his great patience in his efforts to keep the process moving. I am sure we will get there in the end.

The playgrounds at Cutthorpe and Wadshelf continue to be inspected on a weekly basis and a concern raised by a parishioner about one of the items of play equipment at Cutthorpe

was considered in detail including liaison with the manufacturer. In the year ahead, we need to renew efforts to seek funding to replace the fencing around the Wadshelf play area.

Work has continued with the Neighbourhood Plan which is now complete and awaiting the final stages of the adoption process. I would like to record thanks to Cllr Catton for driving this project forward in liaison with Andrew Towlerton and also to those members of the Council who have contributed to the process. It seems a long time ago since Cllr Catton suggested that the PC should formulate a Neighbourhood Plan and the finished result is a great credit to him.

We have received support from District and County Councillors as well as our MP Lee Rowley. Special thanks must be recorded to Angelique Foster who attended a couple of our meetings and supported the purchase of a radar speed gun for the establishment of a Parish Speedwatch team.

I would like to conclude by offering my grateful thanks to all the members of the Parish Council for their support over the last year, in what have been (and remain) challenging times for everyone. I am sure that the Council is now in a strong position to deal with whatever challenges lie ahead in the next 12 months.

Cllr Catton proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for the work carried out over the past 12 months. All were in agreement.

15/21-22 District Councillors Report

Cllr Thacker gave a report from the District Council:

As a District Councillor I am often contacted by residents about issues linked to the environment. These include reports of fly tipping and strewn litter. At the beginning of the pandemic residents told me about the volume of litter to be found in woodlands and road verges in the Ward. On inspection of the area I was shocked to see the debris and asked NEDDC to send out a team to carry out a clean-up. Of course, this is an ongoing issue.

While there are people who don't seem to care about the environment, there are plenty who do. Several residents continue to suggest ideas for enhancing Council approaches to preserving the beauty of our rural Ward. Others are willing to bring concerns to our attention. One example involves NEDDC mowing a road verge in Holymoorside where orchids grow. I support the view that the orchids are a 'hidden gem' of the Parish and should be protected. NEDDC agreed to address this but unfortunately the orchids were recently mown.

The rural setting of Brampton and Walton attracts people who want to share its beauty. However, it has also led to some anti-social behaviour. Speeding through local villages remains a problem. As a District Councillor, I thought it important to sign up for the '20s Plenty' campaign that promotes the introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit in residential areas, particularly in rural villages and on roads near to schools. For every 1 MPH of speed cut, data suggests 6% fewer people are injured. Lives could be saved.

Dangerous parking also has the potential to lead to injury or worse. Lines for parking restrictions near to Walton Holymoorside Primary School are now in place. Although they have been well received by most residents, there are still reports of inconsiderate parking, which includes Cutthorpe and Wigley Primary Schools. The Police response is: “we are aware of the parking problems that affect all schools in our areas and will take steps to enforce any regulations when Officers are free to do so.” Residents may be assured that the matter will continue to be raised with the Police.

Although the pandemic has meant that ‘face to face’ Councillor Surgeries have not been possible, residents have been in touch about a range of matters. A number of formats have been employed such as telephone calls, letter writing, emails and chatting to me on a dog walk! Caseload includes residents seeking advice on Local Authority services; support during Covid; and planning concerns. A new approach for me as a Councillor has been ‘meeting’ residents via virtual platforms such as zoom and MS teams. All NEDDC Council meetings have been conducted virtually.

From 26th April I was elected by fellow Councillors as the 35th Chairman of North East Derbyshire District Council. My chosen charity is Ashgate Hospicecare. They are a charity sited in Brampton and Walton Ward. Everyone is aware of the excellent work they do in providing specialist palliative and end of life care, as well as support to adults and their families across North Derbyshire. I very much hope you will support my fundraising efforts over the coming months.

Cllr Phipps thanked Cllr Thacker for his report

16/21-22 Any other business

There was no other business, so the Chair drew the meeting to a close

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

17/21-22 Election of Chairman 2021/22

Cllr Catton proposed that Cllr Phipps continue as Chairman. All were in agreement
Cllr Phipps signed the declaration of acceptance of office which the Clerk countersigned

18/21-22 Election of Vice-Chairman 2021-22

Cllr Lawrie had previously indicated that he would be content to continue as vice chairman. All were in agreement. Cllr Catton took the declaration form for Cllr Lawrie to sign and return at the next meeting.

19/21-22 Declarations of interest

None received

20/21-22 Public Speaking

Lloyd Ross from the Severn Trent Ranger Service was in attendance to introduce himself and the service provided at Linacre Reservoirs.

Lloyd said that there had been an increase in visitors during lockdown but this was now settling down. Car parking was an issue but again this is better now.

Dog's off leads and litter are the two main problems currently. Trying to work with dog owners but may need to install signage, particularly during nesting season. The site is being patrolled on a more regular basis but is not manned full time as resources are shared with Ladybower reservoirs. It may be an option to close the site at night, particularly to address the vandalism which has been increasing recently.

Regarding conservation, grass snakes have been seen and they are trying to encourage them and also bird boxes are put up around the site. The smart river programme has been running for a number of months with water quality being tested regularly across the site. Water flow is hoped to be controlled more effectively by the installation of "leaky dams" in the brook which will help prevent flooding further downstream.

Lloyd said they very much need public support to manage the site and encourage residents to report any ASB to the police.

Cllr Catton referred to a matter from Cllr Wood who had been contacted by the Environment Agency regarding an incident of pollution. Lloyd was aware of the ongoing problem with blue green algae which is present in all of the reservoirs and the brook. They are looking at solutions but he will speak to Cllr Wood in the meantime. Cllr Thancker said he had also been contacted by a number of residents about the same issue.

Cllr Thacker also raised the issue of ASB and motorbikes, particularly in the evenings. Lloyd said that they had recently appointed a security contractor at weekends through the summer so the situation will be monitored.

The Chair thanked Lloyd for his attendance

21/21-22 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on the 10th May 2021

Proposed by Cllr Catton, Seconded by Cllr Cunnane

Resolved: The minutes were approved as an accurate record

22/21-22 Date and venue of next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 12th July at Cutthorpe Village Hall, commencing at 07.00pm. The Clerk is to book the room.

23/21-22 Village Halls

- a) Cutthorpe Village Hall
Cllr Lawrie had reported no further progress with the purchase
- b) Wadshelf Village Hall
No update
- c) Brampton Parish Church Hall
No update

24/21-22 Meeting Reports

- a) Cutthorpe Playground and recreation ground
Nothing to report
- b) Wadshelf Playground
Cllr Phipps reported that the grass has now been cut. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the contractor who will attend every 2 weeks throughout the summer.
- c) Works
Nothing to report at present
- d) Parish Plan
Cllr Catton had circulated prior to the meeting the proforma for the regulation 14 consultation plan. If anyone has further ideas regarding who should be on the circulation list, then please contact him.

25/21-22 Parish Council Liaison with County and District Councils

Cllr Phipps mentioned that despite a strong start, the grass cutting by the District Council seemed to have dropped off.

Cllr Catton wished it noted that the transition of refuse service back in house was done very well and offered thanks to all those concerned.

26/21-22 Planning

The following applications were noted with no comments;

NED 21/00369/FLH

Application for a single storey side extension (Listed Building) (Amended Plan) at 2 Hadfield Barn Ashgate Road Ashgate for Woodhead and Gratton

NED 21/00370/LB

Application for Listed Building Consent to construct single storey side extension (Amended Plan) at 2 Hadfield Barn Ashgate Road Ashgate for Woodhead and Gratton

NED 21/00447/FLH

Application for single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion with front and rear dormer windows at 61 Cutthorpe Road Cutthorpe Chesterfield S42 7AD for Mr And Mrs C Barr

NED 21/00443/DISCON

Application to discharge conditions 3 (Boundary Treatments), 4 (scheme of landscaping), 6 (Phase 1 contaminated land survey) and 7 (remediation) pursuant of application 20/00143/FL at The Gate Inn Overgreen Cutthorpe for Mr Jason Lyne

NED 21/00447/FLH

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NED 21/00528/LDC

Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed outbuildings (bbq area and games room/storage) at Rykneld Main Road Old Brampton Chesterfield for Mr & Mrs Smith

NED 21/00613/FL

Change of use of existing unit to restoration of Classic Land Rovers at Bagthorpe Farm Bagthorpe Lane Hollins Old Brampton for Mr Mark Hancock

The following decisions were noted;

NED 21/00218/FL

Application for construction of new stable building, including access track and excavation to create level track at Birley Farm, Birley Road, Birley, Cutthorpe for Mr Bruce Goodwin

Refused 11 May 2021

NED 21/00063/FL

Application to vary condition 2 Hemming Green Old Brampton Chesterfield for Mr Colin Connor

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED - 28 April 2021

NED 20/01141/FL

Conversion and extension of existing vacant barn to form ancillary accommodation (Conservation Area/Affecting the setting of a Listed Building) (Amended Plans/ Amended Title) at Brandery Stones Main Road Wadshelf Chesterfield

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED/P.D. REMOVED - 7 May 2021

NED 21/00204/AFULD

Agricultural determination for the replacement of existing building with an agricultural type steel portal framed building at Moorhay Plantation Top Lane Wadshelf for Mark Griffiths

APPROVED - 25 May 2021

27/21-22 Finance

i) Cllr Phipps moved that the following payments be approved. All in favour

Reference	Payee	Description	Amount
Online	J Johnson	May wages & expenses	£368.55
Online	HMRC	Tax & NI	£83.00
Online	Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Fee for Clerk advert	£15.00

TOTAL			£466.65
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- ii) The Clerk asked if there were any questions regarding the internal audit, circulated before the meeting. There were no questions and the Annual Governance Statement was signed by the Chair and the Clerk
- iii) It was agreed to add the Clerk as a signatory to the bank account and remove the previous Clerk.
- iv) The Chair then signed the Accounting Statement for 2020-21.

28/21-22 Circulars and reports

The following reports were noted;

- i) June DALC update
- ii) NEDDC update email
- iii) DALC zoom meeting minutes
- iv) Derbyshire victim services email

29/21-22 Information for the meeting

- a) The Chair and Clerk signed the Clerks contract of employment, previously circulated.
- b) The Clerk informed the meeting of a broken bin liner at Cutthorpe Recreation Ground. A quote of £50.15 had been received from NEDDC to replace. All agreed for the liner to be replaced.
- c) There was some discussion around providing the Clerk with a laptop to enable him to carry out the role more effectively. Cllr Catton proposed that the Clerk purchase a suitable laptop. Cllr Colwill seconded. All were in agreement.

Meeting closed at 08.15pm

