

MINUTES

A Meeting of Brampton Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19 Dec 2007 at 7.30pm in
Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

Present: M Shellens, Chairman, K Wrycraft, Vice Chairman, Mrs E Collier, P Downes,
Mrs M Footner, T Fryer, Mrs J Homer, S Jordan, Mrs B Leighton, N Maggs, Mrs S Menczer,
J Richmond, Mrs L Ruston, Mrs M Wigley, J Innes-Clarke, Clerk, J Buck, Deputy Clerk

189 To Receive Apologies

JC for absence, SM for lateness

190 Declaration of Interests

LR:1 = planning, 2 = A14

191 Chairman's Opening Remarks

191.1 Great Fire of Brampton – recycling centre at Ellington

SM joins meeting

PC were not informed, we have emergency planning & J Parker was not informed – seek PC support to write to statutory authorities – probably through HDC. Health concerns for residents in the west of the village.

191.2 CCC – household recycling centre, Buckden Road, ongoing discussions with site managers and CCC

PD, MS

191.3 Post Office closure list does not detail sites that may be affected

191.4 Co-op is closing for refurbishment in April 08

192 Brampton Youth Forum

SM reported:

- Apologies from Ramsay Nashef
- Sketch of new mini Sk8 Pk ramp tabled
- YF – volunteers are undertaking a survey of missing & damaged street signs
- Close links with this PC, 2 members came to VF on 10 Dec and gave a report
- Organising entertainment at Hilary Lodge, maybe for Easter
- Reviewing role of YF generally
- Sk8 PK – mini ramp will cost £15k, needs to be installed by end of Jan 08, after which will need to raise a further £15k for ½ spine
- Hoping GBH will fit utility box to the ramp at the same time they install the mini ramp

Proposal: **Agree to the installation of a mini ramp**

All agreed

193 To Receive and Approve Minutes of the Meeting held 21 Nov 07

187.2 - Strike last sentence

Proposal: **Approve Minutes with above amendment – 1st PD, 2nd NM**

Carried

194 Matters Arising from those Minutes

194.1 176.1 – Dead tree in allotments – has been felled

194.2 176.2 – Village Sign Renovation – Chase contractor

JIC

194.3 172.2 - Relocation of Technical College – PC not invited to comment – neighbouring parishes can now comment and appear and speak if necessary – PD proposes PC write to express concerns of road implications & likely effect for Brampton – PD to draft letter

PD

194.4 176.8 – Loading shovel stored on PF – now dropped & stored at ground level

194.5 176.13 - Extinguish footpath 23 – JH has sought clarification with CCC that only part should be extinguished – JH to chase confirmation

JH

194.6 176.15 - Strike Sin, replace with Sun

JIC

194.7 178.1 - Monitor fly tipping – land to rear of Hansell Road

NM

194.8 178.3 – West End culvert – fencing to be replaced by CCC - NM to check if done

NM

194.9 178.10 - BR 17 draft letter from JH – check if gone to HDC

JIC

194.10 178.4 – Drainage completed outside the Hurdles – puddles still forming & workmanship is poor – PD to raise with CCC

PD

194.11 178.15 - The Green – create footpath outside current fencing – now the exit is not being moved this is no longer practical

194.12 178.9 – Folding 'Explore Brampton' leaflets – all complete – thanks to MF

194.13 178.6 – Proposals for new street lighting scheme at Grove Lane/High St junction – consultation raised some objections - NM, JIC, CCC soon to meet to consider objections

NM, JIC

194.14 178.12 – Litter outside shops, High St. Co-op has installed an additional bin

194.15 178.16 - Up-lighting obelisk – article + photo has been published in Cambridge Evening News & Hunts Post

194.16	178.17 – Replacement Memorial Trees, Thrapston Road – NM has drawn plan and passed to JIC, NM happy to advise staff if necessary	
194.17	178.18 – Vehicle Weight Restrictions - Volunteers sought to conduct a more formal survey –	JH, JR, SM MF, BL, SJ MS
194.18	182.2 - BM team to meet in New Year re: distribution	BM team
194.19	183.9 – Community Centre maintenance - Internal redecor is being done now.	
194.20	Rising damp – resource appropriate company to survey, report & estimate for remedial works	JIC
194.21	183.20 – MS has proportionately re-allocated ‘unspecified’ to cost centres. Circulate table of percentage increases	JIC
194.22	184.1 – A14 Pollution – area that currently suffers the worst pollution - this will decrease after the new route is installed	
194.23	187.6 - BL has been elected to school governor	
194.24	187.4 - New leader appointed for CCC	
194.25	188.1 – Environmental Improvement Schemes – bid has been submitted for creation of hard surface footpath from outside allotments to roundabout, Thrapston Road	

194 Planning Matters

MF reported:

Applications; as list with special reference to:

194.1	0703542FUL	17 The Green	Extension & alterations to dwelling	
	Refuse: Any further enlargement is not in keeping with the rest of this listed thatch cottage. As advised in the 1994 application; no further development possible as the maximum amount of footprint had been used. Current application increases the amount of ground area being developed and the 2-storey extension will completely overshadow the small garden at no. 15 The Green and will not preserve, nor enhance the conservation area			
194.2	0703544LBC	17 The Green	Extension & alterations to dwelling	
	Refuse: Proposed extension, including extra ground space, is an over development of the site & the Grade II listed cottage in the conservation area. This will have an adverse effect upon the environment of 15 The Green, also a thatched cottage, and will not preserve, nor enhance the conservation area			
	Decisions; as list with special reference to:			
194.3	0703236FUL	118 Thrapston Road	Change of use from Stable Block to Holiday Lets	
	PC Planning Committee opposed this application, however it was approved at Development Control, 19 Nov 07. TF attended & reported; this was approved subject to standard conditions			
	Consultations:			
194.4	Consultation: Hunts Car Parking Strategy; TF responded to car parking strategy – thanks to TF			
194.5	Consultation: LDF, Core Strategy; TF attended meeting with MS: –			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map tabled; proposals for Brampton dependent on whether RAF Brampton becomes available – proposes 400+ houses, no retail. • Brampton still recognised as part of Huntingdon, however, document states the strategy tries to keep communities apart! • Transport; refers to viaduct being removed, encourages walking & cycling. • Green Space; wants to create green corridor, to Brampton Wood from Huntingdon. 			
	Environment Agency & Drainage Board seem to be opposing development on flood plains more strongly.			
194.6	Adopted Policies: Policy for Affordable Housing now approved at 40% for 15 or more properties in areas of 3,000+ electorate			

Proposal: **Approve Planning recommendations for applications, note decisions, consultations & adopted policies – 1st JH 2nd KW** **Carried**

195 To Receive and approve the Minutes of the Churchyard & Cemetery Group, 8 Dec 07

NM reported:

195.1	2 -The Group welcomed JR as a new member	
195.2	5 – Damaged Memorial Stone - respond to resident – NM to draft official response from PC - MS to draft covering letter	NM, MS
195.3	6.1 – Tople Testing; strike cannot, replace with can – PCC has granted permission – proceed to next stage	JR, JB
195.4	7 – Overlaying footpaths; COMMA grant not submitted as applications closed. Proceed with BIFFA application	JB, JIC
195.5	8 – Garden of Remembrance; new planting programme. Can also be considered for Brampton in Bloom plans, EC requests some ‘before’ photos for portfolio	JB, EC
195.6	9.2 – Montagu Vault; slab recently installed over entrance has sunk slightly. Liaise with stonemasons	MW
195.7	9.9 – Request for installation of cycle racks. Suggest near front of church, seek permission	JB
Proposal:	Approve the recommendations of Churchyard & Cemetery Group – 1st MF, 2nd JR	Carried

196	To Receive the Minutes of the Village Facilities Committee, 10 Dec 07 PD reported:	
196.1	3 – contribution from Jack & Jordan of BYF was welcomed	
196.2	3.4 – kicking wall is requested from BYF– SM is researching a portable kicking wall that can be relocated in order grass areas do not become worn	SM
196.3	3.1 – Dedication of Multi-sports area – BYF are pleased this is being considered on the Memorial PF so users are reminded about the war and the fight for freedom	
196.4	5.8 – Motorbike Inhibitors and whether these restrict the disabled. SM to check dimensions of disabled equipment	SM
196.5	8.10 – Approval of proposal for installation of a hearing loop in the Community Room, MC, at £870 (budget £1500)	
196.6	8.9 – external lighting MC; sensitivity too acute. M East to check for adjustments	
196.7	9.4 - Section 106 money is available for Open Spaces. PD to clarify with HDC what monies are available & from which developments	PD
196.8	10.1 – Litter Warden has left. TF volunteered to carry out litter pick on PF prior to f/ball matches at weekends – thanks to TF	
196.9	11.1 – sensors for Sk8 PK lights – could be H & S issue as lights do go off suddenly – SM to speak to management committee	SM
196.10	13.1 – Disturbance to users 19:00 to 20:00 @ Community Centre Thursdays - JC & SM attended the last meeting and there were no disturbances	
196.11	13.2 – 32 High St development – initial contact with Camstead has started	
196.12	14 - Approved small increase in charging rates for 2008/09	
Proposal:	Approve recommendations of Village Facilities – 1st NM, 2nd LR	Carried
197	To Receive a Report of Income and Expenditure to 30 Nov 2007 Noted – any queries to JIC, MS	
198	Capital Funds Report tabled	
198.1	Items 26 to 28; multi-games area & hard surface car parking extension. External sources of funding are available. Many companies are competing with different styles of installations. Research possibilities & proposals with PD who seeks assistance from anyone that is willing	
198.2	EC: Village Plan – this type of proposal could be included – C/F to Jan PC	PC
198.3	Item 16; pathway across The Green to school entrance. Could be done using hexapath – to G & F	GF
198.4	JH: Proposed Memorial Walk along F/P 26 - advise CCC of our proposals using hexapath	JIC
198.5	MS will update the original report following the outcome of the recent meeting of the Capital Funds working group	MS
199	A14	
199.1	EC: Still fighting for Brampton using the press, MP, Ministers etc – will report back in good time	
199.2	PD: Suggest the best way forward is to seek mitigation – C/F	C/F
199.3	EC: We could consider whether we should pay for an independent noise & air quality exercise – research indicative cost	EC
199.4	PD: Reminder; consultation on traffic in Cambs set for 9 Jan in Commemoration Hall, 6pm, for traffic in & around Cambridge and the impact outside. Suggest members attend, may need to lobby for more spending to improve roads outside of Cambridge. Email reminder to members in January <i>Note since meeting: 9 Jan now moved to 24 Jan, 3pm to 9pm, Huntingdon Commemoration Hall</i>	JIC
200	Brampton in Bloom EC reported:	
200.1	Have nearly finished planting the spring bulbs	
200.2	Brampton School is on board & has a copy of the portfolio. Will do some bulb planting in front of the school & has plans for a Victorian Knot Garden	
200.3	Another meeting to be held in Jan 08	
201	Parish Communications EC reported for BM:	
201.1	Next BM deadline is 16 Jan 08	
201.2	Articles needed	
201.3	Suggest amend deadlines for 2008 as Annual Assembly is earlier this year, 23 Apr, as parish elections in May	
201.4	Future distribution: TF to collect from printers & leave with EC	TF, EC
201.5	Website: KW & JIC to meet re: important news items - add as ticker tape update	KW, JIC

202 **CALC, ACRE, CPRE**

As list

203 **Representatives Reports**

- 203.1 MS: Attended Police public meeting – they have radically overhauled their response to telecalls – on the 0845 no. they are picking up 90% of calls within 10 secs
- 203.2 JH: P3 application 2008 – request members to email requests for either footpath maintenance or improvements
- 203.3 LR: Park Road/West End – clear vegetation now & ditch in summer
- 203.4 MS: A14 exhibition @ Marriott, west of Huntingdon traffic goes into Huntingdon – MS has undertaken a survey – this is not the case – seek more volunteers to count – data back to MS
- 203.5 BL: Memorial paving to start 7 Jan, weather permitting

204 **Correspondence**

- 204.1 Drama Club – request for PC to host a play called Hay Fever. PC provides venue & pays costs of £300. All profit from tickets to PC – recommend refuse as no appropriate facilities
- 204.2 Wildlife Training Workshops – leaflet with Clerk
- 204.3 HHP press statement on Christmas Card type warning to tenants in rent arrears

Chairman: Mike Shellens