

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT BRAMPTON MEMORIAL CENTRE
THRAPSTON ROAD, BRAMPTON**

Present: J Chitty, ((JC) Chair, M Bainbridge (MB), Vice Chair, Nigel Maggs (NM), Vice Chair, J R Childs (JRC), Mrs M Footner (MF), S Jordan (SJ), A Mellor (AM), Mrs L Ruston (LR), Mrs A Saunders (AS), Tess Rogers, Clerk.
J Morris (JM), Mrs P Jordan (PJ), District Councillors, P Downes (PD) County Councillor.
5 members of the public.

1 Introduction

1.1 JC welcomed all attendees and explained why the format of the meeting had been altered from previous years. All parish council reports had appeared in the Brampton Magazine with requests for any questions to be raised to be forwarded in advance to the parish council office. The change being due to the considerable effort previously put into preparation for the meeting with very few parishioners attending.

1.2 JC continued, with thanks being given to the A14 team for their assistance with providing apparatus and manpower towards a number of projects in the village.

1.3 Thanks to all community groups for their contribution to the village and community life.

2 To Receive Apologies

2.1 Mrs L Ellerbeck, Peter Philpott, Mike Shellens, Football Club Representatives, Cricket Club Representatives.

3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting 25 May 2018

3.1 It was resolved to accept the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

Proposal: **Approve the Minutes**– 1st MF , 2nd MB– **Carried**

3.2 There were no outstanding actions from the 2018 meeting.

4 Parish Council Chairman's Report

4.1 Found on page 20 of the Brampton Magazine and on the parish council website at www.brampton-cambs-pc.gov.uk. In addition, JC reported that the Hunts Forum is particularly impressed with the facilities available to residents via the Village Hub and that Cambridgeshire County Council will be looking to replicate some of these in other villages. These facilities include the Library, Civic Group, Good Neighbours Scheme, Volunteer Car Scheme, IT mentoring, Dementia Group, Health Walks, Christmas Lights, Quiz evenings.

4.2 There were no questions following the Chairman's report. However, MB took the opportunity to thank Councillor Jordan for his work whilst in the position of chairman to the council, also thanks to Jane King, Billie Leighton and Terry Ersser, all whom have recently resigned from the parish council, for their sterling contributions towards the work of the council

4.3 JC asked the residents present how they had heard about this meeting? Most responded the information was found on the village face book page. One resident commented that information on the parish council website was difficult to locate and was uninformative. JC responded that the parish council is currently working with a website designer and a new parish council website should be in the public domain within the next 2 months.

4.4 Peter Downes said that unattendance at Annual Assemblies is a common problem although 2 villages that he covers turn their meetings into an annual event with various groups having stalls, refreshments are available with plenty of time for interaction between councillors and parishioners. These meetings are highly successful with good attendance. JC thanked PD for this information.

4.5 JC asked for any other questions

4.6 A parishioner asked regarding the possible provision of an up to date map of the village foot paths, the response was that this would be provided once the A1/A14 works had been completed and all the footpaths finalised, likely to be in 2020.

4.7 As per the Chairman's report all other committee reports can be found in the Brampton Magazine, pages 21 to 25 and on the parish council website.

- 4.8 Reports from the District and County Councillors were not included in the Brampton Magazine but were tabled at the meeting and are attached to these minutes. Both County and District Councillors are available to take any questions during the open surgery held at the beginning of every monthly parish council meeting. PJ reported that she held regular Saturday surgeries, the next being on the 4th May, 11 am in the scout hut.
- 4.9 District Councillor John Morris asked if his report could be published in a later edition of the Brampton Magazine, to which the Chair advised that the parish council would discuss this later and advise him accordingly. At the end of the meeting the parish council took a democratic vote where it was resolved not to publish County and District Councillor reports in the Brampton Magazine but they will be attached to the minutes of all monthly parish council meetings and the Annual Assembly minutes
- 4.10 A decision will be taken at a later parish council meeting as to how to propagate reports to display them on the public notice boards.

5 Questions and Answers (Pre registered only)

- 5.1 2 questions had been received prior to the meeting and the residents raising these were present.
- 5.2 The first was returned from the 2018 meeting, once again enquiring as to whether a shallow area (section of a meadow) could be set aside, in the event of a freeze, to be used as a skating rink. The response from that meeting was concerns regarding health and safety and who would oversee the skating when in progress? Therefore, the parish council were not prepared to accept this risk. At this meeting the resident offered the information that this does occur in Earith. JC said that Earith parish council would be approached for further information as to how this project is managed.
- 5.3 Question 2, again previously raised at the 2018 meeting, regarding the proposed development of land west of the A1 from Buckden to Brampton and why the parish council hadn't made any representation to the Huntingdon District Council (HDC) regarding this? Concern was there had been mention of 9000 residencies being built there. JC responded that investigations had again been made and HDC had responded as follows:

Please find attached an extract from the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (December 2017) (HELAA) which sets out the assessment we completed on the land to the west of the A1 submitted in response to our call for sites of July 2017.

This was published for consultation in the HELAA Additional sites October 2017 document which Brampton Parish Council was notified of on 4th October 2017 but did not respond.

The following link will enable you to see the comments which were submitted during the HELAA October 2017 consultation in relation to this site:

<http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/helaa/helaa-10-2017?pointId=s1507122357779#section-s1507122357779>

There has not been any other consultation on the site as the HELAA December 2017 was only published as a supporting document alongside consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan to 2036 but was not open for further consultation itself at that stage.

As you will know the site was not included as a proposed allocation in the Local Plan to 2036. The Inspector's Report into the examination in public of the Local Plan is expected early in May; the proposed modifications which were consulted on from 10th December 2018 and did not include any additional sites or any increase to the housing numbers proposed in the Local Plan. Adoption of the Local Plan to 2036 is anticipated to take place at HDC's full Council meeting of 15th May. This will set the framework for development in Huntingdonshire; national guidance now requires Local Plans to be reviewed every 5 years.

Any future replacement Local Plan will need to respond to nationally generated housing targets at the time of its preparation. HDC will be required to consider all reasonable alternatives for development and prepare a sustainable and deliverable development strategy. Given the scale of development which the site could potentially accommodate it could be assessed as a new settlement proposal at that time alongside any other new settlement proposals across the district. This would require in depth consideration of the site's suitability, the impact of development on surrounding uses, sustainability, viability and deliverability of any development proposal. Any future replacement Local Plan will be subject to extensive public consultation.

At present there is no expectation of development being brought forward on this site.

- 5.4 JC asked for any other questions
- 6.0 Prior to the end of the meeting a member of the audience pointed out that, as a new comer to the village, it would be helpful if the parish council wore badges so the public could identify with them. JC accepted the point and will ensure this will be rectified at the next Annual Assembly. The parish council along with the District and County councillors introduced themselves to the audience.
- 7.0 JC, once again, thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next meeting.

J Chitty, Chairman