

## Chairman's Annual Report

### Brampton Parish Council 2022

In this year's report, my first, I am pleased to update progress on several fronts.

The Bramshed (previously the Men's Shed) project is now up and running and is going from strength to strength. The original plan to provide a building on the Memorial Fields was abandoned due to spiralling building costs. The project is now housed in an existing building on Brampton Park.

The Lady Olivia Centre (LOC) is still suffering delays due to non-availability of equipment and staff absences following the Covid pandemic. Whilst, at the time of writing, it is difficult to predict an accurate opening date it is hoped the facility will be available in early June.

The acquisition of the play area and sports fields at Brampton Park is still awaited. These facilities are subject to a S106 agreement between HDC and the developer. Despite repeated requests by BPC and District Councillor John Morris, at the time of writing HDC have yet to provide a handover date.

Following BPC's successful LHI (Local Highways Initiative) a light controlled crossing will be installed outside The Hare on the Green to provide a safer crossing to Brampton Primary School. The project is being managed by Cambridgeshire County Council and they are forecasting the project will be completed in time for the Autumn term 2022. BPC's bid for a second similar crossing at the green was rejected due to excessive costs.

The boundary to the West side of the Memorial Fields has been replaced with a new fence.

CCTV has been installed at the Lady Olivia Centre and upgraded at the Memorial Centre.

BPC continue to hold regular meetings with the Police Neighbourhood Team Sergeant. This allows residents' concerns raised with BPC to be passed directly to the enforcement team. This has resulted in regular speed checks, parking enforcement and disruption to anti-social behaviour.

Following the removal of Covid restrictions the Brampton Speedwatch team will soon be active in the village once again.

A new committee, Sports and Recreation, was created to manage the outdoor sports and recreation areas. This allows the original Facilities Committee to concentrate on buildings external and internal maintenance and development together with operational matters.

BPC continue to support the Village Hub, financially and in kind, with their social support programme. Projects include Library, Civic Group, Good Neighbours Scheme, Volunteer Car Scheme, IT mentoring, Dementia Group, Health Walks, Christmas lights and Quiz Evenings. In 2022 the Village Hub, with financial contributions from BPC and others, has taken on the support of refugees from Iraq and Ukraine.

BPC also provide finance to Diamond Hampers for the support of Brampton Residents who are in need.

Finally, there are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Brampton Parish Council. If you feel you could help develop the future of our village by becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to apply.

Mike Bainbridge

Chairman

Brampton Parish Council