

**BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Draft Minutes of the Greens & Footpaths  
Committee Meeting Held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
At the Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton

Present: Mike Bainbridge JMB, Margaret Footner, MF, Nigel Maggs, NM, Simon Jordan, SJ

**1. To Appoint a Chairman**

MF proposed SJ, seconded by NM, agreed. SJ accepted the Chairmanship.

**2. Apologies**

Linda Hicks

**3. Declarations of Interests**

None

**4. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 01 March 2021**

Having been accepted by the full Parish Council at the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 the minutes were taken as read.

**5. Action List Arising from those Minutes.**

- 5.1. 5.1 Hidden milestone, ask Linda Hicks if she could move and resite the milestone.
- 5.2. 5.1 Footpath 24, SJ is in contact with Cambridge County Council regarding the area of footpath that floods. However, he reported that ownership of the footpath is changing.
- 5.3 7.2 Again, to inform the residents of 32 Buckden Road that the Parish Council would allow them to rent the common land for a peppercorn rent but would arrange documentation to ensure the land is not seen as part of the property and does not leave the ownership of the Parish Council. Any solicitor's costs to this effect should be borne by the residents of 32 Buckden Road.
- 5.4 9.2 Litter bin to be placed near the sign at the footpath crossing the A14.
- 5.5 9.2 Clerk to contact management company of footpath 3 re the possibility of placing a litter bin at the right-angled junction of the path.
- 5.6 10.1 Verge cutting contract to be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

**6. Street Lighting**

See below.

**7. To Consider any Matters Arising From the Walkabout Held on the 21 June 2021.**

NM reported the route taken on the walkabout and objects to note:  
Streetlight outside the Co Op on the High Street, near Horseshoes Way, is surrounded by dense foliage. CCC will be approached with regard to getting an 'arm' for the lamp so it's not so buried. SJ will find the streetlamp number to report. **Action SJ**  
To consider a new streetlamp on Wrights Way near the house of multiple occupancy, no action to be taken this year.  
Green Lane, overhanging branches, Groundsmen to action. **Action: Clerk**  
1 the Green, bush to be cut back. Resident to be made aware. **Action: Clerk**

Green where the village cross stands, trim back the lime trees, grounds-men to action. It was suggested that a bench be placed on the Green where the village sign stands, a Tommy bench perhaps.

**Action: Clerk**

Horseshoes Way/Chestnut Close, weeds and nettles need cutting back. Grounds-men to action.

**Action:**

**Clerk**

Coronation Avenue, hedges both sides need cutting back. Resident and Bowls Club to be reminded.

**Action: Clerk**

Tree mid fence, Manor Close – resident has requested to fence around the tree which will mean coming out slightly onto the playing field, Village Facilities to consider.

Buckden Road, the hedge at the old rectory is protruding out onto the footpath by around 2 to 3 feet. Owner/ CCC to be informed.

**Action: Clerk**

## **8. Greens and Footpaths, General**

### **8.1 Request Received from the Organisers of the Open Gardens to Purchase and Plant Bulbs.**

A discussion took place regarding best places to plant these bulbs, possibly in hedges on the roundabout at Brampton Park and the mini roundabout at the golf course. The Garden Group will be asked for suggestions.

**Action: SJ**

### **8.2 Request Received from James Richards Circus to visit again Sunday 15 May 2022 to Sunday 22 May 2022.**

This was agreed.

### **8.3 Borrow pits and footpaths and the joint restoration/repair.**

As at the 4<sup>th</sup> March Highways England had produced the final restoration and aftercare plan for the A14 Borrowpit 2 and were not consulting upon this as it is considered the final version.

### **8.4 The hedge bordering the playing field and Garner Close is becoming overgrown. It was decided to remove as much of the hedge as possible and plant new whips. Work to be done in the Autumn.**

## **9. PROws**

### **9.1 Rights of Way in Brampton Parish Affected By The A14 Project (if not already covered in the above).**

### **9.2 Homer Crossing Update**

John Childs is organising a sign denoting the Homer Crossing. The sign should be placed high up on the signpost showing the non motorised user pathway and a piece be included in both the Brampton Magazine and the Hunts Post explaining how the crossing got its' name.

### **9.3 Other PROW matters.**

#### **9.3.1 JMB said the bridge leading from Layton Crossing onto Brampton Park needs widening to be accessible to wheelchair users and buggies. If this were done on the right-hand side of the footpath going towards Brampton park there would be no need to involve a residents property. This might be managed under the Local Highways Initiative Scheme. This will be recommended at the next Parish council meeting.**

#### **9.3.2. There is no catch on the gate leading from the American quarters onto Buckden Road. This is the responsibility of the American Forces.**

#### **9.3.3. MF said that there is a 'Road Closed' sign on the road leading from the TC Harrison garage to Spittals roundabout and it should be moved. SJ said it is likely that works are still be carried out at night.**

**10. Bus Shelters, Village Benches, Litter Bins**

- 10.1 Additional litter bins required (if any)  
NM reported there is no litter bin on the footpath near the overturned caravan/fishing pits.
- 10.2. It was reported that a pane of glass/perspex is lying on the floor beside the bus stop in Miller Way, (Hunts end away from the NISA store). Ask the Council's maintenance staff to replace into the bus shelter.
- 10.3. To remove the concrete bench on the Memorial Playing Field near the play area as it is unsafe. Grounds contractor to do.

**11. Trees/Hedges, Verges**

- 11.1 1 of the 2 Recently Planted Covid Oaks Has Died, to Consider a Replacement.  
It was agreed to replace the dead oak and in addition to purchase a standard oak to be called The Royal Oak to celebrate the Queen's 75<sup>th</sup> year on the throne, this to be placed further from the main road than the sycamore that it will be replacing. The Royal Oak will be ordered now but planted in March 2022. **Action: Clerk**
- 11.2 NM reported that 40% of the trees planted by Highways England during the A1/A14 project appear to have taken, although it will be some years before this is evident. In addition, wildflowers are growing through.
- 11.3 General Matters  
To approach Huntingdon District Council regarding cutting back the hedges on the cycle path on the west side of Nunn's Bridge. **Action: Clerk**
- 12. Next Agenda Items/Next Meeting  
None mentioned.

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: