

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the **Greens & Footpaths committee meeting** held at the Community Centre, High Street, Brampton on **Monday 17th October 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

Present: Nigel Maggs, Chairman (NM), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), Jon Chitty (JC), Natasha Pope (NP).

In Attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interests

NP re item 7.1

- 3.** To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of June 2022. The minutes, having been accepted at the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd of June, were taken as read.

4. Action List Arising from those Minutes

- 4.1. 5.1 Hidden Milestone – LH will attempt to clear the weeds around the milestone to make it more visible in its current position as due to the material from which milestones are made, it's possible that if an attempt is made to move it the milestone might fall apart. Linda Hicks is no longer a member of the Parish Council, therefore NP said that she would visit the milestone site to see if she could clear around it to make it more visible.
- 4.2. 5.5. Street lighting on Central Avenue between the Lady Olivia Centre and Montague Road – to ask Mike Shellens if he has any further information as this might be an action the Parish Council needs to take.
- 4.3. 5.7. Homer Crossing sign, to find a sign maker to make up the sign.
- 4.4. 5.8. Hedge growing from the lone cottage on the Park/Grafham Road. Nothing to be done until after the nesting season. It appears that the hedge needs to be taken back to the post and rail fence. (CCC)
- 4.5. 5.10. Suggested footpath from Centenary Way leading to the new footpath. Ken Billington, County Councillor has indicated he would be willing to assist with this. NM will liaise with Ken Billington at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 4.6. 5.6. Proposed footpath backing on to Hansell Road – to chase Bellways as to its completion date. Have been assured this will be done before Bellways leaves the site. However, they also need to be chased regarding the proposed footbridge to be built at the end of Dorling Way

5. Report following the annual walkabout which took place on the 27th of July.

NM, JMB and the clerk were accompanied by Tim Fryer on the walk. The route taken was leading from The Hare on The Green and along West End, behind Hansell Road then back

along West End towards the Hare on the Green, continuing along Park Road to the corner to view the fishing pits. NM said that the public footpath should be continued up to the fishing lakes at the end of Park Road. The hedge, as mentioned at 4.4, was viewed and hadn't at this time been cut back. The party then returned back down Park Road, to the Hare on The Green. Consideration was given to the placing of new notice boards, see 6 below.

6. To discuss the siting of the new notice boards recently purchased.

Three of the four new boards have been or will be sited, one at the Lady Olivia Centre, one at the Co Op on Brampton Park, one on the footpath between West End and Belle Isle. The fourth will replace the dilapidated board at the Doctor's surgery.

7. Street Lighting.

Decision re 4 lanterns at Glebe Road and Knowles Close, to dim or turn off at midnight? NP reported that the lanterns were old style with uplighters. It would be difficult to replace the lanterns in these lights with LED lights, the heads will need replacing with more ecofriendly down lighters. NP said that the column in Glebe Road is damaged and needs replacing. It was agreed that once the lanterns had been swapped out to LEDs, they should be turned off at midnight considering the current energy crisis. NP said that she would forward a photograph of the damaged column.

7.2. Decision regarding exact location of the new column required.

No discussion took place regarding this. The item was generated from a proposal brought to a former meeting some time ago by ex councillor Simon Jordon, which in hindsight was decided against.

8. Greens and Footpaths

8.1 Ongoing – common land at 32 Buckden Road.

It was agreed to request proof of access rights from the neighbouring property owner. Further discussion to be taken at the next Parish Council meeting.

8.2 To consider the quote to replace the notice on the Village Green

This has not yet been received.

8.3 To approve the request from the events Group to hold a Christmas Fayre on The Green on the 4th December.

Approved in full by all.

8.4 General – An email had been received from the Open Gardens committee asking if there had been any further discussions regarding a new lay by and lay out in front of the shops. Also as there is money from the Open Gardens event they would like to contribute this to either planting in front of the shops or elsewhere in the village. A discussion was held the outcome being the suggestion of oblong planters in front of the shops,

9. PRowS

9.1 Non-motorized user route from West End to Brampton Hut.

Requires clarification

9.2 General

NP said that the street sign at Glebe Road was broken and needed replacing. This will be reported to Huntingdon District Council.

10. Bus Shelters, Village Benches, Litter Bins

10.1 Additional litter bins/benches required (if any).

Nothing raised under this item. Additional bins previously considered have been purchased and placed. Any further bins required in the near future, will be considered by the Sports & Recreations committee as these will be needed on the playing field at the Lady Olivia Centre.

10.2 To discuss the acceptance of design and maintenance for the bus shelter to be placed at Brampton Gate.

The committee asked for further clarification from Bellways of the positioning of the shelter.

10.3 To consider purchasing and placing a commemorative bench for our late Queen Elizabeth II.

It was decided not to proceed with this.

11. **Trees/Hedges, Verges**

11.1 To accept the quote received for the hedging along the Garner Close boundary
It was agreed to place a single row of hedging at a cost of £1100.00.

11.2 General

12. **Next Agenda Items/Next Meeting**

Nothing raised at this time.

The meeting was closed at 8.45

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: