

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the **Greens & Footpaths Committee Meeting**
Held in the Meeting Room of the Community Centre, High Street, Brampton
on **Monday 7th February at 7.00 pm.**

Present: Nigel Maggs (Acting chair) NM, Margaret Footner (MF), Catriona French (CF).
In attendance: Tess Rogers, Clerk (via TEAMS)

1. Apologies

Simon Jordan, annual leave, Linda Hicks, work commitments

2. Declarations of Interests

None

3. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th of October 2021

Having been received and accepted at the October Parish Council meeting the minutes were taken as read.

4. Action List Arising from those Minutes

- 4.1 5.1 Hidden milestone, check with the Milestone Society that it has no concerns if the milestone is moved a few metres to where it can be seen.

Action: Clerk

- 4.2 5.4 Litter bin to be placed near the sign at the footpath crossing the A14 – outstanding.

Action: Clerk

- 4.3 7.1 SJ, NM and MF to meet to plan a path for the Ouse Valley Way circular path – outstanding.

Action: SJ, NM, MF

- 4.4 8.2 Remove the fallen pane from the bus stop on Miller Way and ensure frame has no sharp edges. The District Council has, since, removed the shelter. Check if the stage coach bus company will pay for a new shelter.

Action: Clerk.

- 4.5 8.3 Recommend replacement for the concrete sided bench on the playing field. Defer until the new boundary fencing is erected along Garner Close then revisit.

- 4.6 9.1 Inform Guiding placing of seed bombs on the embankment of the A1. Outstanding

5.0 Street Lighting.

- 5.1 Streetlights at Knowles Close.

An email had been received from a resident reporting that the streetlight in both Knowles Close and Glebe Road offer very poor lighting. MF reported this is also the case in Orchard Lane.

The Clerk will check to see if these fall under the Parish Council's responsibility.

No decision was taken regarding replacing the old streetlights with the new LED version.

(note following the meeting MF reported that Orchard Lane have old street lights)

Action: NM/MF/Clerk

- 5.2 General

There appears to be no street lighting along Central Avenue between the Lady Olivia Centre car park and Montague Road. The builder of the houses along this route, Linden Homes, are currently building along this route and should be approached regarding their intention to site street lighting.

(note following the meeting MF identified the builder as being Linden Homes).

NM reported that there is some lighting where building to the old coach house, near the officer's mess (Brampton Park), is continuing. But there is none at the site of the Officers Mess. Mike Shellens was addressing this and will be asked for an update.

Action: Clerk

6.0 **Greens and Footpaths**

6.1 Further concern regarding dog excretion around the footpaths.

An email had been received from a resident concerned about the increased amount of dog excretion around the village. There has been a great deal mentioned on Brampton Village Friends Facebook around this subject. Unfortunately, there is little the Parish Council can do as there is no way to police the issue. Once additional bins are placed near Belle Isle and the new bypass the situation might improve.

6.2 General

6.2.1 NM reported that Bellways have still not completed the footpath backing on to Hansell Road. This is to be done towards the end of the development. The Clerk will forward the latest email received from Bellways to NM.

Action: Clerk

6.2.3 CF reported that drug dealing appears to be occurring in the car park behind the Co Op on the High Street. The Neighbourhood Sergeant will be informed, CF suggested that CCTV be put in to cover the car park, but this would be up to the owners of the car park. Perhaps motion sensor lighting. NM said this could be further discussed once the new car park is installed. Therefore, the matter is deferred until then.

6.2.4 MF asked after the sign for the Homer crossing. The company tasked with making the sign will be reminded.

Action: Clerk

6.2.5 Linda Hicks had asked the Clerk to raise the subject of a replacement memorial tree to be sourced for Thrapston Road. The Clerk will approach River Lane nurseries for a hawthorn tree as a replacement.

Action: Clerk

6.2.6 Linda Hicks reported a hedge growing out to meet the road near the lone thatched cottage on the left hand side as you leave Brampton along Park/Grafham road. As this borders Liz Ruston's field, she will be asked if this is her responsibility.

Action: Clerk

6.2.7 Linda Hicks reported a willow tree leaning over the road which requires cutting back. This being at the same location as in 6.2.6 above. NM will investigate whether the tree stands in the garden of the property in question or if it is on the verge.

Action: NM

6.2.8 Linda Hicks suggested the placement of a new footpath from Centenary Way leading to the new footpath. The sidewalk at Centenary Way currently stops and pedestrians are then having to walk on the road. NM agreed saying this would then provide a good circular walk. There is a question regarding who would pay for this. It was agreed to forward the suggestion to Ken Billington, the local County Councillor, to investigate.

Action: Clerk

6.2.9 The Clerk raised the issue of charges made to the Circus and Fair when they stay on The Green, she will forward current prices to the committee for consideration on a possible fair increase. The Parish Council would not wish to deter either from visiting the village.

Action: Clerk

7.0 **PRoWs**

7.1 General.

No further matters to discuss.

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

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

Discussed at 4.5

It was noted that there appear to be no benches on Brampton Park. This will be raised should enquiries be received.

- 8.2 Bus shelter at Miller Way –To consider a new shelter?
See 4.4 above.

9. Trees/Hedges, Verges

9.1 Trees – Queens Platinum Jubilee

There is a horse chestnut tree on order to commemorate the Jubilee and NM will investigate where it should best be sited. A further tree is on order, purchased to replace a tree on The Green that was thought to have died. However, that doesn't appear to be the case therefore a site for the new tree will also need to be decided upon.

The Clerk mentioned the purchase of a tree plaque to commemorate the Jubilee. These are being sold by the Royal British Legion and further details will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting.

9.2 General Matters

MF reported that the hedge between Lenton Close and Layton Crescent is growing wider and encroaching onto the footpath. This will be checked at the annual walkabout later in the year.

10. Next Agenda Items/Next Meeting

Nothing mentioned.

The Meeting was closed at 8.00pm. The next meeting will be held on the 6th of June.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: