

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the **Finance Committee** meeting
held on **Wed 12th of January 2022 at 7.00 pm**
at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road.

Present: Alan Mellor, Chairman, (AM), Mike Bainbridge (JMB), John Childs (JRC),
Jon Chitty (JRC), Liz Ruston (LR), Mike Shellens (MS).

1. To receive apologies.

None, all present.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st of December 2021.

It was resolved to accept the minutes as being a true record of the meeting. JMB proposed, JC seconded. All agreed.

4. To receive and approve October payments and note receipts.

5. To receive and approve November payments and note receipts.

Reference the Greens & Footpaths income, which is mainly received from the use of the Village Green by the circus and the fair, recommendation was made that the Greens & Footpaths committee consider increasing these costs as they have remained at the same price for many years.

SJ proposed a request to the full Parish Council to agree in principle to providing £10k towards the improvement of footpath 24 leading into Hinchingsbrooke Park. The Hinchingsbrooke Park end of the footpath regularly floods, James Stringer, footpaths officer at the County Council, is making this a priority within his list of necessary improvements and is looking to providing a recycled plastic boardwalk to cover the flood area along with fencing to separate the public from the cows kept in the field through which the footpath runs. If the Parish Council is prepared to offer some funding towards the project, it would show that the Council supports his application for further funding from the County. JC seconded the request, all agreed. NM proposed approval of both agenda items 4 and 5, JMB seconded, all agreed.

MS left the meeting at 7.45pm

6. Bank Balances to 31 Dec 21.

JC proposed the balances be noted and accepted, NM seconded, all agreed.

7. CIL Expenditure.

AM said there has been some confusion over the figures reported to Huntingdonshire District Council over the past years. He, JC and the Clerk will meet in the near future to clarify the figures and ensure the reporting is corrected if necessary.

8. To approve the Freedom of Information policy.

The policy will be referred to the full Parish Council for approval.

9. To consider outstanding invoice for £65.00

It was agreed that the bookings clerk had spent sufficient time trying to ascertain which invoice remains unpaid therefore the full committee agreed the £65.00 should be written off.

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10. To view and decide upon a quotation for the draining of allotments at Brampton Park.

A quotation had been received from the Parish Council's grounds contractor but it was agreed to source the advice and quotation of a professional drainage company. LR has a contact of such a company and will forward the contact details to the Clerk.

11. To consider the charging rates for the Lady Olivia Centre.

Draft rates have previously been drawn up and it was agreed to share these with any current enquiries made regarding future bookings of the Centre. However, the Village Facilities committee will be reconsidering the charges at its' next meeting.

12. To decide upon a proposal being put forward for a ceiling mounted projector to serve the Community Room at the Memorial Centre.

JC had forwarded a proposal to purchase a new projector. Having done substantial research, he was proposing the purchase of a SonyVPL-PHZ50 projector from Just Projectors at a cost of £1,410.11 including necessary accessories, (price before VAT).

JMB seconded the proposal, all agreed.

13. Verge cutting contract.

A discussion was held and following advice given by the Clerk it was agreed for the contract to remain with the current grounds' contractor.

14. Youth matters – Funding.

A request for funding had been received regarding a scout trip to Switzerland, to support the cost of 11 scouts and 2 leaders, who live in Brampton, wishing to take part. The request was refused.

Other donation requests that have been received during the current financial year were considered. There was a mixed feeling, within the committee, regarding the provision of donations and the full Parish Council will be consulted.

15. Matters for discussion at the next Meeting.

Nothing raised.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: