

MINUTE of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held in the **MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON** on **TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

25 persons present including:

Councillor D. Moorat, Chairman of Brampton Parish Council, (in the chair), Councillors Mrs. C. Ridley, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. G. Hodgson, K. Read-Bone, I. Pennington, Mrs. S. Lewsley, Ms. A. Findon, Mrs. J. Errington, J. Hodgson, Mrs. J. Campbell, J. J. Harding, J. Pickering and Ms. A. Stott.

Cumbria County Councillor L. Fisher

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk to the Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Layden & Mitchelson, Carlisle City Council.

MINUTES

The minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April, 2012 was submitted for approval.

APPROVED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Moorat welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that it was an opportunity for the Parish Council to account for what it has done over the year and for the public to ask questions.

Councillor Moorat's report was given in the form of a PowerPoint presentation covering what the Parish Council has done, what it has not done and what it is going to do.

What the Parish Council has done:-

- Cobbles in Front Street
- Skatepark/BMX track
- Improvements to Lanercost Road footpath
- Blackpath
- Grants given
- Jubilee coffee and cake morning/distribution of Jubilee commemorative medals
- Beacon lighting
- Christmas lights
- RAC Rally
- Town crier (with effect from today)
- Tourist Information Centre improvements
- Remembrance Sunday
- Stepping Stones Festival
- New play equipment in King George V Field and Murray Park
- Crossing patrol at Union Lane
- Launch of new walks book
- Cemetery extension – in its final stages
- Reinterment from Old Church
- New grounds maintenance contract negotiated
- Increased the use of the Moot Hall/funding in place for new gallery lighting
- Trees in Murray Park
- Community Orchard at the Recreation Ground, Gelt Road
- No increase to the precept for 2013/14

What the Parish Council has not done:-

- Prevented dog mess around the town – trying hard to help
- Failed in some parts to encourage pride in our town
- Improved car parking in the town

What the Parish Council is going to do:-

- Make improvements to the Moat
- Make improvements to the Recreation Ground, Gelt Road
- Make improvements to the Moot Hall
- Enhance the Christmas Lights and parade
- Improve car-parking at Well Meadow/Co-op
- Develop the walks book further with separate leaflets on local history etc
- Become a Quality Council

Councillor Moorat thanked Councillor Harding, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee; Councillor G. Hodgson, Chairman of the Property & Environment Committee, Councillor Ridley, as previous Chairman and the Clerk for all their hard work.

NOTED the report.

Questions were invited from members of the public.

One member of the public asked how the Parish Council could make information more widely available and how priorities were decided on as he had not lived in Brampton very long.

The Chairman talked about the website, BIG magazine and engagement with the community.

CUMBRIA FIRE SERVICE

Vince Jobson and Les Pratt both retained firemen from Brampton Fire Station attended the meeting to report on the work they do for the fire service highlighting the following:-

- Home visits – 65 in total over the last year
- Call outs – including Anti-social behaviour, road traffic accidents and various fires.
- Community engagement – road awareness events, youth engagement, elderly & disabled sessions
- Heart start training
- Purchasing a defibrillator unit
- Call system – how it works for part-time firemen
- Fitting and checking house smoke alarms – article to be put in BIG magazine.

NOTED the report.

The Chairman thanked both members for attending the meeting and for the work they do as firemen.

POLICE MATTERS

PC Owen from Brampton Police Station attended the meeting and gave a report highlighting the following:-

- Area covered is the size of Bedfordshire, trying to get more officers.
- Crime figures – have fallen by 17.6% over the last 12 months
- Police initiatives
- Neighbourhood policing team
- Problem parking at the Co-op and William Howard School
- Restorative Justice Speeding Initiative
- Continuance of current schemes
- Recruitment of community volunteers
- Change of station opening times – now 9am to 1pm, Monday to Saturday.

In response to a question, PC Owen reported that the ride-out scheme would continue under Inspector Quinn.

NOTED the report.

The Chairman thanked PC Owen for attending the meeting.

OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

None.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.