

MINUTE of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held in the **MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON** on **TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

16 persons present including:

Councillor D. Moorat, Chairman of Brampton Parish Council, (in the chair), Councillors Mrs. G. Hodgson, Mrs. J. Thompson, K. Read-Bone, I. Pennington, Ms. A. Findon, J. Hodgson, J. J. Harding, J. Pickering, G. Prest, P Mitchell and D. Francis.

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk to the Parish Council
Cumbria County Councillor L. Fisher
Sgt. Quinn and PC Owen, Brampton Police Station

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Errington, Smith and Simpson
Councillors Layden & Mitchelson, Carlisle City Council

MINUTES

The minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th April, 2013 was submitted for approval.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 30th April 2013, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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:-

- Appointment of a Town Crier
- Improvements to Christmas lights
- Official opening of Visitor Centre
- Irthing Park play area saved
- Installation of new play equipment at King George V field and Murray Park
- Helping with school crossing at Union Lane
- Dog poo event
- RAC Rally for the 2nd year
- Ongoing investigation into car parking
- Planted a new Capon Tree
- Remembrance Sunday
- New grounds maintenance contract negotiated with better monitoring
- Coping with unplanned incidents – fallen trees in particular
- Financial assistance to various local groups
- Increase to the precept for 2014/15 of 2% - the Chairman thanked members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for their hard work
- Commenting on planning applications – the Chairman thanked members of the Property & Environment Committee for their hard work

What the Parish Council has not done:-

- Prevented dog mess around the town – trying hard to help but still an ongoing problem
- Unsightly areas remain at the entrances to the town

What the Parish Council is going to do:-

- Make improvements to the Moat
- Make improvements to the footpath to Talkin Tarn through the Community Payback Scheme
- Make improvements to the Recreation Ground, Gelt Road
- Plant a new tree at the site of St. Martin's oak
- Continue improvements to the Moot Hall – 5 year plan
- Plant poppy seeds around the town
- Provide emergency defibrillators
- Improve the Christmas lights further
- Aim to become a Quality Council
- Develop further walks leaflets

NOTED the report.

Councillor Fisher reported that the County Council were investigating a cycle track being installed along the Dandy footpath and may ask the Parish Council for a contribution.

Councillor G. Prest pointed out that the Parish Council only owned up to the bypass.

BRAMPTON POLICE STATION

Inspector Quinn and PC Owen from Brampton Police Station attended the meeting for Inspector Quinn to introduce himself to members and to give a report which highlighted the following:-

- Crime figures – Brampton has the lowest crime and ASB rate in the local area
- Speeding – most complaints
- Problem parking at William Howard School
- Monitoring of ASB at skatepark
- Working with other agencies
- Restorative Justice
- Speedwatch
- The work of PCSO's
- Pubwatch
- Operation Checkpoint

In response to a question, about youths speeding through the town Sgt Quinn reported that officers couldn't be everywhere and would encourage members of the public to report incidents as soon as possible.

In response to a question on CCTV cameras in the town, Inspector Quinn reported that the current cameras were no use to the police and that standardised equipment was being introduced but not in Brampton.

NOTED the report.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Quinn and PC Owen for attending the meeting and the work the police do in the town.

OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

None.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.