

MINUTE of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held in the **MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON** on **TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

18 persons present including:

Councillor D. Moorat, Chairman of Brampton Parish Council, (in the chair), Councillors K. Read-Bone, I. Pennington, Ms. A. Findon, J. Hodgson, J. J. Harding, Mrs. J. Errington, G. Prest, P Mitchell, B. Teasdale, R. Wood, Mrs. M. Smith and D. Francis.

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk to the Parish Council
Cumbria County Councillor L. Fisher
Ted Thwaites, Cumbria County Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors G. Hodgson and Thompson
Councillors Layden & Mitchelson, Carlisle City Council

MINUTES

The minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th April, 2014 was submitted for approval.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 29th April 2014, 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:-

- Town Crier makes regular appearances at various events throughout the year
- Improvements to Christmas lights
- Visitor Centre has had a successful first year with 10,000 visitors
- Parish Council surgeries every Wednesday in the Moot Hall – thanks to Councillors Gillian and John Hodgson
- Worked closely with Walkers Are Welcome developing several heritage trails and a family town trail which are all available online
- Hosted a visit of the Brampton Concert Band from Ontario, Canada
- Carried out the annual inspections of play areas – all with good reports
- Installed new fencing at King George V field
- Purchased three emergency defibrillators – 2 are still to be installed
- Held various WWI commemorative events such as the exhibition, "Light's Out", poppy display and the purchase of two commemorative seats.
- Remembrance Sunday
- Improvements being made to the Recreation Ground at Gelt Road.
- Coping with unplanned incidents – fallen trees, drainage issues and graffiti.
- Financial assistance to various local groups
- Ongoing discussions to improve car parking within the town
- Dealing with complaints – Speeding, Christmas lights and Gelt Gladiator
- Commenced the refurbishment work to the Moot Hall
- Delivering plans within budget – 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

The Chairman thanked Stephen Hillary for his hard work at Brampton Cemetery, keeping it immaculate.

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 and the former Tarn End Hotel at Talkin Tarn.

What the Parish Council is going to do:-

- Negotiate for improvements to the footpath to Talkin Tarn through the Community Payback Scheme
- Make improvements to the Moat
- Plant a new tree at the site of St. Martin's oak
- Continue improvements to the Moot Hall – 5 year plan
- Replace the fencing at Murray Park
- Improve the Christmas lights further

Looking to the rest of the year, the Parish Council would be involved with VE day commemorations and the Tour of Britain cycle race.

NOTED the report.

Councillor Fisher would let the Parish Council know the route the Tour of Britain cycle ride would take through Brampton as soon as the County Council were notified.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work.

CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

Ted Thwaites, Area Support Manager, Cumbria County Council attended the meeting to introduce himself to members and give a report which highlighted the following:-

- What the job involves
- Responsibilities of the local team
- New roles in the County Council
- The challenges faced with budget cuts
- New toilets in the Lanes shopping centre
- Accessing Council services

In response to a question about the future of the former charity shop next to the library, Mr. Thwaites replied that it would be unlikely that the building would be let on a long term lease as there may be future plans for the entire block including the library and Moot Lodge.

In response to a question on improving the footpath to Talkin Tarn, Mr. Thwaites reported that he would look into this and would be happy to discuss any improvements.

NOTED the report.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Thwaites for attending the meeting.

OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

None.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.