

PRESENT

11 persons present including:

Councillor D. Moorat, Chairman of Brampton Parish Council, (in the chair), Councillors I. Pennington, Ms. A. Findon, J. J. Harding, Mrs. J. Errington, P Mitchell, B. Teasdale, R. Wood, M. Craik, Mrs. J. Warwick and D. Francis.

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor Lewis (work)
Councillors Layden & Mitchelson, Carlisle City Council

MINUTES

The minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April, 2016 was submitted for approval.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 26th April 2016, 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 as a team and for the public to ask questions. Councillor Moorat queried why there were no members of the public present and Councillor Craik stated that perhaps it was because the Parish Council hadn't done anything for them.

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.

The presentation started with slides showing Brampton in 1865 and 2017.

What the Parish Council has done:-

- Christmas lights event went well – most of the parish seem to enjoy the event with only the odd adverse comment
- Visitor Centre has had another successful year and goes from strength to strength
- Speedwatch Group has purchased a new camera and is trying to recruit new volunteers
- Improvements to the Moat have been made and many thanks are given to Councillor Pennington for his hard work organising this
- Negotiated the sale of land for use as an access
- Despite suffering financially from City Council budget cuts, thanks are made to Councillor Harding, the finance committee and the Clerk for achieving stability despite this grant loss.
- There is some improvement to the entrances to town
- St. Martin's oak tree has been planted
- Fitness equipment has been installed at King George V Field
- The defibrillator at the Moot Hall has been used successfully
- Remembrance Sunday
- Financial assistance given to various local groups
- Dealt with graffiti, fallen trees and floods
- Play areas have all been inspected and minor repairs carried out
- Improvements to the flowerbeds – many thanks go to Tom our gardener for carrying out the work and Councillor Findon for organising the improvements
- Thanks to Phil Bell our grass cutting contractor for his work
- Thanks to Stephen Hillary for his hard work around the town, in particular the cemetery.

What the Parish Council has not done:-

- Although the Parish Council objected to the planning application at Tarn End Hotel for residential use, the City Council gave permission. The applicant now has a strong record of varying from original applications
- Dog fouling is still an issue around the town
- No increase to stalls on the Wednesday Market throughout the year
- No increase to parking spaces within the town, although the Business Association has recently reformed and has new thoughts on parking within Brampton. Perhaps we should stop being so negative about the car parking issue as it may put customers off from coming to the town.

What the Parish Council is going to do:-

- Continue improvements to the Moat, concentrating on the footpaths
- Improvements to the Moot Hall
- Help parents at St. Martin's Estate to acquire a new play area
- Begin development of the cemetery extension
- Improve the Christmas lights further, with more oomph behind fundraising

Councillor Moorat thanked members of the Parish Council for their hard work.

NOTED the report.

OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

Councillor Moorat wanted members to give some sort of appraisal over the next 6-7 meetings as to how the Parish Council was doing, conduct of meeting, agenda items etc and to think about our interaction with the public.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.