

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** held in the **MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON** on **TUESDAY, 30th JULY, 2024** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor J. Errington (Chairman, in the chair)
Councillor J. J. Harding
Councillor T. Robinson

Councillor S. Bown
Councillor R. Grebby
Councillor J. Spears

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk

ALSO ATTENDING – 1 member of the public

091/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received and agreed from Councillors Logie and Peart.

092/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

093/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note the following declarations of interest were made:-

- Councillor J. Spears declared a pecuniary interest in any item relating to M J Services.

094/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2024, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: JE

095/24 COMMITTEE MINUTES

There were submitted Minutes of Meetings of:-

Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 16th July 2024
Property and Environment Committee held on 16th July 2024

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of both committees and to endorse and accept all recommendations contained therein.

096/24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

096/24.1 RESIGNATION

RESOLVED to note the resignation of Mr. G. McGregor and that the notice of a councillor vacancy had been sent to Cumberland Council and displayed on the parish council website and noticeboard.

(Signed) Chair.....
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096/24.2 FILLING OF VACANCIES

There were 7 vacancies to fill. A letter of interest was submitted from Mr. S. Bown, who was in attendance.

Councillor Robinson seconded by Councillor J.J. Harding, moved that Mr. S. Bown be co-opted to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED, after a unanimous vote, that Mr. S. Bown, be co-opted to the Parish Council. Mr. Bown signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place in the meeting.

097/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

One member of the public in attendance raised concern at a property on Paving Brow becoming a children's home, however the item was not on the agenda and no information had been received by the parish council, but the change of use had been mentioned in a recent local newspaper article.

RESOLVED to note the residents' concerns.

Cumberland Councillor Mitchelson was not in attendance and later submitted the following information by email:-

As you are aware the Cumberland Council's Executive Committee has made the decision to go ahead and close Moot Lodge despite the overwhelming view from those who responded to the consultation. The meeting was held in Whitehaven and I tried to get the discussion deferred to a meeting in Carlisle which would have given the opportunity for local people to attend, I also asked them not to accept the officer's recommendations to close and seek further discussion on what can be done to make the building more suitable but this was turned down.

I, with support from several other Cumberland Councillors are now working to have the decision "called in" which means that it will be discussed by the Council's overview and scrutiny committee at which we can make further representations. This would take place within the next 10 days or so and in the meantime the Council cannot progress with the closure.

After much lobbying I can now say that the A6071 from the Sands eastwards to around Warren House Farm will be completely resurfaced with the work starting on October 20th for 8 nights.

RESOLVED to note the information received and, that following the meeting, the decision on Moot Lodge had been 'called in' and would be discussed at a meeting to be held at the Civic Centre, Carlisle on 14th August 2024.

098/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

RESOLVED to note there were no reports.

099/24 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for planning consent were considered.

RESOLVED to advise Cumberland Council of the Parish Council's comments as follows:-

099/24.1 HEMBLESWOOD, PAVING BROW, BRAMPTON (24/0351) – Demolition of existing sunroom and replacement single storey extension; replacement of roof and erection of extension; recladding of building to form new insulated envelope to improve thermal performance; erection of garage.

No observations.

099/24.2 MOTE COTTAGE, THE SANDS, BRAMPTON (24/0041/S211) – Removal of 2 beech trees in Brampton Conservation Area.

No observations.

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Date

099/24.3 LAND AT WELLMEADOW, BRAMPTON (24/0042S211) – Works to trees in Brampton Conservation Area.

No observations.

ACTION: Clerk

100/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS –

100/24.1 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

There was submitted a report by the Clerk detailing the expenditure to approve.

RESOLVED to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the Appendix hereto amounting to £931.50. Checked by Councillors Errington and Harding.

ACTION: Clerk

101/24 DISCOVER BRAMPTON

Members gave lengthy consideration to continuation of the current contract with MUV or whether to seek alternative arrangements.

Initial feedback from some local businesses welcomed the website and social media presence as Brampton Business Association was no longer operating and there was nothing cohesive to promote local Businesses and the town itself.

RESOLVED to:-

101/24.1 Terminate the contract with MUV, end date of 31st August 2024.

101/24.2 Set up a working group (Councillors Logie and Spears) to meet with a local representative from Cumbria growth hub to discuss a way forward to keep the website and socials at a lower cost to the parish council and gain feedback from local businesses, residents and tourists.

101/24.3 Collate the feedback and draw up a new job specification for the Discover Brampton website and socials which would then be considered at a future meeting.

ACTION: RL/JS/Clerk

102/24 KING GEORGE V FIELD

RESOLVED not to permit an adult team from Carlisle to use the football pitch on alternate Sunday mornings as it was already in use by the Brampton youth team. Clerk to inform adult team representative.

ACTION: Clerk

103/24 CLERK'S REPORT

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report was received and noted. (Appendix 2)

104/24 CALC

RESOLVED to note that all CALC emails had been circulated to members and none required a formal decision.

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105/24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence requiring a decision had been received: -

105/24.1 DARK SKIES INTERNSHIP WITH LANCASTER UNIVERSITY – To consider information received from Lancaster University and whether to pursue the project further later in the year.

RESOLVED not to continue with the Dark Skies Project but to perhaps consider another project if applicable.

105/24.2 SAFETY OF LITHIUM BATTERIES CAMPAIGN – To consider supporting the campaign.

RESOLVED to support the campaign through promotion and/or writing to the local MP.

ACTION: Clerk

105/24.3 STREET TRADING – To consider a request for a food van to trade from the Market Place on a Thursday evening from September 2024.

RESOLVED to give permission to the food van 'WafflingOn' to trade from the Market Place on a Thursday evening from September 2024. Relevant licenses and insurance to be sent to the Clerk prior to the commencement of trading.

ACTION: Clerk

106/24 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that any items for the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 17th September 2024.

107/24 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 24th September 2024, 7.30pm, Moot Hall – Full council
Tuesday 10th September 2024, from 7.00pm, Moot Hall – Committee meetings

108/24 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED, in terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, (contract terms) it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

109/24 BRAMPTON CEMETERY EXTENSION

Quotes for the road/path works to the cemetery extension and overlay of current path/road were submitted to the meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the quote in the sum of £32,500.00 from Bain Groundworks. Proposed by Councillor Errington, seconded by Councillor Spears and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk

110/24 SHOWFIELD CAR PARK

Quotes for the white lining works to Showfield Car Park were submitted to the meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the quote in the sum of £1,287.50 from Gordon Graham. Proposed by Councillor Errington, seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk

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111/24 SELF-EMPLOYED GARDENER POSITION

Recommendations from the recent interviews were considered.

111/24.1 RESOLVED to appoint Richard Deathridge of Deathridge's Tree and Garden Services with immediate effect. Proposed by Councillor Bown, seconded by Councillor Errington and agreed unanimously.

111/24.2 RESOLVED to contact one of the other applicants and ascertain whether they would be interested in managing the wildflower areas from November 2024 which were currently part of the small grass cutting contract. Proposed by Councillor Bown, seconded by Councillor Errington and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk

112/24 STAFFING MATTERS

A confidential report relating to NEST pension payments was submitted to the meeting.

RESOLVED to authorise payment of the amount owing to HMRC/staff, backdated to the commencement of the scheme in 2017.

Meeting closed 8.05pm.

(Signed) Chair.....
Date

Appendix 1

Expenditure To Approve

| DETAIL | SUPPLIER | NET | VAT | GROSS |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| King George V field - toilets | Waterplus | 19.92 | | 19.92 |
| Magnets for noticeboard | Amazon (Clerk reimbursement) | 4.65 | 0.93 | 5.58 |
| Flowerbeds | MJ Services | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| External audit | Moore East Midlands | 630.00 | 126.00 | 756.00 |
| | | 804.57 | 126.93 | 931.50 |

(Signed) Chair.....
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Appendix 2

CLERK'S REPORT – Members **NOTED** the following:

MOOT LODGE – Decision taken by Cumberland Council Executive Committee on 23rd July 2024 to close Moot Lodge.

ONGOING - CCTV– Still waiting for a response from Cumbria Police.

ONGOING - TREES ON DANDY FOOTPATH – Lowther's have reported that branches were cleared over the fence and that an application for consent to remove 2 limbs from the pine will be submitted to Cumberland Council, but there is no urgency.

TREES AT KING GEORGE V FIELD – Work to the trees following the tree survey will be carried out once the nesting season concludes.

MENTALK GRANT – The group facilitator is looking into how the grant can be paid directly to the first aid service provider.

AUPA STREET FOOD – Street trading licence has been amended and weekly trading on a Monday evening will commence from 5th August 2024.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Eyebolt test certificate received. All eye bolts have passed however one building on Front Street has been recommended to be looked at by a structural engineer.

MOOT HALL CLOCK – From the recent annual service, a recommendation has been received for replacement of the 'going' cable. A quote for the work from the Cumbria Clock Company has been requested.

EMBROIDERY COLLAGES – The two donated Sadie Allen embroidery collages (Moot Hall and Border Leicester) are now on display in the Moot Hall.

FLY POSTING IN BRAMPTON/GREEN ALGAE AT TALKIN TARN WEEDS/LITTER/DOG POO – Complaints were received about fly posting on empty properties in Brampton; the smell from the green algae at Talkin Tarn and the general state of the town with weeds, dog poo and litter. Complainants directed to Cumberland Council.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES (Response from Highways detailed if received) –

1 – EI/185274 submitted on 22/1/24 relating to the worn 'disabled' markings on the road adjacent to the parking bays

at the Moot Hall, update 26/3/24 added to Road Markings list for future works. Unfortunately, no timescale can be given, however this area will be monitored continuously for further deterioration and safety hazards. Nothing further received and no work carried out. Resubmitted 23/7/24 - EI/213189 and assigned to a Highways Team.

2 – EI/197112 submitted on 19/3/24 (previously submitted in November 2023) relating to residents of Beckriggs concerned at the stability of a tree in high winds; passed to relevant team for action. Completed.

FACEBOOK – The Parish Council's Facebook page is being updated as often as possible. If any councillor has information they wish to have uploaded to the page, please contact the Clerk. In the last 28 days, post engagements were 2,202 and post reach 6,015. There are currently 631 (↑11) people that have 'liked' the page, 816 are 'following' the page (↑12).

LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO BE NOTED (Circulated to members by email)

CALC –

- Partnership Information
- Training sessions
- Membership and resilience event – recording of meeting
- NALC legal update

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- Weekly Market Insight – Emails from Inspired Energy
- Cumberland Council e-newsletters
- Rural services network – bulletins and funding digest
- Going Green Together update
- Cumbria LNRS Summer Newsletter
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – July 2024

(Signed) Chair.....
Date