

**BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** held in the **MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON** on **TUESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 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. Logie  
Councillor J. Spears

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Clerk

**ALSO ATTENDING** – 1 member of the public

**128/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

Cumberland Councillor Mitchelson also submitted apologies.

**129/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

**RESOLVED** to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

**130/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note there were no declarations of interest made.

**131/24 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2024, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**ACTION:** JE

**132/24 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

There were submitted Minutes of Meetings of:-

Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th September 2024  
Property and Environment Committee held on 10th September 2024

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

**133/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The member of the public in attendance remarked that the Wigton Newsletter included a round up from the Mayor and that the door was open for parish council information to be included in the Brampton Newsletter.

**RESOLVED** to note the information.

**RESOLVED** to note there was no report from Cumberland Councillor Mitchelson.

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**134/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS****134/24.1 EVENTS AND PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP**

Proposals from a recent meeting of the Events and Publicity Working Group were considered.

**134/24.1.1 RESOLVED** to bring back the raffle for the Christmas lights switch-on event.

**134/24.1.2 RESOLVED** to purchase promotional barrier covers and a table cover if within budget.

**134/24.1.3 RESOLVED** to take part in the VE Day 80 event on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 which would include an afternoon tea event at the Community Centre.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**135/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS –****135/24.1 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 £670.53. Checked by Councillors Errington and Harding.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**135/24.2 EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT AND CERTIFICATE**

Members considered the external auditor's report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**RESOLVED** to note the report; that there were no issues raised and the report had been published together with relevant accompanying information in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**136/24 DISCOVER BRAMPTON**

Councillor Logie gave an update on all the feedback received which would be incorporated into a new tender/job specification. The tender/job specification was 95% ready with a few final tweaks required.

**RESOLVED** to:-

**136/24.1** Note the update.

**136/24.2** Set a contract date of 3 years with a one year break clause.

**136/24.3** Send out the final tender/job specification for submissions to then be considered at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** RL/JS/Clerk

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**137/24 PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

The above consultation was discussed and members felt that the 77 page document with responses required to 106 questions exceeded the capacity of this parish council.

**RESOLVED** to respond to select questions on affordable housing, agreed as follows:-

Question 48: Do you agree with removing the requirement to deliver 10% of housing on major sites as affordable home ownership?

No. How will developers/builders of new sites be 'persuaded' to provide 'cheap homes' when larger, more expensive houses will increase their profit margin? If the need to supply a given number of affordable homes per development is taken away, how do people get onto the ownership ladder? There should also be the implementation of a policy whereby a developer cannot renege on the number of affordable homes agreed at the initial planning stage citing a reduction in the loss of profit as the reason. Planning authorities should turn down such a request.

Question 54

What measures should we consider to better support and increase rural affordable housing?

Maintain a minimum percentage of these types of houses that have to be included in build sites where the build sites provide more than a given number of residences/dwellings. Allow, and/or help, long established charitable housing associations to develop social housing in areas where the need has been established.

Question 56

Do you agree with these changes?

No, housing should not be developed by a group originally set up for a purpose other than housebuilding, however charitable housing associations should be included.

Question 57

Do you have views on whether the definition of 'affordable housing for rent' in the Framework glossary should be amended? If so, what changes would you recommend?

To include under (b) that the landlord is a registered provider or self-financing charitable housing association.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**138/24 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL****138/24.1 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Consideration was given to a response to the statement.

**RESOLVED** to submit the following 'That the council actually takes into consideration the communities opinion when undertaking surveys'.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**138/24.2 POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW**

**RESOLVED** to note that the recent review did not affect polling arrangements in the parish and therefore no comment was made.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**139/24 MARKET PLACE TRADING**

**RESOLVED** to ratify permission for the Smash Shack to trade from the Market Place on a Friday evening.

**140/24 CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**141/24 CALC**

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

#### **142/24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –**

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

##### **142/24.1 MEMORIAL BENCH LOCATION**

Consideration was given to a request from staff at Moot Lodge for the relocation of a memorial bench from Moot Lodge to Brampton Cemetery.

**RESOLVED** to give permission for the relocation of the bench to Brampton Cemetery and the parish council would cover installation costs.

**ACTION:** Clerk

##### **142/24.2 USE OF PARISH FOOTPATHS MAP**

Consideration was given to the use of the parish footpaths map by Brampton2Zero for educational purposes.

**RESOLVED** to give permission.

**ACTION:** Clerk

##### **142/24.3 CUMBRIAN WHITE TAILED EAGLE PROJECT**

Consideration was given to the information received from the Lifescape Project on the social feasibility study relating to the reintroduction of the white tailed eagle in Cumbria and concerns from the farming community.

**RESOLVED** to object to the reintroduction of the white tailed eagle.

**ACTION:** Clerk

##### **142/24.4 BOLLARDS AT BRAMPTON CO-OP**

Consideration was given to a request from a resident to petition highways to bollard the pavement opposite the Co-op entrance to prevent vehicles parking. The yellow lines were being ignored and the resident had witnessed near misses with children running out from behind illegally parked cars.

**RESOLVED** to request the highways department to assess the situation and, if required, action something to prevent parking on the pavement and increase safety for pedestrians.

**ACTION:** Clerk

##### **142/24.5 MURRAY PARK FOOTPATH**

Consideration was given to a request from a resident to remove the gate at The Sands entrance to the park and make improvements to the footpath.

**RESOLVED** to note the request but inform the resident that there were no current plans to make path improvements and that the gate at The Sands entrance would remain in place. The Clerk would chase up funding for path improvements for Murray Park and King George V field previously requested through Cumberland Council (formerly Carlisle City Council).

**ACTION:** Clerk

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**142/24.6 USE OF GELT WOODS**

**RESOLVED** to ratify the use of Gelt Woods (excluding the closed public footpath) on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 by the Borderliners Orienteering Club.

**143/24 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that any items for the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 22nd October 2024.

**144/24 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 29th October 2024, 7.30pm, Moot Hall – Full council  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024, from 7.00pm, Moot Hall – Committee meetings

**145/24 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.

**146/24 REVIEW OF CONTRACTS**

Members reviewed the current grass cutting contracts and gave consideration to the complaints received relating to the frequency of grass cuts and the use of weedkiller.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- 146/24.1** The frequency of grass cutting for the large contract would be 16 cuts between March and October with an additional 2 discretionary cuts for all areas except King George V field with an additional 3-4 cuts as required.
- 146/24.2** The first cut for the smaller grass cutting areas would be undertaken in March if required rather than April.
- 146/24.3** Only natural weedkiller was to be used and in specified areas only.

**ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

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## Expenditure To Approve

<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>GROSS</b>
Goods for Elf Trail	Online Pound Store	23.95	3.80	27.75
Goods for Christmas lights	Greens Essentials	51.64	10.32	61.96
Goods for Elf Trail	Etsy	57.00	0.00	57.00
Glow sticks – Christmas lights	Amazon	104.82	20.96	125.78
Big Mag Newsletter	A Findon	250.00	0.00	250.00
Postage return re elf trail goods	Post office	12.46	2.49	14.95
Goods for Elf Trail	Xmas Wholesaler	71.79	9.32	81.11
Goods for Elf Trail	Amazon	51.98	0.00	51.98
		<b>632.64</b>	<b>46.89</b>	<b>670.53</b>

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

**ONGOING – CCTV** – Still waiting for a response from Cumbria Police. Last chase up email sent mid-August to CCTV and the officer originally involved. Have spoken with 101 who suggested forwarding the emails to the 101 department and requesting that they in turn forward to the central control room for review. Emails duly forwarded, awaiting a response.

**.GOV.UK DOMAIN** – The website has now been moved over to .gov.uk, Clerk attended training by the government department involved and .gov.uk emails are being set up for the clerk and councillors.

**CEMETERY** – New soil containment box ordered (lead time 3 weeks); works to extension ongoing, path work should be completed w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

**GRASS CUTTING AND WEED KILLING** – A number of complaints have been received regarding the grass cutting and weed killing in the parish. The clerk has actively worked with the contractor to resolve the situation.

**TOWN TRAIL MAPS** – Updated town trail maps from Cumberland Council have been received.

**MOAT MEMORIAL SEAT** – Seat damaged 20<sup>th</sup> August, reported to the police and repaired on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**NALC COMMUNITY SAFETY CASE STUDY** – Forms completed and returned.

**COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES** – An infographic showing council responsibilities has been designed and available on the website, notice board and next issue of the BIG Mag.

**CALC TRAINING** – Clerk attended the Module 1 free training for Clerk's on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7pm via Teams. Module 2 is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**SCRIBEFEST 2024** – Clerk to attend the annual free Scribefest training event on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9.45am to 4pm.

**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. No work carried out to date.

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. Work completed 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**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 1,751 and post reach 2,587. There are currently 635 (↑4) people that have 'liked' the page, 828 are 'following' the page (↑12).

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

**CALC** –

- Partnership Information
- Training sessions
- CALC News July/August 2024
- CALC Annual review
- Community Panels one year on
- CALC Board director vacancy
- Launch of new Cumbria People and Nature Network website

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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 Newsletter 4
- ACT – Invitation to the Annual General Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 via Zoom
- Cumberland Council – Environment and Climate Newsletter
- CVS Carlisle Funding Fair, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024
- Cumberland Council Planning Policy update
- Cumbria Police – Carlisle and Rural Newsletter August 2024
- North West Net Zero Hub – Climate action webinar series
- Enhance your tank scheme – Lae District National Park Authority re Nutrient Neutrality

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