

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** held in the **MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON** on **TUESDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 2024** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor J. Errington (Chairman, in the chair)
Councillor R. Grebby
Councillor R. Logie
Councillor T. Robinson

Councillor S. Bown
Councillor J. J. Harding
Councillor R. Peart
Councillor J. Spears

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk

ALSO ATTENDING – Cumberland Councillor M. Mitchelson
4 members of the public (2 people left after item 170/24 and 2 after item 180/24)

165/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note there were no apologies for absence.

166/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

167/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest made.

168/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2024, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: JE

169/24 COMMITTEE MINUTES

There were submitted Minutes of Meetings of:-

Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15th October 2024
Property and Environment Committee held on 15th October 2024

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

170/24 NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT SCHEME

2 representatives from Brampton2Zero and 1 representative from Eden Rivers Trust attended the meeting to give a presentation on the award of a Natural Flood Management grant from the Environment Agency in the sum of £225,000.00 for Brampton Beck. The main points were as follows:-

- The scheme was about resilience to climate change and preventing a 1 in 100 year event
- From present day Environment Agency figures, without undertaking the project, 116 houses would suffer if Brampton Beck flooded. From rainfall modelling this would rise to 154 houses by 2050 and 196 by 2080. The catchment area of Brampton Beck was 2km²
- Rainfall projections predicted an additional 4cm of rainfall per annum in the area over the next 50 years
- The scheme involved regeneration of Fell Moss where flood storage would hold back water at peak flow times

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- The land at Fell Moss was not currently intensively farmed. The scheme had proposals for the installation of grips in drains to encourage the moss to grow, creating in essence, a natural orifice plate with the additional creation of 2 bunds as storage areas for the water
- Representatives explained the grant that had been awarded, the surveys being carried out and a flume system.
- Fish rescue and welfare were investigating what type of fish were in Brampton Beck
- Once surveys had been completed, the group would educate and train community members to monitor and carry out long term assessments
- The scheme would cost approximately £250,000.00 over 3 years with sufficient funds for maintenance and insurance for the next 10 years. In the long term a 'Friends of' group could be set up
- There was a permissive footpath through Fell Moss which would allow for educational visits

A member raised the issue of drain clearance and that if this was undertaken on a regular basis, this in itself would also reduce flooding in the area.

RESOLVED to note the report and that a request from Brampton2Zero for the use of parish council land for 'nature stations' would be deferred to the next Property and Environment Committee.

171/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The members of the public in attendance stated they were in attendance to observe the meeting only.

Cumberland Councillor Mitchelson reported on the following points:-

- Resurfacing work on the Newcastle Road area of the A6071 had been completed
- Resurfacing work on the A6071 from the Sands to the police station would be undertaken in 2026
- Concern at the number of HGV's travelling through Brampton was being investigated although it was acknowledged that this was a timber transport route
- A traffic survey conducted by Cumberland Council in June 2024 had shown 517 articulated vehicles travelled through Brampton over a 16 day period, which equated to 1.3 per hour
- Consultation on the proposed one-way system would start soon
- Resurfacing work to Front Street had been requested
- The footpath on Tree Road would be widened
- The Executive Committee of Cumberland Council had been requested to investigate future care in Brampton following the closure of Moot Lodge which would be undertaken as part of the overall Cumberland Care Review
- A Border Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel network event would take place on 26th November 2024 at Scotby Village Hall from 6pm (it was noted that this and the previous event had clashed with meetings of the parish council)

RESOLVED to note the report from Cumberland Councillor Mitchelson.

172/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

172/24.1 FOOD INITIATIVE PROJECT

Councillor Logie reported on the weekly Food Initiative project at Brampton Community Centre. This was being held every Monday with approximately 40 people in attendance. It operated on a first come first served basis and was open to anyone, in particular those who felt socially isolated.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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173/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS –**173/24.1 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 £34,822.23. Checked by Councillors Errington and Harding.

ACTION: Clerk

174/24 CUMBRIA DIVEST

Further consideration was given to the request from Cumbria Divest for the parish council to write to the Cumbria Pensions Fund Committee requesting it to divest its current investments in fossil fuels.

RESOLVED not to take any action and leave the running of the pension fund to the Cumbria Pension Fund Committee.

ACTION: Clerk

175/24 MOOT HALL DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the current defibrillator had been discontinued and it had not been possible to find replacement pads. Advice from the community resuscitation engagement officer for Cumbria had been circulated to members to consider the purchase of a new defibrillator.

RESOLVED to purchase a fully automated defibrillator. Councillor Mitchelson would investigate funding through Cumberland Council and the Clerk would liaise with London Hearts.

ACTION: Clerk/MM

176/24 CLERK'S REPORT

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report. (Appendix 2)

177/24 CALC

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

178/24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

179/24 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that any items for the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 19th November 2024.

180/24 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 26th November 2024, 7.30pm, Moot Hall – Full council
Tuesday 12th November 2024, from 7.00pm, Moot Hall – Committee meetings

181/24 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.

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182/24 DISCOVER BRAMPTON

Consideration was given to the tenders received for Discover Brampton.

RESOLVED to take time for further consideration and defer a decision until Tuesday 12th November 2024.

Meeting closed 8.35pm.

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Expenditure To Approve

DETAIL	SUPPLIER	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Works to cemetery extension	Bain Groundworks	32,500.00	0.00	32,500.00
Water rates – King George V	Waterplus	20.14	0.00	20.14
Water rates - allotments	Waterplus	38.79	0.00	38.79
Soil containment box	Teleshore Ltd	1,711.00	342.20	2,053.20
Goods for Elf Trail	Etsy (reimburse Clerk)	22.60	0.00	22.60
Flowerbeds	Deathridge's Services	152.50	0.00	152.50
Data protection fee	ICO	35.00	0.00	35.00
		£34,480.03	£342.20	£34,822.23

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

ONGOING – CCTV – Response from the police received – ‘Due to a number of different reasons your request to have a CCTV camera fitted in the town is going to have to wait for the time being I'm afraid. I'm currently engaged on two CCTV Projects that are taking all of my time and I've been told not to take on any further work until they're complete. Secondly, the quotes that were given are probably around four years out of date so will need refreshing and will no doubt have gone up on what was first quoted. And lastly, some of the other towns that bought the cameras are now struggling with the yearly costs so we're about to start looking at if there is anything we can do to reduce those costs for them so it's probably in your interest to wait until we've looked at that. I'll get back to you when I'm able to progress this, but it probably won't be until well into next year.’

ARMISTICE DAY – Bugler booked for the 2 minute silence at the Moot Hall.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Risk assessments received from installation company.

LAND OWNERSHIP QUERY – Query on land ownership from Cumberland Council on land adjacent Irthing Park, clarified, coming under Persimmon Homes.

MOOT HALL ROOF – Repairs made to the roof which has still been continuing to leak. The area is being monitored.

MOOT LODGE MEMORIAL SEAT – Relocated to Brampton Cemetery as requested.

CUMBRIA INTELLIGENCE OBSERVATORY WEBSITE – Request for feedback has been submitted.

TRAINING – Clerk attended the annual free Scribefest training event on 26th September 2024.

Clerk attended the free forecasting, budgeting and setting the precept event held by Scribe on 16th October 2024.

Clerk attended HMRC free webinar on employer filing obligations on 2nd October 2024

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/220263 submitted on 02/10/24 relating to overhanging trees at an address on Showfield has been assigned to a

Highways Team.

3 – EI/220730 submitted on 07/10/24 relating to a residents concerns at the removal of historic cobbles on Low Cross

Street following Broadband installation. Highways confirmed that once the digging work had been completed the

cobbles would be reinstated.

4 – Repairs to the A6071 have been completed.

5 – Request for highways to assess the area opposite the entrance to the Co-op and consider any additional safety measures submitted. No response to date.

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 456 and post reach unavailable. There are currently 637 (↑2) people that have ‘liked’ the page, 834 are ‘following’ the page (↑6).

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

CALC –

- Partnership Information
- Training sessions
- Advice from Worknest
- Planning session with Cumberland Council – 19/11/24 at 7pm via Teams
- Larger councils development session – 7/11/24 at 7pm via Teams

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- Weekly Market Insight – Emails from Inspired Energy
- Cumberland Council e-newsletters
- Rural Funding Digest – October 2024
- Connecting Cumbria - September/October newsletters
- Cumbria Police – operation Enhance update
- Cumbria Woodlands – October 2024 news
- North Pennines National Landscape Newsletter – October 2024
- Hyperfast GB Newsletter – Autumn 2024
- Border, Fellside & North Carlisle Community Panel Network Event – 26/11/24 – from 6pm, Scotby Village Hall

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