

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF BRYMPTON HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL 2018 AT THE PARISH ROOM, ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
(7.30 P.M. - 7.36 P.M.)**

PRESENT:

Mrs B Appleby, Chairman, Brympton Parish Council
Mrs E James, Clerk, Brympton Parish Council
10 Members of the parish

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mr P Seib.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th APRIL 2017

Following an amendment to correct the date of the next Parish Meeting to 25th April 2018, the minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman read the annual report of the Parish Council, which is attached to the minutes.

4. OPEN SESSION

It was NOTED that the community facilities at Lufton were almost complete.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was NOTED that the next annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on 24th April 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.26 p.m.

Signed
24th April 2019

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

We went into the beginning of the year with a lot of focus on our equality duty looking at the suitability of the venues we meet in, this has continued throughout the year. Many investigations and reports have been completed on the venues within and just outside of our parish and this is something that will continue into this forthcoming year and hopefully will conclude to the satisfaction of our residents.

Roger has done a sterling job as always keeping residents informed with Newslink, without this many resident would not necessarily know of our existence. I would like to thank Roger for all his efforts, they are very much appreciated and to all of you that help to delivery this important communication from the council.

Another presence that residents may be aware of is the Speed Watch Team, at times some people may have not appreciated this visible presence, however in helping to keep our roads safer it is an important role. I would like to especially thank Josh and Bob and to please pass on our thanks to other that have taken part and continue to do so.

Planning applications seem to attract residents to attend our meetings, this year we have considered 49 planning applications. The two that come to my mind that have promoted the most discussion are the Sainsbury's application on the land at Bunford and the planning inspectors ruling on the land at Lufton. The Lufton application was an extremely disappointing result and we wait to see what transpires in regard to both these areas.

This year we approved the expenditure of all our grant budget and have given to many local organisations such as the Brownies, Guides, Scouts groups, Ukulele Group, Speed Watch, Hospice, CAB, Radio Ninesprings all of which we hope will continue to flourish and that are residents will use or benefit from.

We started looking at improving Higher Ream play area this year and consulted with Preston School children, they gave us the message loud and clear that they wanted a castle, so a castle it is. This is being installed this week and we will continue to upgrade another equipment over this forthcoming year.

Litter, it has been extremely encouraging that residents have organised several litter picks over the year and would like to thank Lynda Simonite for taking this initiative.

Western Corridor/traffic and trees – this has been a difficult time for residents and many people have expressed their views. I would like to thank Josh for keeping a lot of people informed and having that bit of knowledge of what is going on has more than likely helped people make the best of a difficult period. The works will continue until next year and then when complete we hope to be amazed by the improvement of traffic flow in our area.

Stourton Way Crossing - It is fantastic news that works have started on this long-fought campaign by the community to improve the road safety of the area.

Lastly, I would like to thank all councillors for their attendance, representation and all that they do to make this parish council an effective council serving the community. There is just one other person that I would like to thank and that is the Clerk for all of the hard work that she does and is the main stay of this council.