

## Brampford Speke Parish Council

Well what a year it has been so far, Brampford Speke Parish Council have had to learn to adjust to a new way of working but have continued to serve the residents of the village.

When lockdown was announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 we quickly moved to virtual meetings and had our first ZOOM meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. Stuart Luxton continues as our Chairman ably assisted by Alan Birmingham as our Vice Chairman.

The Annual Parish meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic and will now take place in April 2021.

We have said goodbye to two of our councillors this year, Ed Johns and Lucinda Fletcher-Neal and welcomed a newbie in Nichola Vickers who was co-opted to the Council at our virtual September meeting. We still have one more vacancy on the Parish Council and would love to hear from you if you are interested.

The Parish Council have been busy over the summer, we launched a new Parish Council website which is fully compliant to the accessibility regulations. You can visit us at our new virtual home at <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/brampfordspeke/>. Our annual audit was completed and filed in May and you can find the details of our finances on the website.

Wynn Stait, our footpath warden, has been busy. New rails and posts have been fitted on Station Hill and we have a new kissing gate at the Paws a While footpath. He has continued to keep our footpaths tidy and accessible.

The Agricultural Inn was the Covid hub in the village, preparing food parcels and arranging support for the whole community. The Parish Council assisted them in obtaining a grant from Devon County Council for this work.

Have you seen the new 20MPH repeater signs in the village? This has taken some negotiation from the Parish Council and we are hoping to have more installed in prominent places soon.

Although there is a pandemic on, the Parish Council have continued to receive and comment on planning applications. You can view the Parish Council's responses to planning applications on our website.

The Parish Council resolved at it's April meeting to meeting every other month. The dates of the remaining meeting for this municipal year are:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

All our meetings will be held virtually until Boris tells us otherwise and the public are welcome to attend. Please find the joining instructions on our website.

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