

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Cllr E James (Chairman), Cllr G Elliott (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Boulton, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr B Keane, Cllr J Morrison & Cllr K McAllister.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk
HCC Drew
TVBC Cllr A Johnston
12 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies had been received from Cllr J Mann & Cllr J Hodgson. Cllr James noted the resignation of Cllr Hamilton-Parker and thanked her for her contribution. The Clerk will arrange for the necessary vacancy notice to be published.

Public Participation

2) The members of public were present to hear details of the planning application relating to the Greyhound Hotel. Representatives from the pub were in attendance, including a planning architect.

A question was asked as to how parking will be mitigated given that an increase in accommodation would likely increase cars needed parking spaces. The publicans suggested signs will be erected to encourage patrons to use the car park to full capacity. Staff could also use the village car park and visitors can be directed to use the village car park as an overflow car park if necessary. In addition, the current bottle recycling units will be removed to maximize space. TVBC have plans to increase kerb side collections including glass so their removal should not cause problems.

Concern was raised about excess light and noise pollution. The publicans said customers will be asked to consider noise as they leave and exterior lighting will be changed to sensor lights to comply with health and safety requirements

A question was asked as to whether the buildings could be sold separately in the future rather than the house remain an annex to the pub. The architect confirmed the pre app advise from the planning authority suggested that a condition would be placed on any permission ensuring the house can only be sold with the pub.

A question was asked what would happen to the gate on Queenwood Road. The architect confirmed this would remain as a gate because the conservation officer would not allow a wall. A member of public suggested this was a missed opportunity to create a noise barrier. Current use of outdoor space created noise and an increase in customers would see this become an issue. A living wall was suggested as an alternative.

Positive comments included the massive support the pub gave the village during the pandemic lockdowns, the opportunity for local employment opportunities, the boost to all local economy and the restoration of old buildings.

Finally, two large pot holes on highway land at drive of pub were raised as a concern. Cllr James encouraged all residents to report this and other similar issues on the Hampshire County Council-report a problem app.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Planning

4) **The following decisions by TVBC were noted:**

22/01687/FULLS-replace conservatory with single storey extension, Dixons Cottage-permission

21/01189/FULLS-demolition of carport and conversion of cart shed to two-bedroom dwelling with associated landscaping, Hyde Farm- permission

22/01598/FULLS- two storey side extension, 10 Downs Close- permission- The Parish Council expressed surprise and dismay to this decision and asked the Clerk to convey this to TVBC.

22/01626/FULLS-erect car port and enlarge parking area, Hyde Farm Cottage-permission

22/01240/FULLS-two storey side extension, Meadowview-permission

21/01869/NMA1- convert attic space, Hayters, Rookery Lane- withdrawn

21/03381/TREES tree works, Old Church Farm-no objection
22/01631/TREES-tree work Brook Cottage-no objection
22/01191/CLPS- certificate of lawful development, Fortunes Way, Paynes Lane-withdrawn
22/01528/VARS-variations to original application to erect two storey detached dwelling, Hayters, Rookery Lane-permission
22/01546/TREES- fell trees, The Chapter House, Rectory Lane- no objection

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

22/01881/TREEN-tree works Meadowbrook House- no objection
22/01820/FULLS-loft conversion Copper Leaves, Rookery Lane- no objection
22/01895/FULLS-add roof lights and gable windows, The Chapter House, Rectory Lane-no objections
22/01941/FULLS-replace rooftiles and underlay, Chestnut Cottage-no objections
22/02234/FULLS & 22/02235/LBWS-alterations to original building and conversion of barns to dwelling and B&B accommodation, The Greyhound, High Street- support, The Parish Council believe this application is of great benefit to the community providing local employment and supporting the local economy as a whole. They would like the applicants to consider thoughtful lighting solutions and screening and or planting to mitigate noise concerns.

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had circulated a full report which can be seen at appendix 1

He also reported on a meeting he had recently attended where Southern Water were discussing the continuing problems with water ingress into sewers and the current over pumping of excess.

Cllr James asked Cllr Drew to establish if HCC might be able to assist financially if the Village Hall was to act as a 'Warm Hub' in the winter. He agreed to make some enquiries.

TVBC Cllr Johnston reported her responsibilities were changing and she will take on responsibility for Stockbridge and once again become part of the southern area planning committee. She confirmed she has been doing a lot of work on climate change especially EPC ratings on homes in rural areas. The hope is that data gathered will enable targeted grant information to get to those whom it can help. Cllr James asked if this work could see a relaxation of rules for fitting such things as double glazing in listed properties to ensure those owners were not overly burdened by excessive heating costs and also contributed to climate change initiatives. Finally, Cllr Johnston agreed to supply some information about the proposed waste collections which can be circulated to Broughton residents.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr McAlister, seconded Cllr Keane. All agreed.

CCTV Village Hall

7) Cllr Keane reported on a Village Hall Management meeting when the possibilities of installing additional CCTV was considered. Full details are awaited and a further report will be presented at the October meeting.

Play Area Repairs

8) Cllr Dumper had circulated a quote for all the replacement parts required. He was obtaining a quote to install these from the supplier but will also consider using a local contractor or volunteer if possible. All agreed the replacement parts should be purchased and Cllr Dumper will order these.

Cllr Mann has requested quotes for the fence and woodwork repairs but is struggling to get any response. Cllr Keane will provide details of some contractors he has recently approached.

Land by Dr Surgery

9) Cllr James said he had met with the Dr Surgery practice manger to discuss access from the Dr Surgery car park to the Parish Council car park. They have suggested building a path linking their car park to the village car park. Cllr James said they could proceed given that any changes would be to their land and at their expense.

Sports Field Update

10 Cllr Keane confirmed there was no update for this meeting however he was attending a meeting soon and would provide an update at the October Parish Council meeting.

Housing needs survey

11) The housing needs survey documents provided by TVBC have been delivered to all households in the parish. A link to the electronic survey has been placed on the Parish Council website and an email has been sent via the Broughton email system providing details and the link.

The survey closing date is 3rd October after which TVBC will collate the results.

School Lane Completion work

12) Cllr Boulton reported that at last some progress has been made with the solicitor pressing for the final documents and transfer of monies to take place. While no timeline has been agreed the process has. Cllr Boulton will continue to press for action.

Clerks Report

13) The Clerk reported as follows: -

The audit return conclusion has been received and although the return was subject to additional checks there are no required actions.

Anchor kits to re fix a bench at the Village Hall are still out of stock.

Having complained to Land Registry regarding the numerous officers involved in the case none of whom seemed to know what the other were doing, finally the registration of the Village Hall with Land Registry is complete.

Gallaghers Insurance who has taken over from Came & Co have been provided with information to provide a quote for insurance to commence from 1st October.

The deposit with United Trust bank has been re invested in a one-year bond. Interest of £285.00 received had been added to the original deposit of £30,000.

A schedule of meeting dates for 2023 was discussed. All meetings would be held on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of August when there would be no meeting and May when an election would take place on 4th May. This meant the meeting was required after the election but within 14 days. It was agreed the meeting would take place on Monday 8th May.

SSEN have granted £20,000 to the Parish Council following an application completed by Cllr Morrison to their resilience fund. The necessary paperwork had been returned to SSEN and the funds are awaited.

Footpaths.

14) Cllr Elliott reported the area of land next to the Dr Surgery needs to be cut by the contractor, he will ask them to do this.

He reported an issue highlighted by a villager concerning vermin. The villager believed the problem emanated from a footpath however the local authority expert had confirmed the problem came from stables on adjoining land. The Parish Council had no powers to assist in this matter. The Clerk will respond to the parishioner.

Finance

15) Balances in the bank accounts were noted as: -

At 31/08/22

TSB Charity account £161,846.95

TSB Business Instant £72,044.42

United Trust £30,285.00

Payments Resolved: that the following payments be approved, online transactions approved or cheques signed:

H Bourner sal £756.45

H Bourner exp £86.20

HMRC	£189.20
Grass & Grounds	£572.40
HALC	£12.00
PKF	£360.00
Ace Liftaway	£312.40

Retrospective

Clerk Salary August	£756.45
HMRC	£189.20
Grass & Grounds	£572.40
Carol Davenport	£60.00

Budget 2023-24

A draft budget had been circulated and was discussed. It was noted the Parish Council could expect to pay more for services given the current rate of inflation and the Clerk confirmed she had considered this when preparing the draft. All Councillors will consider the draft figures and any other expenditure that could be required in the next financial year. The matter will be considered at the October meeting.

Items to carry forward

16)

- Moving recycling bins from Village Hall
- New equipment at skate park

17) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received a request from the fire work committee to use cemetery land for parking purposes at the event planned for 5th November 2022. This was agreed.

New items for next meeting

18) Budget 23-24

Electric vehicle charger at village hall

Community news

19) Cllr James noted a suggestion from a parishioner to clear vegetation from the stream which could cause a blockage under the bridge at Northend. The suggestion was to clear a channel to allow water to flow but not remove all vegetation which was essential to the biodiversity of the stream.

Date of next meeting

20) 7.30 pm on Tuesday October 4th 2022

Appendix 1

Hampshire residents offered another chance to generate green energy and save on bills

Residents considering investing in solar panels for their homes can now once again sign-up to generate greener energy and reduce their energy bills through the Hampshire County Council supported solar panel scheme, Solar Together

Solar Together Hampshire is a group buying scheme offering high-quality solar panels and battery storage at a competitive price to Hampshire homeowners who come together to buy solar panels. The County Council is working with independent and trusted experts, iChoosr Ltd, to help residents make the switch to clean energy as cost effective and easy as possible.

From now until 27 September, homeowners can register online to become part of the group for free and without obligation www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/26082022solartogether>

County Council Leader calls on Government to do more to address cost of living crisis this autumn and winter

Hampshire County Council Leader, Councillor Rob Humby has today called for more crucial Government support for struggling families and communities this autumn and winter - who are facing rising fuel bills and potential hardship from the ongoing cost of living crisis

Councillor Humby said: “Local Government is based in the heart of communities and has the infrastructure in place, working alongside district and borough council partners, as well as the local community and voluntary sector, to ensure assistance gets to those in need. Over the past months, we have welcomed the additional national funding provided to support families and older people, for example, through distribution of the Household Support Grant and other funding streams, but much more is now needed.

It also includes the planned distribution of Warm Boxes and Fairshare food vouchers, as part of the national Household Support Grant Scheme, as well as the commissioning of a Hampshire-wide helpline, Hitting the Cold Spots

(<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/coldspots>), which provides assistance for those struggling to keep their homes warm.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/26082022costoflivingcrisis>

Food vouchers to support rising grocery costs

Food vouchers are now one part of the support to help Hampshire residents who may be struggling with the rising cost of living

The vouchers, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions’ Household Support Fund, are being accessed across the county throughout August and September – distributed by Hampshire County Council to residents via the county’s 11 district and borough councils.

Households eligible for Local Council Tax Support are entitled to a one-off £30 voucher, while a one-off £65 voucher will be made available to pensioners in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and Pension Credit or Guaranteed Credit. Those who are eligible for a voucher will be contacted directly by their local council.

There are currently over 20 pantries across Hampshire, all providing weekly access to a range of fresh, frozen and general food at a lower cost than at the supermarket. Residents can search for their local pantry on the [connect4communities website](#).

Vouchers for gas, electricity and water services are available via [Citizens Advice](#), whilst help with housing costs is available in exceptional circumstances and is being organised through Hampshire’s District and Borough Councils.

For more information visit www.connect4communities.org or email: connect4communities@hants.gov.uk.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20220822foodvouchers>

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