

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER 2022

Present: Cllr E James (Chairman), Cllr P Boulton, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr B Keane, Cllr J Morrison, Cllr J Mann, Cllr J Hodgson, Cllr K McAllister & Cllr R Robson.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk
HCC Drew
0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies had been received from Cllr G Elliott (Vice Chairman) & TVBC Cllr A Johnston.

Co-option new Councillor

2) Becky Robson had circulated details of her skills and experiences along with an expression of interest in joining the Parish Council. Cllr McAllister, proposed she be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr James. All agreed. The Clerk provided all the necessary forms for signature.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of public present

Declarations of Interest

4) Cllr James declared an interest in the solar farm planning application. There were no other declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Planning

5) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/01881/TREEN-tree works-Meadowbrook House, Paynes Lane- no objections
22/01820/FLUUS-loft conversion, Copper Leaves, Rookery Lane- permission
22/01778/LBWS repairs to windows & replacement gutters, 29 High Street-consent
22/01941/FULLN-replace clay tiles, Chestnut Cottage- permission
22/01895/FULLS addition 3 roof lights & 2 gable windows, The Chapter House, Rectory Lane- permission

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

22/02325/FULLS- construction of a solar farm-Gander Down- no objections- Cllr James said he had been in discussion with the developer regarding a possible community benefit. There is an offer of a small grant which would be paid if planning permission is granted and the Clerk was asked to write to the agent regarding this.
22/02388/FULLS retrospective application for loft extension-Fortunes Way, Paynes Lane, Broughton-Objection the drawings are inaccurate, the size and scale of the proposal is not in keeping with the area and if built would overlook a large part of neighbouring gardens with an impact on privacy of neighbours.
22/02424/FULLS single story extension, alterations to roof and glazing, The Old Smoke House, 23 High Street- no objections
22/02398/TREES- tree work, The Vine House, Rookery Lane- no objections

6) County and Borough Councillors' Report

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

Cllr James had previously 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 confirmed TVBC had recently allocated money for local communities to help with the current financial crisis and the Parish Council will be able to apply for up to £1000.00 Details of how to apply will be sent to the Clerk. He also said the Parish Council could apply to his County Councillor fund once possible costs were established. Other online guidance for families can be found at 'Hitting the cold spots Hampshire' & 'Connect for communities'

TVBC Cllr Johnston was not present.

Minutes

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

CCTV Village Hall

8) Cllr Keane reported work was continuing on a project to install additional CCTV at the Village Hall. A report would be given to the Parish Council in due course.

Play Area Repairs

9) Cllr Dumper confirmed he had ordered all the replacement parts required for repairs at the play area and was awaiting quotes to install these from the supplier and a local contractor. Cllr Mann confirmed he now has two quotes for the fence and woodwork repairs but is still awaiting a third response.

23-24 budget

10) A draft budget had been circulated and was discussed. Although inflation was running high and costs to the Parish Council will rise the Parish Council are in a healthy position financially. Any request to increase the precept has a link to household council tax and given the current economic climate it was agreed that not increasing the precept could in a small way support parishioners.

The draft budget as presented was therefore agreed. Exceptionally for the next financial year 23-24, the agreed precept request will remain the same as the current year at £28000.00.

Sports Field Update

11) Cllr Keane reported from a recent meeting of the Sports Field Committee and confirmed the group are still working on reducing build costs and increasing fund raising. Full details will be provided once available. It is still hoped that work will commence in 2023.

Electric car charging point at the Village Hall

12) Cllr James confirmed he had signed a none disclosure agreement with a company bidding to install a charging point at the Village Hall. The signed agreement will allow the Parish Council full access to terms and conditions for the proposal, these are now awaited. Cllr Keane said the Village Hall Management Committee have seen drawings of the proposed site of the charging point. A decision cannot be reached until the Parish Council can confirm agreement to terms and conditions.

School Lane Completion work

13) Cllr Boulton reported that the solicitors continue to work on the matter but there is nothing new to report at present.

Clerks Report

14) The Clerk reported as follows: -

Anchor kits to re fix a bench at the Village Hall have now been purchased.

TVBC have responded to the question of why the Parish Council were paying rates on the Cemetery. The rules say a group requesting a precept is not entitled to discretionary relief. While the Parish Council own both the Sports Field and Village Hall they are operated by management committees which can claim the relief.

The Housing Needs Survey deadline of 3rd October had now passed. Results should be available for discussion at the November meeting.

Contact has been made with the parishioner who raised concerns over vermin.

Footpaths.

15) Cllr Elliott was absent but had highlighted a footpath adjacent to the proposed solar farm at Gander Farm was very overgrown. The Clerk will contact the land owner.

Finance

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

At 23/09/22

TSB Charity account £94,201.70

TSB Business Instant £72,077.99

United Trust £30,285.00

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

H Bournier sal	£554.67
H Bournier exp	£29.92
H Bournier bench fix kit	£76.23
HMRC	£138.66
Grass & Grounds	£572.40
Carol Davenport	£60.00
Ace Liftaway	£390.00

Precept

Note the second installment of precept has been received from TVBC.

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 copy of the occupational license between Broughton Village Hall Management Committee and the Village Shop

An invitation to the HALC conference in October 2022

New items for next meeting

18) None

Community news

19) None

Date of next meeting

20) 7.30 pm on Tuesday November 1st 2022

Appendix 1

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



We were all devastated to hear the terrible news about the Queen. Her life has been dedicated to public service and she has led the Country and the Commonwealth with unstinting dedication throughout her reign. She has been the one constant for the entire life of almost everyone in the nation, a beacon of calm, fortitude and continuity in an ever changing and often challenging world. She will be greatly missed.

Hampshire to increase monthly payments to local residents hosting Ukrainian families

Hampshire County Council has today announced that it will be paying an extra £200 per month to Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, over the next five months.

The new payments will start in October and be funded via the grant paid to upper tier local authorities to support implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme locally.

The county of Hampshire has welcomed the third highest number of Ukrainian nationals in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20220928ukrainehostpayments>

Getting ready for winter

It's not winter yet, but don't be surprised to see Hampshire County Council gritters out and about over the next few weeks.

Gritting vehicles will be out on trial runs on priority one salt routes to ensure we are ready for the start of the winter season.

Should you see the gritters on your travels, although not salting, please give them plenty of space.

For more information on our salt routes please follow the below link:

<https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes/>



Driver Skills Scheme for older drivers.

With the colder season just around the corner and low sun, poor weather conditions and mechanical strain on vehicles, drivers are often advised by motoring organisations to get their vehicle checked. But, what about the driver? HCC's Road Safety team's experienced assessors are on hand to provide some useful tips for winter driving. Mature drivers generally have fewer accidents than young drivers. However, as we grow older, gradual changes take place which mean our ability to deal safely with some situations diminishes. The 'Driver Skills Scheme' is a confidential skills appraisal for drivers aged over 60. Find out how it could help you or someone close to you:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../drivertraining/driverskills>

Hampshire County Council team shortlisted in Social Worker of the Year Awards

Work by a Hampshire County Council social care team to help young people with complex needs make the transition to adulthood has gained national recognition – having been shortlisted in the annual Social Worker of the Year Awards.

Hampshire County Council's Independent Futures Team (IFT) is a finalist in the Team of the Year Adult Services category. The IFT supports around 150 young people every year with their transition into adulthood and independent living. Comprising eight social care practitioners, the team provides personalised support plans for each young person referred to them, as well as support from a dedicated worker to help each young person to grow and flourish in the next phase of their lives.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20220926AHCaward>

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