

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY 2023

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

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

HCC David Drew

TVBC Cllr A Johnston

0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr R Robson.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of the public present.

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:**

22/03038/TREES- fell beech tree, The Old Rectory, no objection

22/02862/FULLS single story extension, The Wicket, Paynes Layne-permission

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

23/00024/TREES-fell 1 ash, Rookery House, Rookery Lane- no objection

23/00018/TREES- tree works, Old Church Farm, no objection

23/00023/TREES- tree work, The Orchard, Rookery Lane- no objection

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

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

Cllr Drew confirmed he had reviewed the report drawn up by BERG regarding flooding and has shared this with a representative of Hampshire Highways. A site meeting to view all areas is planned for April. In the meantime, the clerk will report each issue on their HCC website. In addition, if there are any other areas that need to be reviewed these can be included. Cllr Dumper asked that the no entry signage at the Pound be reviewed.

TVBC Cllr Johnston highlighted some funding available for community projects. Cllr Keane will send a quote for disabled ramp at Village Hall to the Clerk and she will pursue a grant to help with this cost.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr McAllister. All agreed.

CCTV Village Hall

7) Cllr Keane reported work had taken place to install additional CCTV at the Village Hall. The total cost of £2210.40 will be paid by the Parish Council. Both the Village Hall Management Committee and the Village Shop have agreed to make donations towards these costs.

Play Area Repairs

8) Cllr Dumper confirmed that he now had all the replacement parts required for repairs at the play area but is still awaiting confirmation of a fitting date from the contractor.

Sports Field Update

9) Cllr Keane confirmed the Sports Field Committee are still working on reducing build costs and increasing fund raising for the new pavilion. Good progress has been made and a renewed CIL application will be now be considered.

A renewed planning application is required as the previous permission granted has expired. The Clerk will submit the application as soon as she receives the necessary documentation from the Sports Field Committee. A large amount of funds raised from village activities had now been passed to the Parish Council to help pay for the costs of the new pavilion.

Cllr Elliott reported that following a useful meeting between football club officials and the grass maintenance contractor a solution to repair the damaged football goal post has been reached.

A draft lease between the Sports Field Committee and the Parish Council which will assist in the securing of grants for the sports pavilion has been drawn up and was discussed. The Clerk will review the deeds and charity documents to establish if there are any points which must be considered in the lease.

Electric car charging point at the Village Hall

10) Cllr Keane reported on the progress with this project. All the plans have been agreed and Cllr Keane will sign the necessary documents as soon as they are available. It is hoped work to fit the equipment will take place soon.

Neighbourhood Plan

11) Cllr Mann reported the Neighbourhood Plan steering group met in January to discuss appointing a consultant. Work to start the process will continue. Any grant application will be considered in the new financial year.

BERG

12) Cllr James highlighted the need for BERG to have a dedicated telephone number for use in emergencies which could be diverted to any land or mobile number required. The various packages were discussed and it was agreed the Cllrs Morrison & James would decide on the best package which will cost the Parish Council no more than £100.00 per year. All Councillors agreed the Parish Council should meet these costs.

An extensive report had been circulated regarding all the areas in the village where flooding occurs which includes photographs. Cllr Hodgson has details of one other area that should be included. HCC have agreed to a site meeting to review all of these.

School Lane Completion work

13) Cllr Boulton confirmed he still awaited a breakdown of the revised figures offered for the MUGA and will chase the solicitor.

Clerks Report

14) The Clerk reported as follows: -

Parish Council elections will take place in May 2023. Individuals will be responsible for completing nomination papers which have to be hand delivered although delivery can be by a third party. Full details and application forms have now been circulated. The Clerk agreed to deliver papers on behalf of any current Councillors who wish to stand for election and confirmed she had made an appointment to do this on 29th March.

The Clerk said she had been approached by Broughton Learning to say they no longer operated as a group and wished to close their bank account. Their constitution said in the event of closure any remaining funds should be passed to the Parish Council. A suggestion that this then be passed to the village Archive Group was discussed and it was agreed the funds should be sent to the Parish Council who will pass this to the Archive Group for use in historical education for village residents.

The Parish Lengthsman scheme was to continue in 23/24 and the Parish Council could request funding of £1000 to help with maintenance costs of ditch clearing, verge clearance and footpath clearance. It was now compulsory for the contractor undertaking the work to

have received HCC training which was a one-day course. Cllr James agreed to approach the current contractor to establish if he is willing to complete the course and continue to work for the Parish Council.

Footpaths & Grass Maintenance.

15) Cllr Elliott reported on the revised contract from Grass & Grounds for grass maintenance in 2023. Prices had increased by approximately 5% and all agreed this was a very reasonable increase. The contract had been put out to tender in 2022 and this was the contractor chosen for both value and workmanship. After a short discussion it was agreed to accept the revised prices. The Clerk will write to the contractor.

Cllr Elliott also confirmed that hedges around the village have now been cut. The contractor will carry out the same cut next year but will need to increase costs to £60.00 per hour. All agreed to this increase.

New way markers for the Clarendon Way have been provided and Cllr Elliott will fit these to assist walkers who leave the footpath to use local facilities, find a continuing footpath rather than having to retrace their steps.

Concerns had been raised that the kissing gate onto footpath 16 was so overgrown it could not be accessed. Cllr Elliott agreed to investigate and cut back where necessary.

Finally, Cllr Elliott reported that he and Cllr Morrison had met with a representative from Hampshire Countryside Access to discuss how the S106 funds arising as a result of the Hyde Farm development should be spent. These must be spent on footpath improvements so all parties walked various footpaths in the village to review those needing repair. A proposal in writing will be provided as soon as the necessary surveys are complete.

Finance

16) Balances in the bank accounts at 31/01/23 were noted as: -

TSB Charity account £211,370.63

TSB Business Instant £72237.77

United Trust £30,285.00

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise on line transactions: -

H Bourner sal £554.67

H Bourner exp £22.50

HMRC £138.66

Temple Ford Designs £589.20

Kate McAlister (warm hub) £50.52

Galea Gardening £225.00

Grass & Grounds £259.20

Business Stream £57.11

Items to carry forward

17) None

19) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received: -

An email regarding relocating the new MUGA to the sports Field

An email regarding the skatepark

An email regarding the next TVBC resilience forum

New items for next meeting

20)

Community news

21) Cllr James reported an incident in the village had required the use of the defibrillator by the Dr's surgery. Cllr Keane was away and unable to carry out the necessary re-set. Cllr Mann agreed to be second in charge of this responsibility going forward. Cllr Keane will provide the necessary training.

Cllr James reported a wall in Queenwood Road had recently been damaged by the weather

and is now falling down. He had reported this to HCC who had coned off the area however debris continues to fall and the concerns are that the wall will completely collapse. Responsibility for the wall lies with the owner and the Clerk will carry out some research to establish who this is.

Date of next meeting

22) 7.30 pm on Tuesday March 7th 2023

Appendix 1

Hampshire County Council sets out £2.6 billion spending plans for local services amid difficult economic times in 2023/24

Spending plans for 2023/24, totalling £2.6bn, to deliver hundreds of local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet.

At their meeting on Tuesday 7 February, the Authority's Executive Members will review spending proposals for the coming financial year which aim to continue to deliver vital public services while supporting the most vulnerable children and adults in Hampshire.

The continued cost of living pressures on Hampshire's households is at the forefront of our budget considerations for the year ahead. At a time when we know residents are having to make difficult decisions about their spending, the County Council is also grappling with profound financial challenges. Like all councils nationally, years of underfunding from central Government, alongside continued growth in demand for social care for our county's most vulnerable children and adults is stretching our budgets to the brink. The funding awarded by Government for this coming year, although welcome, still won't be enough to meet the growing pressures in social care over the next year. We also have to factor in workforce pressures and inflation which is pushing up the costs of delivering local services across the board to our residents.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/31012023Cabinetbudgetproposals>

It's 'Time to Talk' about mental wellbeing

On this national Time to Talk Day (2 February 2023), Hampshire County Council is reminding residents about its Chat About scheme that aims to help people connect with others to alleviate loneliness and improve wellbeing

When it comes to our mental health and wellbeing, having someone to talk to can significantly relieve stress and loneliness. But it's not always easy to take the first step. Joining a Chat About scheme near you is an easy way to get started in opening up if you're having a tough time, feeling lonely or if you want to connect with others.

The County Council's Chat About scheme currently operates out of 23 libraries, providing welcoming, inclusive spaces where people can gather to connect and talk. Specially trained staff are on hand to help introduce people into a group or to have a one-to-one conversation, and they are also able to signpost people to resources to support anyone looking for help.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/020223chatabout>

Free access to 1921 census in Hampshire County Council libraries and Record Office

Residents will be able to delve into history free of charge from 1 February when the 1921 census becomes available at all Hampshire County Council libraries and the Record Office in Winchester

The County Council has arranged for access to FindMyPast, which holds the latest available census data for England and Wales, and is making it available for no charge.

The latest available census data offers a fascinating snapshot of life back in the early twentieth century, so I am delighted that we can now offer free access to this information at libraries and at Hampshire Record Office. Through the 1921 census we can get an insight into a time when people were adjusting to life after the trauma of World War I and the aftermath of a devastating influenza pandemic. Through the click of a button, we can search for information about own family members, our street or neighbourhood and this is all now available without charge.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/270123census1921>

Latest County Council Leader's grants to benefit culture and communities across Hampshire

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby has today awarded £67,800 in one-off community grants to five organisations across East Hampshire, Winchester, Test Valley, and Fleet.

These community grants support local organisations to help provide life-enriching opportunities for residents, whether through learning, creative expression or by being physically active – all have a positive impact on wellbeing. Making sure community activities are accessible is important.

A County Council Leader's Community Grant of £25,000 has also been awarded to Test Valley Arts Foundation for a pilot project to provide opportunities for greater community cohesion, including a finding friends network, an internationally themed food festival, pop-up performing arts, music and visual arts workshops, and an 'artists in residence' programme.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230119LeadersCommunityGrants>

20mph zones in Hampshire

At the Transport and Environment Select Committee on the 23rd January, the outcomes of the Task and Finish Group into the introduction of 20mph zones across Hampshire were discussed.

The Highway Authority, Hampshire County Council has an over-riding responsibility to our residents when ensuring road safety. This must be paramount in the consideration of any revision of existing policy. Any revised policy must be transparent, fair and accessible for communities, and of course deliverable by the County Council.

The officer team will now begin investigating how HCC can deliver on the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group. There is also much that can be learnt from policies introduced in other areas, and HCC will be looking to those authorities for suggestions and options regarding delivery of an effective, accessible and workable policy.

The hope is that proposals for a new policy can be brought to the T&E Select Committee, and then on to Cabinet, in June or July this year.

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=822&MId=10909>

Cllr David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC