

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 2021

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies had been received from TVBC Cllr Alison Johnston & Cllr P Jenkins.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest.

Planning

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

21/02175/FULLS- single storey extensions, internal alterations & triple bay garage, 30 North End-permission

21/01336/FULLS- erection of agricultural building, Waterloo Farm-permission

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

21/02388/FULLS- demolish bungalow and erect house, The Wicket, Paynes Lane (amended)-no objection but comments on original application stand.

21/02848/FULLS & 21/02852/RDCAS- The Old Manse, demolition of garage and replace with covered swimming pool, changing room, plant room, garden store & sun room. - no objection

21/02876/FULLS Two storey side extension & front porch, plus replace garage with double car port, 2 Firtree Cottages, Horsebridge Road – no objection

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had sent a report which can be seen at appendix 1 of these minutes

He asked for confirmation that the work to drop the kerb at Hinwood Close has now been completed. Cllr James said the work had been carried out and Cllr Elliot said he would talk to the residents who asked for this to ensure it was satisfactory.

He confirmed he had sent a report regarding the flooding issues detailing the work that has been done and also that which will be carried out.

TVBC Cllr Johnston was not present.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September were confirmed as a correct record These will be signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Elliott seconded Cllr Baillie. All agreed.

Streetlight Queenwood Road

6) Cllr Keane had been unable as yet to carry out some tests to establish if further reductions to the dimming of the light can be made but will do so before the November meeting.

Removal of old tug of war equipment

7) Cllr Keane confirmed he had removed the dangerous wire from the old tug of war equipment, the sports field committee will be asked to deal with the remaining posts.

Disabled access Hinwood Close

8) Cllr James said work to instal the dropped kerb at Hinwood Close had now been completed. (See HCC report)

9) Electric car charging point

Cllr Keane said the next meeting of the BVHMC was on 17th Nov when he will discuss the possibility of installing an electric car charging point at the Village Hall.

Flooding in the Village

10) Cllr James reported on the update received from HCC regarding areas where floods occur in the village. The issues where ditches need to be cleared in Rookery Lane to ease flash floods appears to have been dealt with, the issues at Dixons Lane are to be explored shortly and the problems at Romsey Road are scheduled for works to replace drainage pipes and fit raised kerbs at properties where flood water flows into driveways.

The issue of water run-off from the downs has not been addressed. HCC have confirmed that clearing of ditches is land owner responsibility. In the circumstances the Parish Council will write to the land owner in respect of land at Buckholt Lane.

Defibrillators

11) Cllr Keane provided details of the cost to purchase a new defibrillator and cabinet to be installed at the Drs surgery in the village. The total cost was £1356.25. The fitting could be carried out at no cost to the Parish Council. The Clerk will attempt to get a grant to assist with this expenditure and the matter will be discussed at the November Parish Council meeting.

The Well House

12) Cllr Jenkins was not present but had sent a report confirming he would contact the contractor who had agreed to work on the Well House and establish when the work would be carried out.

Fripps Acre fences & gates.

13) Cllr Elliott reported that he has carried out some repairs to fences and gates at the play area and will attempt to complete this shortly. He has also approached two contractors for quotes to replace the entire fence. These will be discussed at the November meeting.

Cllr Dumper said he had reviewed the play area annual inspection reports and there are no items of high risk. There are some minor areas of wear which will be monitored. S106 funding will be considered for refurbishment in due course.

Sports Field Update

14) Cllr Elliott said the points agreed for the Parish Council to release the funds of £150,000 to the new sports pavilion project were

- Any lease granted would be on a basis of regular review and renewal and not long term
- A robust repair program was in place
- No payments will be made unless full funding for the project is guaranteed.
- The details of lease length required from potential grant providers will be provided to the Parish Council
- The Parish Council will seek advice from TVBC and Hampshire Council as required.
- The agreed constitution document was adopted.

Cllrs Elliot & Keane will discuss this with the other Sports Field Committee members at their next meeting.

Cllr Dumper had been unable to obtain a quote for the repairs to the cricket nets. This will be highlighted at the next Sports Field users meeting. The Parish Council will not release any funds without this documentation.

School Lane Completion work

15) Cllr Boulton had circulated a report again about the disappointing lack of progress. He is continuing to press for a resolution and to ask the solicitor to do the same. The grass areas remain uncut and are now an eyesore.

Clerks Report

16) The Clerk reported as follows: -

A request for a meeting with TVBC regarding Neighbourhood Plans or Village Design Statements has been sent and a response is awaited. A representative from Mottisfont Parish Council would like to join these discussions.

Meeting dates for 2022 were considered. Meetings will continue to be the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of August when no meeting will take place. The dates for the annual parish meeting will be Tuesday 31st May

She had recently received a request to reopen a public grave. When the plot was first used in 2003 £35 had been paid for the interment but the plot was not purchased. The spouse of the person buried had now died and been buried in the same plot. All agreed an interment charge is payable in this instance.

A renewal notice for the zoom subscription had been received. While Parish Council meetings were no longer being held via Zoom the Clerk felt this was a useful tool to retain. Only recently she had a zoom meeting when the other party was isolating having been in contact with the covid virus. She asked if the Parish Council were happy to pay part of the renewed subscription. Sharing the costs between all Parish Councils she worked with would see each pay £28.77. All agreed they were happy to pay the part costs. The subscription could be used by any member of the Parish Council if necessary.

Finally, she reported that TVBC have now confirmed the vacancy on the Parish Council can be filled by co-option.

Footpaths.

17) Cllr Elliott said the possibility of residents adopting a small area of footpath to look after is an area that can be explored early next year. He agreed to review paths that need cutting back now and pass details to the Clerk who will ask the Lengthsman to carry out any work required. Next year the lengthsman will be asked to start cutting back footpaths early in the growing season.

Land for sale Dixons Lane

18) Cllr James said he had been made aware that land adjacent to a footpath near Wallop Brook was for sale. The footpath is not officially registered with HCC and a local resident is collecting evidence from villagers to support the continued use which they will submit to HCC with an application to register this as an official path.

Request from Fireworks Committee

19) Broughton Fireworks Committee intend to hold a firework event at the sports field, while this will be a smaller event than in previous years, they have asked permission to use land at the Cemetery for parking. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this use.

Finance

20) Balances in the bank accounts were noted as: -
30/09/2021:
TSB Charity account £124003.82
TSB Business Instant £71827.07
United Trust £30,000

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

H Bourner sal	£420.09
HMRC	£79.80
H Bourner exp	£18.66
Grass & Grounds Aug	£651.60
PKF Littlejohn	£360.00
Carol Davenport	£119.00

Retrospective	
Came & Company	£1875.10

21) Items to carry forward

1. Climate change community initiative
2. Moving recycling bins from Village Hall
3. Wildflower turf

4. Autumn pruning of Centenary Garden- Cllr Baillie is talking to locals about getting a working party to carry out this work, however some hedge cutting and topping by machinery is required. Cllr Elliot is attempting to obtain quotes for work to all hedges in the village that require cutting back. He will include this area in his requests.
5. New equipment at skate park

22) Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence

23) New items for next meeting

1. Allotments and annual charges

Any Other Business

24) Cllr Elliot confirmed traffic calming work is still ongoing but not with any urgency. Cllr James said the vacancy on the Parish Council could now be filled by co-option. The aim will be to fill this at the November meeting. A note will be circulated by the Village email informing residents of the vacancy in case they have not seen the official notice.

Date of next meeting

25) **7.30 pm on Tuesday November 2nd 2021**

Appendix 1 report from HCC David Drew

Restrictions lifted on visits to Hampshire household waste recycling centres

Hampshire County Council will be lifting the one visit per week limit for residents taking waste to one of the county's 24 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs). The new arrangement will be effective from Monday 4 October. While there will be no limit on the number of bookings per week, the County Council requests any bookings made which later are not required, are cancelled so that they can be available to others.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210930HWRCBookingRestrictionLifted>

Young people invited to stand as Hampshire's next Members of the UK Youth Parliament

Do you know a budding politician? Perhaps your daughter or son speaks like a future Prime Minister, your young neighbour is passionate about the environment, or you know anyone between the ages of 11 and 18 who would like to make their voices heard to a wider audience. The UK Youth Parliament enables young people aged 11 to 18 across the UK to use their elected voice to bring about social change. The elections are non-party political, and candidates campaign based on issues about which they are passionate.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211004-parliament>

'Walktober' – striding out for health and cleaner air around Hampshire's schools

October is the International Walk to School month. To celebrate, Hampshire County Council is encouraging parents to leave the car at home for all, or part of the school run, and to walk the journey instead - to help build opportunities for exercise in their children's school day, and to improve air quality around schools. Even if it's not possible to leave the car at home for the entire school run, 'Park and Stride' sites may be available at schools and turning off idling engines while waiting can make a positive difference too.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/30092021WalktoberPR>

County Council takes steps to expand Hampshire's recycling capability

Hampshire County Council has agreed to commission Veolia UK to prepare and submit a planning application seeking permission to develop a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh. The new facility will enable a wider range of dry mixed recyclables, collected at the kerbside, to be processed - sorting them into the constituent materials ahead of distribution to market and ensure that Hampshire's waste authorities continue to operate in line with Government expectations and legislation.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210924recyclingplans>

Former Hampshire County Councillors honoured

Four former Hampshire County Councillors have been recognised today for their distinguished service to the people of Hampshire – with the award of the title of Honorary Alderman. The title of Honorary Alderman is made to recognise the eminent and lengthy service of former County Councillors who are no longer elected Members of the Council.

Roy Perry - served as a County Councillor from 2005 to 2021, representing the Division of Romsey Extra until 2017 and then the revised boundary of Romsey Rural. He was Leader of the County Council from 2013 to 2019. Roy was the leader of TVBC until 1995 and has also been an MEP.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/3092021HonoraryAldermen2021>

Trading Standards reminds Hampshire food firms to get prepped for 'Natasha's Law'

A major new change in food labelling comes into force from 1 October which will help to protect consumers with allergies – and businesses that make and sell pre-packed food must be ready, Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards has reminded. Natasha's Law has been implemented following the death of teenager Natasha Ednan-Laperouse, who died after suffering an allergic reaction to a baguette. Under current legislation, food prepared on the premises in which it is sold is not required to display allergen information in writing. It meant there was no specific allergen information on the packaging of the baguette that caused Natasha's fatal reaction.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211004natashaslaw>

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