

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 15th March 2023

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr J. Manning

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr Jan O'Hara

Cllr John Currall

Members of the Public present:

There was one member of the public present.

22/166. Apologies. (1)

No apologies were received.

22/167. Declarations of Interest. (2)

Cllr Manning declared an interest in planning application NK/2023/0069 so will be excluded from the discussion and not comment.

22/168. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th February 2022 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

NCALC – Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

22/169. Public right to speak. (4)

The facility was not used at this meeting.

22/170. Reports from NNC Councillors. (5)

Report from Cllrs Currall and O'Hara

Attended Full council. This meeting was the General Fund Budget 2023/2024 and medium-

term financial plan including the proposed council tax level for 2023/2024. I am pleased to say we have secured a balanced Budget.

The draft budget supports a wide range of services to residents and businesses across the area including care to vulnerable adults and children, education, economic development, housing and support for the homeless just to name a few.

Attended Scrutiny. On the agenda was the ofsted inspection of NN Local authority children's services. This was rated Requires Improvement to be good. This is a better outcome than when last inspected when it was NCC.

Attended the New sense of Place Event. This was hosted by Cllr Helen Harrison. 10 year project for implementation of the integrated care system for NNC and how it is trying to focus on feedback from Local Area Partnerships [LAP] Rather than the area as a whole.

Attended Planning Regeneration Board Meeting. There was discussions around NN sustainable food network and food banks and food supermarkets. Looking at growing your own education Programs and ongoing work with partners. We also looked into the carbon management plan for our buildings to lower our carbon footprint.

Dealt with various Housing and Planning issues.

22/171. Report from clerk (6)

22/56. General interest items - There are large potholes on the slip road coming off Kettering Road and entering Northampton Road.

Action: Clerk to report. – Ian Boyes contacted as FixMyStreet was not working.

Update Oct: Some repairs have been completed but the holes within the white lines have not.

Update Dec – Cllr Scouse has contacted Ian Boyes.

March 2023 - A discussion ensued with the ward councillors on the state of the roads and the accountability of Kier not doing their job properly contract. Members asked why NNC is not calling Kier to account. Cllr Currall has brought this up at scrutiny in September and promised to bring the matter up again with the Leader.

22/146. General interest items – Water is running off the field onto Wellingborough Road and lifting the road surface. **Action:** Clerk to contact highways and ask Ian Boyes to contact the landowner. Emailed 01/02/2023 but was directed to report through StreetDoctor. **Action:** Clerk to contact Landlord. Eady Estates.

22/155 Traffic calming update - Highways have yet to send on costings for Northampton Road plans yet. **See 22/174**

Clerk to find out when spend by date is due. **£83,851.56 Redrow monies spend by date is May 2026.**

22/157 Pocket park Report. Action: email Cllr Smith-Haynes to ask about the Empowerment fund as this will aid disabled access to the pond.

Unitary Cllrs Currall and O'Hara both declined as their funds have already been spent for 2022/23.

Action: Ask Castletree for quote for path granite and fence. Cllr Rose to send over work spec.

22/160 Kings Coronation and Big Help Out. It was **resolved** to put out Expressions of Interests via facebook.

Action: To ask NNC for 50 litter pickers, bags and gloves. **Completed Ref EMN035597.** Will now be put in newsletter.

22/162 Recruitment of councillors. Clerk posted recruitment video on facebook. No response yet and insights suggest only had 90 views.

22/163. General interest items.

Cemetery – Clerk has emailed ground maintenance team re flooding. Ref EMN035601

Path by Bakehouse Lane – clerk has yet to contact NNC to ask for the metal handrail to be re-installed by the old steps as they are very slippery.

Clerk report

The Clerk has noticed BPC are not registered with ICO. The Independent Commissioners Office is the UK's independent body set up to uphold information rights. The GDPR Act came into force on 25 May 2018 and replaced the Data Protection Act 1998.

Action: Clerk to put on April Agenda to resolve registration and payment.

The clerk was contacted by first year nursing students from the University of Northampton participating in a community project. Their aim is to complete a community health profile of Broughton and the surrounding area and they will visit the village to get a visual impression of how well the local population is served by health services.

22/172. Correspondence. (7)

March 2023

- Two Consultations: 1. East of Northamptonshire Local Plan and 2. PSPO Kettering extension
- Update from the Leader of the Council 10/03/2023
- Friday mini eUpdate - 10/03/23
- Shining a Spotlight on Rural Community Needs
- NNC Consultations - proposed modifications to Part 2 of the East of Northamptonshire Local Plan.

22/173. Reports from other meetings attended (8)

Parish Council Network meeting attended by Cllr Manning and Cllr Scouse at NACRE.

This was an informal workshop style meeting to discuss the various aspects of life which affect village life. These included Transport, Green Infrastructure, Health & Wellbeing, Food and fuel, etc.

We were asked to highlight the particular aspects which were a problem in our areas and discuss the barriers and potential solutions. This is the first phase of a wider project to bring about improvements to the key issues. A summary of the thoughts and suggestions made by other Parish Councillors is promised in due course. While meeting other councillors and

hearing about what they are doing in their areas is always interesting it was difficult to see where this project is going.

We also heard about the Integrated Care System being developed in both North and West Northants. The expectation is that measures can be introduced to bring about improvements to people's general health in order to help more people live an independent life for longer which would take the pressure off Adult Social Care services.

We also heard about a grant scheme being offered to rural communities in North Northants to give assistance to those in financial difficulties. More information about this will be forthcoming shortly.

Action: NACRE have a function to advice on Emergency Plan. Clerk to ask Elaine for information.

The following links are useful:

Connect Northamptonshire: <https://vcse-ics.co.uk/>

Northamptonshire VCSE Assembly page: <https://vcse-assembly.co.uk/>

North Northants Sustainable food network: <https://nnsustainablefoodnetwork.co.uk/>

NCALC training on Localism attended by Cllr Shrive

The meeting was reported on in 3 parts, Communications, Insurance and Grants vs Borrowing. The main theme regarding assets was not to take any on without cash or commitment from Unitary.

Local Area Partnerships meeting was attended by Cllrs Scouse and Bull.

The information delivered was irrelevant to Broughton as it classed the village as urban. This was because Broughton was grouped in and outweighed by Kettering Town data.

The meeting talked of integrated care packages and agencies being bought together who provide services to focus on wellbeing and take pressure off Adult Services.

There were not many parishes in attendance. Burton Latimer had not heard of previous meetings and neither had most of the other parishes.

22/174. Traffic calming report (9)

Ian Boyes – Highways

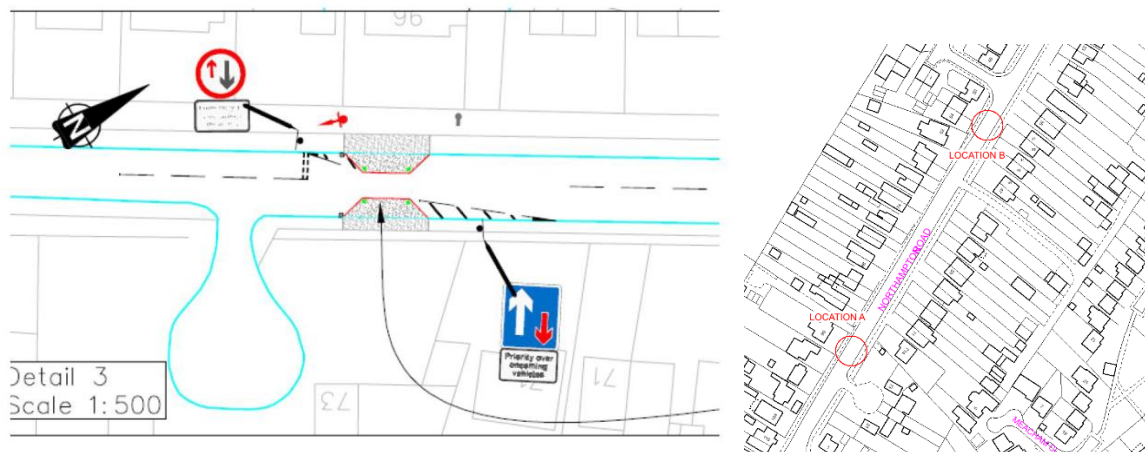
Our quantity surveyors are working through pricing a significant number of schemes, and are having to do this in order of the schemes, mainly maintenance, that have to be delivered first. Unfortunately the similar traffic calming feature they are going to base their costings on is down on the list of priorities so we still do not have these figures. We are however advised that the costings from other works indicate that the pricings coming in for recent works are about the same as under the previous contract and several elements of the proposed priority working, such as lighting and illuminated signs will be delivered by Eon and Balfour Beatty whose rates have not changed. The Engineering Section therefore suggest that the pricing will be around the £50,000 mark for a priority working as previously estimated.

With regard to a possible additional priority feature on Northampton Road, we had originally discussed a feature at location "A" shown on the sketch and plan below but also mentioned

was a possible alternative location by Rathmine at location "B" on the plan.

If you can confirm the Parish Councils preference for either of these sites we can then get a more detailed inspection and general arrangement drawing done for a priority working on Northampton Road ready for if the Parish Council wish also to consider an additional feature along this road.

If there is not sufficient funding for a second priority working we could possibly look at the installation of additional vehicle activated signs which are generally in the region of £7,000 – £8,000 to install dependent on the proximity to the electricity supply.



Councillors agreed their preference to be Location A, Northampton Road. At £50k estimate, it would leave £30k to spend.

As this has now been ongoing for many years, the question was asked if BPC could employ another Highway contractor to install. **Action: Cllr Scouse will contact Ian Boyes and ask.**

22/175. Old Memorial Garden report (10)

A crab apple tree has now been planted in the garden. It was noted that the tree must be watered twice a week throughout the first year. A rota will be drawn up between councillors. Cllr Bull has drawn up a planting plan of the garden which will include donated boulders that could offer as a centre piece.

It was decided that a plaque should be mounted next to the tree.

Action: Clerk to contact resident who donated money towards the tree and ask for wording and dates.

22/176. Planning Report. (11)

Planning applications

NK/2023/0069

Location: 5 Donaldson Avenue, Broughton

Proposal: s.73A Retrospective Application: Erection of shed adjacent to existing shed at the rear of the site.

No comment

Planning decisions

NK/2023/0060

LOCATION: A43 Broughton Bypass

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T10-T11 Oak – fell

03/04/2023

NK/2023/0064

LOCATION: 20 Kettering Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Rear and side single storey extensions and rear patio area and steps leading down to garden

No comment

30/03/2023

NK/2023/0001

LOCATION: 6 Gables Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations: Installation of solar photovoltaic and energy storage systems with associated ancillary equipment

Target decision date –27/04/2023

NK/2021/0995

LOCATION: Old Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Section 73A Retrospective Application - Siting of caravans for residential occupation with associated utility buildings

Expiry consultation date: 20/06/2022

Comment: Objection - Broughton Parish Council object to this application, Report submitted.

Revised drawings have been submitted but BPC has not receive notification of this. It was **resolved** to submit another comment.

22/177. Finance Report. (12)

March 2023 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,230.13

Community - £17,795.11

Credits to Community account

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Credits to Nationwide account

Interest		£0.00
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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
A McDaid wages - mth 12	Bank transfer	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A. McDaid home working, phone,	Bank transfer	£20.00
Petrol MH - Brixworth - MH	Bank transfer	£20.70
Room hire February 2022	Bank transfer	£16.00

Cllr Scouse to sign off and verify online payments.

22/178. General interest items. (13)

Cllr Manning reported there are a lot books in the library and also some drinking glasses have also been left there. Cllr Scouse will take these to the dump. A polite notice will be put in the newsletter again.

Cllr Gray remarked how the A43 junction is much worse as school run times and asked if it would be possible to have a marked yellow zone to help with navigating the central reservation as there are too many cars heading in there at the same time which leaves the car at the front, unable to see to exit.

Cllr Shrive remarked on how all the white lines in Broughton need repainting. Thoday Close has been done.

22/179. Date of next meeting. (14)

Wednesday 19th April 2023.

22/180. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (15)

The meeting was closed at 8:20pm

Signed:

Dated: