

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th JUNE 2022

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

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

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies had been received from Cllr C Hamilton-Parker, Cllr J Hodgson & Cllr Boulton.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of public present.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest.

Planning

4) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/00751/FULLS- subdivision of garage to provide habitable accommodation- Ashfield, Rookery Lane-permission

22/00988/TREES- tree works Grandfathers, Rookery lane-no objections

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

22/01191/CLPS, certificate of lawfulness for loft extension, Fortunes Way, Paynes Lane-no objections

22/01294/TREES-tree works, Grandfathers, Rookery Lane- no objections

22/01240/FULLS, 2 storey side extension, Meadowview, Horsebridge Road- no objections

22/01236/TREES, tree works-Mill House, Horsebridge Road- no objections

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

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

Cllr James highlighted the continuing issues with Rookery Lane where flooding is causing erosion and potholes. He highlighted an exasperating email suggesting each and every pothole should be reported online, this had been copied to residents and was incredibly undermining given that these problems have been reported continually for at least the last 12 months. There are at least 30 potholes and an area of approximately 200m that is almost undrivable. Cllr James has sent a detailed email describing many potholes with accurate locations in addition all these potholes have been reported before on the online HCC reporting app by both the Parish Council and residents. HCC Drew said he had recently visited this road and agrees there is an area where he believes some resurfacing is required. He said as a small rural road like this is unlikely to be a priority however he will again attempt to escalate this issue.

Finally he highlighted road closures on the A3057. Any residents affected will be sent a letter.

TVBC Cllr Johnston reported-the energy rates rebate is now being refunded by TVBC. She agreed to provide contact details for anyone requiring assistance with increasing energy bills. She said the TVATPC meeting on 6th July will include a worthwhile presentation about the new household waste recycling and recommended a Parish Councillor attend.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr McAlister All agreed. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31st May were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr McAlister, seconded Cllr Dumper, All agreed.

Update on resilience planning & application for a grant.

7) Cllr Morrison reported attendance at a TVBC resilience forum where a grant stream from SSE was highlighted. An application has been made to SSE for £20,000 to purchase several items including a generator to be installed at the Village Hall and which will provide power in the case of an electricity failure. The Village Hall will be set up as a resilience hub and can be accessed by all villagers if a crisis arises. The power will also mean the Village Shop will be able to operate and wifi will be available to anyone using the site. The village resilience team will continue to meet to move forward with resilience initiatives.

Sports Field Update

8) Cllr Elliott reported that tender documents are out and expected back by 22nd June. These will highlight the funding shortfall however local fundraising efforts are already being organised.

Renovation of vintage road signs

9) Previously the Parish Council had been asked to make a donation toward the cost of renovating the vintage road signs. The quote to complete the work was £3200. A donation of £500 had been agreed by the Parish Council. The parishioner who had highlighted the need for the work and obtained the quote hoped to raise the additional funds required by obtaining grants however grants obtained so far amounted to £1400.00. These along with the Parish Council donation meant there was a shortfall of £1300.00. In a survey there was an overwhelming desire from the community to see these signs renovated and a parishioner had in fact carried out those required to one sign at Northend.

In the circumstances the Clerk was asked to go back to HCC to obtain a quote for the refurbishment of the sign in the square.

School Lane Completion work

10) Cllr Boulton reported he had made contact with the solicitor acting but no response had been received. The Clerk will write to the senior partner expressing concerns in particular that the £48000.00 for the creation of the MUGA has not been transferred to the Parish Council. The ongoing maintenance costs have been transferred to TVBC and the Parish Council will consider this issue once the final legal transfers have taken place.

Clerks Report

11) The Clerk reported as follows: -

The Clerk said she had sent a reminder to TVBC regarding her enquiry as to whether business rates on the cemetery were really necessary or if a dispensation could apply.

She said she had contacted Houghton Parish Council to enquire if they wished to make a joint application for community benefit if the proposed extension to the solar farm took place. Houghton Parish Council did not want to commit. No formal application has been made at this point.

The play area inspection report had been received and sent to Cllr Dumper to consider any work required. Cllrs Mann & Dumper have reviewed the area and identified some matters where replacement parts are required and grass areas need resurfacing. Cllr Dumper will obtain quotes. There is also an area of growth causing issues which will be reviewed for possible solutions.

Two trees on the border of the allotments need to be reduced in width. The Clerk will ask the lengthsman to carry out this work. There is also a badly damaged bench near Plough Gardens, this will be removed by Cllr Keane.

The inspection report noted the skate park does not comply with current legislation, although it did meet the requirements when built. Cllr James said the possibility of upgrading the ramp will be explored and a parishioner has suggested a source of funding.

The internal audit had been completed and no matters of concern were raised. The audit return has now been submitted to PKF Little John auditors.

Cllr Hamilton Parker has been booked on a new councillor training course on 19th July

Finally, she reported she had written to a landowner regarding the overgrown footpath number

25, she has reported the overgrown verges and weed filled pavements in Hinwood close and Dixons Lane and she has reported a problem with brambles on highways ground which are causing problems to boundary walls at Greyhound Mews.

Footpaths.

12) Cllr Elliott confirmed the area by the Dr Surgery now needs to be cut, the Clerk will ask the grass contractor to cut this.

Finance

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

At 31/05/22

TSB Charity account £161989.72

TSB Business Instant £71969.90

United Trust £30,000

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

H Bournier sal	£469.74
H Bournier exp	£19.36
HMRC	£117.43
Carol Davenport	£170.00
Grass & Grounds	£572.40
Grass & Grounds	£705.60
Playsafety Ltd	£184.80

Retrospective

Temple Ford Design £2430.00

Temple Ford Design £1440.00

Items to carry forward

14)

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

15) Correspondence

The Clerk referred to correspondence received: -

An email from Test Valley School regarding joining a multi academy trust

New items for next meeting

16)

Any Other Business

17) Cllr Keane reported on a Village Hall Management meeting when the possibilities of installing CCTV was considered. There is already CCTV at the shop so the hall are considering expanding this to cover the front of the Village Hall. Cllr Mann reported that Houghton Parish Council has some CCTV but although they have caught criminal activity on their sophisticated system the police were not prepared to take any action. They wonder if collaborating results would help. After some discussion it was agreed the Parish Council will consider quotes for installing additional cameras at the village Hall but have no appetite for adding any further cameras or collaborating with other parishes.

Thanks were noted to HCC Drew for grant for the Jubilee Grant. The event was hugely successful and it was agreed a formal letter would be sent to the Chair of the Jubilee Committee thanking them for all their hard work.

Date of next meeting

18) **7.30 22nd June- Public meeting regarding housing need and possible neighbourhood plans**

7.30 pm on Tuesday July 5th 2022- apologies Cllr Mann

Consultation opens on proposed changes to County Council financial support for transport and travel

Hampshire County Council is seeking views on proposed changes to supported passenger transport services (local bus and community transport services funded by the County Council) and the County Council funded enhancements to the Concessionary Travel scheme in Hampshire

The proposals are made in the light of continued significant pressures on local authority budgets, following year on year substantial reductions in central Government funding, and increasing costs and demand for services such as social care.

People have until midnight on 24 July 2022 to have their say on the proposals for changes to the way in which the County Council supports the services in the future – changes which could achieve potential savings of £800,000.

An [information pack](#), setting out the proposals in detail can be viewed online. It is recommended that this is read carefully before completing the [online response form](#)

Brand new service for older adults with high support needs opens in Romsey

The Living Well Centre at Nightingale Lodge in Romsey, a dedicated wellbeing centre for those with dementia and other high support needs was officially opened this week by the newly appointed Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby

The Centre, the first of its kind directly run by the Local Authority, offers carers the opportunity to book from a single hour to up to a week of support for their loved ones in a safe and caring environment.

To find out more about the Living Well Centre and to arrange a trial visit, go to www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/care-homes/nightingalelivingwell

County Council announces free Hampshire bus pass travel for Ukrainian refugees this summer

Free bus pass travel within the wider Hampshire area will be available for Ukrainian refugees arriving in the county as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme over the summer, following an announcement by Hampshire County Council at today's Annual General Meeting

The Local Authority is in the process of finalising arrangements with the county's three major bus operators - Stagecoach, First Bus and Bluestar – with the scheme due to launch shortly.

Full details of the scheme will be announced in the coming days, with information shared with sponsors and guests in due course.

County Council invites grant applications to support Ukrainian refugees in Hampshire

Community and voluntary organisations can now apply for grants to help fund projects that will help Ukrainian refugees to settle in Hampshire

Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans, said: "Together with our partners, we are focusing our efforts to ensure that Ukrainian refugees arriving in Hampshire are greeted with a warm welcome and practical help to settle into life in the county, such as providing help to access schools and health services.

More information is available on Hampshire County Council's website [Leaders Community Grants | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/LeadersCommunityGrants) or by contacting ccbsgrants@hants.gov.uk.
[Find out more information about the County Council's support for Ukrainian refugees.](#)

New Bus Gate in Andover

A new bus gate to allow continuous bus travel through the East Anton housing development in Andover will be operational from Monday 16 May. Removal of the temporary barriers on East Anton Farm Road at the local centre fulfils a condition of the planning consent for the development and will mean East Anton Farm Road can now be used by local buses as a through route. Opening the bus gate will enable the local bus operator, Stagecoach, to provide a more reliable bus service 6 between East Anton and Andover town centre and they will extend the route to serve a greater number of residents. Further information can be found on the County Council's web pages: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport schemes/east-anton-bus-gate>

New leadership team at Hampshire County Council

Following the retirement of Keith Mans, Councillor Rob Humby has been elected as the new leader of Hampshire County Council with Councillor Rob Chad as his deputy. Rob has been the Hampshire County Councillor for Bishops Waltham since 2013 and the County Council's Deputy Leader since May 2019.

This has led to a reshuffle of the HCC cabinet, which is now as follows:-

Leader + Policy, Resources & Economic Development	Rob Humby
Deputy Leader + Children's Services	Roz Chadd
Highways Operations	Nick Adams-King
Climate Change & Sustainability	Jan Warwick
Transport & Environment (waste/recycling)	Edward Heron
Commercial Strategy, Estates & Property	Steve Forster
Performance, HR, Inclusion & Diversity	Kirsty North
Recreation, Heritage & Rural Affairs	Russell Oppenheimer
Adult Services & Public Health	Liz Fairhurst

Cllr [David Drew](#)
[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)