

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2024

Present: Cllr J Hodgson (Chairman), Cllr B Keane, Cllr J Mann, Cllr K McAllister, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr M Mossman, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr J Morrison. Cllr R Robson & Cllr C Brooks.

In attendance: Heather Bournier-Clerk

HCC David Drew

TVBC Cllr A Johnson

7 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1. There were no apologies for absence.

Public Participation

2) Several members of public present were in attendance to understand what changes were going to take place with the bridge at Deep Ford (see item 7)

A member of public raised concerns about speeding traffic particularly on Broughton Road. He suggested it was time for a review and to take action. Cllr D Drew had provided details regarding a new initiative for 20mph zones. The matter will be an agenda item at the March meeting.

The landowner responsible for the northern part of footpath 16 said that following the installation of gates and deer fencing, which had been approved by HCC Countryside Access, some vandalism had occurred. CCTV provided evidence in respect of the incident. He confirmed there is a kissing gate in place that needs to be removed and has asked HCC for written permission to remove this.

Following the vandalism, he received a letter of complaint from Countryside Access regarding the new gates and he voiced concern that complaints to the Parish Council were directed straight to HCC, rather than the Parish Council speaking directly to him. Cllr Morrison confirmed the Parish Council were not aware of any complaint and had they been approached he would most certainly have approached the land owner in the first instance.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Keane, seconded Cllr Mann. All agreed.

Planning

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

22/00917/FULLS- erection of dwelling land rear of The Cottage, Rookery Lane- permission
22/02234/FULLS- Internal & external alterations to pub and barn along with garden & fence changes- The Greyhound Hotel- permission

23/02796/TREES reshape yew trees- Clifton Cottage- no objection

23/02841/TREES tree work, Old Church Farm- no objections

23/02790/FULLS conversion of garage link building to kitchen with bathroom above, The Close, High Street- permission

23/02348/FULLS single storey extension, new garden wall and gate, Grandfathers, Rookery Lane- permission

23/03028/TREES- tree works, Orchardton- no objection

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

24/00102/TREES- tree works, Dixons House- no objections

24/00037/FULLS- erection of dwelling Hyde Farm- no objections

24/00120/TREES- remove Thuja tree- 1 Moulton Cottages- no objections

24/00084/FULLS- two storey rear extension, porch and creation of parking space and garden wall- 1 Venison Terrace- creation of parking space will reduce overall parking in Dixons Lane which is already an issue. The Clerk will send comments to TVBC.

2400220/trees- fell 2 Hornbeam trees, the Greyhound Hotel- concerns raised as these trees provide visual screening and screening against noise. The Clerk will write to TVBC with comments.

6) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had circulated a report which can be seen at appendix 1. The possibility of a 20mph speed limit in the village will be debated at the next meeting. He will also send details of a consultation regarding the possible closure of household waste sites.

TVBC Cllr Johnston reported that news on the new waste strategy will be circulated in the next month. The CIL bid for the new sports pavilion has not gone before committee and is now expected to be considered in March. Cllr Keane raised concerns regarding delays beyond March as this would have a detrimental effect on the build.

Replacement Bridge at deep Forge, Rookery Lane

7) HCC had provided details and photographs of a planned replacement bridge at Deep Ford. Many parishioners had expressed concern over the proposed replacement which they felt was out of keeping in a rural area and had expressed these concerns to TVBC, HCC and the Parish Council. Cllr David Drew had spoken to the highways engineer regarding these concerns and revised proposals were drawn up. It is important that any replacement meets current health and safety standards. The revised proposal is a metal bridge with wooden cladding and railings. In addition, the central pier will be removed to improve river flow. Public concerns still remained about the aesthetics but some residents were happy that railings on both sides would be an extra safety feature. A reassurance was requested that a wheel chair or double child's buggy would be able to pass and finally a visual picture of the cladded bridge was requested before it is fitted. Cllr Drew will speak to the highways engineer and relay further details to the Parish Council.

Sports Field Update

8) Cllr Dumper reported the hope to start the build in March remains although there are several items outstanding with regard to funding and the proposed contract.

Cllr Mann reported he is meeting with a representative of the new Sports Field Committee to fully discuss the tenders, proposed contract and funding of the proposed new pavilion. Cllr Brooks agreed to attend as he has some experience in this area.

The Clerk confirmed she had written a letter to the Sports Committee confirming what funding was currently in place.

MUGA

9) Cllr Mossman

Cllr Mossman said he is planning to attend the next meeting of the sports committee to discuss what use they might make of the MUGA. He will also talk to the head of the village school on the same subject.

The Clerk has contacted Kev Harrington at TVBC for guidance regarding specifications and possible contractors but is awaiting details. She will chase this.

Neighbourhood Plan

10) Cllr Mann confirmed the group had received advise from TVBC and in particular they had stressed that it was important the community steered the process, not the Parish Council. With that in mind several other volunteers were being sought to assist.

The Clerk said she has received correspondence from Sarah Hughes at TVBC regarding designating the area to be included in the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed the area should include the whole parish of Broughton and the Clerk will complete and return the form to confirm this.

Clerks Report

11) The Clerk reported as follows: -

She has received a further copy of a map of the areas of land to be transferred on School Lane, which requires the signatures of Cllr Hodgson and Mossman. This will be signed and

returned as soon as possible.

A further estimated water bill for the allotments has been received and was even larger than the last! The Clerk will contact the water company to ascertain the location of the meter.

Carol Davenport has agreed to take on the maintenance of the Memorial Garden which she feels will require 2-3 hours of work every 2-3 weeks throughout the growing period. This will be charged at her normal rate for grass maintenance. Help may be required with pruning the yew hedge.

An email has been received from an allotment holder regarding damage caused by the hedge cutting recently undertaken by the contractor hired by the Parish Council. Cllr Mann will investigate. Cllr Mann pointed out further work was required to complete the hedge and the Clerk agreed to approach the lengthsman to do the work.

The planning application details for the container at the village hall have just been received. The Clerk will arrange for this to be submitted to TVBC.

Finally, The Clerk confirmed she had obtained a quote from Grass & Grounds regarding the 2024 season. They had not increased the price in 2023 but given the current rates of inflation have to increase costs by 5.5%. The figures were discussed in detail and given the reliability and excellent service it was agreed the quote should be accepted. The Clerk will contact the contractor to confirm.

Footpaths.

12) Cllr Morrison reported hedges on footpath 6 had been cut back and the resulting debris has now been cleared.

He said that the gates fitted to footpath 8 that did not close properly have replaced by kissing gates. These are standard metal gates and while some concerns have been raised about these it is hoped that once foliage grows, they will become less obtrusive.

He also said he has now met with the landowner on footpath 12 where work to a bridge is required and a solution to complete the work to address all the concerns is being drawn up. Finally, he said footpath 701 has now been cleared.

Finance

13)

i) Balances in the bank accounts 31/01/2024: -

TSB Charity account £243607.75

TSB Business Instant £72998.16

United Trust £30969.44

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

H Bournier sal £666.33

H Bournier exp £19.50

HMRC £54.60

Hugo Fox £11.99

Business Stream £490.54

Aceliftaway £312.00

Statssearch £200.87

Retrospective

George Galea £662.00

Items to carry forward

14) Review of allotment tenancy agreements and fees. Cllrs Robson and Morrison have agreed to support Cllr Mann with this and it is hoped a date for a meeting will be agreed soon.

15) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

E mails regarding cleaning of War Memorials

Confirmation of the next TVAPTC on 7th March at Longstock Village Hall

Email from Broughton School asking for a Parish Councillor to visit the school to talk to children about climate change initiatives. Cllr Mossman agreed to make contact with the

school.

A letter from M&D Foundations offering their services for the new sports pavilion.

An email from a parishioner asking if the ditch under Horsebridge Road which allows water from the Hollow to drain into the river could be reinstated-Cllr Hodgson said he believed a blocked drain in this location caused flash flooding. He will obtain photographs so this can be reported to HCC.

New items for next meeting

16) Speeding traffic in village and proposals for 20MPH limits

Community news

17) Cllr Keane highlighted the sale of some land between Dixons Lane and Hinwood Close by auction. The guide price was £10,000 and the auction was to end on 7th February. The land has been used by the community as an open green space and is thought to belong to Aster Housing. Cllr Robson declared an interest as her family have an interest in the purchase of this land.

A recall on defibrillators to upgrade software will be dealt with by Cllr Keane.

Cllr Hodgson noted a broken pane of glass in the book box which he will repair.

Cllr Dumper noted the fence at play area has been damaged, Cllr Mann confirmed he had requested a quote for a repair.

Cllr Mann said the pier at the Well House appears to have been damaged by a vehicle and he is obtaining a quote for a repair.

Cllr Taylor confirmed as the current Chairman of BERG he had met with the outgoing chair and will now draw up some guide lines as to what the group can help with, what facilities are available and who they will liaise with in the event of an emergency

Date of next meeting

18) **7.30 pm on Tuesday March 5th**

Appendix 1

Hampshire County Council champions National Apprenticeship Week 2024

Hampshire businesses are being offered practical advice and support to ensure their workforce is equipped with the skills that will be needed for the future by accessing funded training and in developing high quality apprenticeships



Apprentices learning in a work setting

During National Apprenticeship Week (5 to 11 February), Hampshire County Council is hosting 'Skills for Business' sessions at a range of venues as well as online to help employers grow their business and secure employment opportunities for residents.

As well as providing support to local businesses, Hampshire County Council also supports individuals and parents looking to find out more about [apprenticeship opportunities](#) in Hampshire.

As a major employer, the County Council champions one of the largest local authority apprenticeship programmes in the country. This has seen more than 2,000 people enrol onto 130 different career paths since 2017.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240131NAW>

Hampshire County Council sets out £2.6bn spending plans for local services in 2024/25

Spending proposals for 2024/25, totalling £2.6bn, to keep delivering hundreds of local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet next week

At their meeting on Tuesday 6 February, the Authority's Executive Members will review spending proposals for the coming financial year which aim to continue to deliver important public services while supporting the most vulnerable children and adults in Hampshire.

Setting a responsible, balanced budget for the year ahead is one of our key duties, ensuring we make the most of taxpayers' money to deliver important local services to the people of Hampshire. However, these remain challenging times for everyone, including across local government nationally, as we have to keep finding ways to stretch the budgets that we have available, to meet inflation pressures and increased costs associated with higher numbers of the most vulnerable children and adults who need our help – which in Hampshire will cost an extra £152m from April.

The proposed three-year programme includes:

- £173m to safeguard the long-term viability of the Older Adult care estate.
- £192m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire - delivering a further 5,312 school places and giving a total of 19,989 new school places by September 2027.
- £163m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £73m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £43m of schemes focused around walking and/or cycling improvements.
- £76m to address condition-based enhancements to schools.

A final decision on the County Council's budget for 2024/25 will be made by the full County Council on 22 February 2024.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/30012024Cabinetbudgetproposals>

Advice for staying safe and well during the cold snap

UKHSA and the Met Office have issued an Amber Alert for cold weather, which is expected to continue until this Friday (19 January). Severe cold weather has the potential to affect anyone, not just more vulnerable people

3 minute read (589 words)

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During this period of inclement weather, the advice is for residents to follow a few simple steps to help keep themselves and others safe and well.

Follow these top tips to help yourself and others stay well during the cold snap:

Keep warm

- A cold home can increase the risk of health impacts, particularly for more vulnerable people.
- Try to heat rooms you spend a lot of time in, such as the bedroom or living room, to at least 18°C (65°F), day and night - and keep bedroom windows closed. You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer.
- Wear several layers of thinner clothing rather than one thick layer – this will help keep you warmer.
- Use a hot water bottle to keep warm in bed.
- Draw curtains at dusk and block out draughts

...plus many more. See here:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240115coldweather>

Household Support Fund community grants available for the final time

Hampshire County Council is inviting community organisations to apply this month for a share of £285,000 to help local people cope with the cost of living

This will be the final opportunity for Hampshire groups to apply for grants from the government's Household Support Fund, with the application window open until 26 January.

For the financial year ending in March 2024, the County Council set aside a total of £1.3 million for community grants from its settlement of more than £14 million from the fund. This included £800,000 for district-based organisations to create initiatives tailored to local need helping to provide vulnerable households with food, utilities and to keep warm. The figure available is the remainder of this, plus £60,000 for organisations to deliver advice services.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240104communitygrants>

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