

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 17th May 2023

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr J. Manning

Cllr C. Taylor

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr Jan O'Hara

Cllr John Currall

Members of the Public present:

None present

39/23. Apologies.

None

40/23. Declarations of Interest.

None were received

41/23. Minutes.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2023 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.

42/23. Public right to speak.

No members of the public were present

43/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.

Cllr John Currall

Attended the AGM – Now serves on the following committees

Licensing and appeals, Employment, Audit and Governance and Health Scrutiny.

Cllr Jan O'Hara

Now serves on the following committees

Planning (North), Employment, Place and Environment Scrutiny

Planning – There has been a split in the planning departments, North & South

The planning department is using a lot of casual staff.

Cllrs can now call in an application with agreement of the chair and one other committee member.

Planning applications are still being processed under the umbrella of the old borough areas due to different IT systems still being used by different areas.

44/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk report

31/23 - Memorial Garden Project - BPC are still waiting on NNC clearing the shrubs. It was noted that Dave Lane has moved to a different role. It was agreed, the memorial tree needs extra watering now the weather is getting warmer.

Action May: Clerk to contact Sarah Parr – Unable to contact S. Parr as email address bouncing back. Submitted through central system. Ref MK525125141.

Action June: Speak to Liam Faulkner

36/23 - Speed indicator device to be located next at KBC3 Cransley Hill and afterwards Gate Lane. Clerk to check s50 license. **Action: Add K101, K115, K123 to s50 license.**

June 2023 correspondence

- Northants CALC eUpdate - May/Jun 2023
- NNC Consultation: Have your say on a new political map for North Northamptonshire Council
- Update from the Leader of the Council 02/06/23
- Friday mini eUpdate - 02/06/23
- Councillor Drop In Event At Irthlingborough Library- Thursday 22nd June 2023- From 10am to 4pm
- REMINDER CPRE - Are Changes to our Planning System passing you by?
- Update from the Leader of the Council 16/05/2023
- Northants CALC Training Newsletter - June 2023
- Parish Council Members - June Bulletin

45/23. Reports from other meetings

Cllr Shrive contacted Evening Telegraph who are happy to help highlight Broughton's highways issues if needed.

Cllr's Shrive and Rose attended the NCALC training Planning workshop which was very good.

Cllr Scouse spoke to Steve Jubb (self employed planner employed by NNC) who is dealing with 13 G&T planning applications which include the Old Willows site NK/2021/0995.

A discussion took place regarding the net biodiversity gain claim from the applicant at Old Willows starting before the deadline which was disproved.

There is also a highways report on the embankment on the A43. A significant amount of work needs to be done before it subsides. It transpires it is difficult to hold an enforcement.

Safety concerns for the residents were raised.

46/23. Traffic Calming Report

Cllr Currall – Will now raise a complaint regarding the lack of response and action for the traffic calming measures due for Broughton via s106 money, further up the line after he received no reply again from Ian Boyes at Highways. Cllr Currall will also copy in the leader of NNC, Jason Smithers and Cllr Graham Lawman who is the portfolio holder.

Cllr Currall was asked who the staff in highways work for, NNC or Kier? Cllr O Hara confirmed she had asked the same question and confirmed both Simon Mills and Steve Barber (Road Safety Team looking after Kier) work for Kier.

The Interim Director at NNC is George Candler.

Matt O Connell is a Road safety officer and the go to for speed limits in the county. It was noted Broughton has been waiting for 2 years to have the agreed speed limit at Cransley Hill reduced to 40mph.

47/23. Community & Police Report

Police Report

A survey by Northamptonshire Police is collecting information about the issues that matter most to people in the area where they live and work. The information gathered will help identify the local neighbourhood policing priorities for area. This includes crime or anti-social behaviour that is causing concern and if there is anything specific the police need to focus on.

[LIP Survey Questions 2023/2024 \(northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk\)](http://northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

There was a burglary at a property in the village last month where the offender or offenders forced entry to the home by removing a rear door panel. The Police are appealing for witnesses quoting Ref 23000325948

The police were contacted to report an overloaded lorry transporting a mobile home.

48/23. Pocket Park Report

Castletree were asked to quote for the path in Pocket Park but have failed to submit a quote to date. It was decided that as due diligence has been applied, to offer the contract to RD Gardening Solutions and Maintenance at a cost of £4750.00. A fence will also be included in the works so total amount will be £5275.00

Members looked at the budget and a VAT reclaim will be made.

49/23. Memorial Garden Report

The new tree has continued to be watered by members.

Clerk will be contacting Liam Faulkner regarding the removal of shrubs, see above **31/23**

The committee will now look at planting for the borders to be carried out by September.

A budget of £1k was allocated to the Memorial Garden project in November.

50/23. Planning Report. (11)

Planning applications

NK/2023/0266

LOCATION: 2 Carter Avenue, Broughton, NN14 1LZ

PROPOSAL: Demolition of shed/outbuilding and construction of garden room

No Comment

NK/2023/0297

LOCATION: Silverhills Farm, Mawsley Road, Broughton, NN6 9QA

PROPOSAL: Conversion of 2 no. barns to 5 no. dwellings

Comment: Isolated site with no sustainable means of access for local amenities.

NB: The Clerk was not notified on any of the above planning applications by NNC.

Action: Clerk to contact planning department to complain.

Planning decisions

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

Approved

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.

51/23. CPRE Renewal

It was **resolved** to renew annual membership with CPRE at a cost of £36.00

52/23. Finance Report.

June 2023 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Community - £29,169.03

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 3	Bank transfer	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A McDaid home working, phone & safety line	Bank transfer	£69.47

reimbursement.		
CPRE membership	Bank transfer	£36.00
Castletree	Bank transfer	£300.00
NCALC training	Bank transfer	£100.80
Room Hire May 3 x £8	Bank transfer	£24.00
Room Hire June 2 x £8	Bank transfer	£16.00

Cllr Shrive to authorise this month

53/23. Communications – Social Media

A discussion took place as how BPC could widen its reach to the residents. It was decided that the clerk will post anything relevant from the leaders updates and agendas when due. The committee members agreed to post little and often, anything of relevance on facebook. Insights showed when posts get a like or comment, the reach is furthered.

54/23. Ward Boundaries Consultation

Reasons not to be with Rothwell

Criteria to be considered are:

- **Equality of representation.**

This means wards having roughly the same number of electors per councilor

- **Reflecting community interests and identities.**

1. Broughton, Mawsley & Cransley share church services.
2. Broughton & Mawsley provide convenience shopping, all other retail is in Kettering or beyond.
3. There is no public transport to Rothwell without first going to Kettering
4. Mawsley & Kettering provide primary medical services
5. Broughton, Pytchley and Mawsley have primary schools, many children will attend school in a neighbouring village e.g children from Mawsley attend Broughton Primary and vice versa. There will be a connection with families via school activities. Catchment for Rothwell Primary is only within the town. It's unlikely that many children from the villages would attend Rothwell.
6. Secondary school placements from the villages would largely be in Kettering.
7. Broughton, Pytchley and Cransley (Great Cransley and Little Cransley – now part of Broughton) are mentioned in the Domesday book and have always been largely agricultural villages. Rothwell, although having historic connections has always been a significant community with Roman connections and a Priory.
8. Families are integrated historically with Pytchley and Cransley, Great Cransley and Little Cransley

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/rchme/northants/vol2/pp130-131>

9. While there is no public transport to link the villages there are Public Rights of Way between Broughton – Pytchley, Broughton – Cransley - Mawsley

- **Providing for effective and convenient local government.**

1. Many issues would be common among the villages in the ward and would be better managed with one councillor representing the collective view.

2. In a rural ward it would be advantageous for the councillor to be known to local landowners and be familiar with rural matters in order to deal with issues affecting the rural community. Rothwell is a predominantly urban small town and would have little in common with the villages. With such a disproportionate number of urban voters there is a considerable risk that the villages would be side-lined and become an “after thought” with the time and effort of the ward councillors being targeted at the larger community.

Action: Clerk to submit to Local Government Boundary Commission for England

55/23. General interest items – for discussion only, no decisions.

Cllr Bull – the pot holes in the lines of the A43 slip road remain. In other places, tar has been poured in between some of the gaps today.

Cllr Rose – Shared his dismay on the state of the Yeoman’s House roof and how it is being left to deteriorate.

There is a very overgrown hedge that is protruding on to the pavement from a council property on the entrance to Glebe Avenue from Wellingborough Road.

Cllr Scouse offered to purchase a rose on behalf of BPC to be presented to Julie Bozicek for her unpaid work for Bentham Charities over many years.

56/23. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 19th July 2023.

57/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The meeting was closed at 20:40pm.

Signed:

Dated: