

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held Wednesday 15th January 2020, 7.00 pm at Broughton Village Hall

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr H. Bull

Cllr M. Rose

Cllr S. West

Cllr I. Robson

County/Borough Councillor present:

Cllr J. Hakewill

19/9017 Apologies (1)

Cllr J Chester, Cllr P. Wade, Cllr O. Wyeth was not present at the meeting

19/9018 Declarations of Interest (2)

No declarations were made

19/9019 Minutes (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th December 2019, copies were circulated and then approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair.

KBC – Kettering Borough Council

NCC – Northamptonshire County Council

BPC – Broughton Parish Council

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19/9020 Public right to speak (4)

Steve Barber from NCC Highways introduced himself. He explained the majority of road accidents occur by drivers failing to look, failing to judge distances and inappropriate speed.

In 2007, Highways began to run out of money and were not able to provide adequate resources for traffic calming so they opened up the market with the aim for parishes to get more involved by slowing the traffic down with flashing signs. It started with VAS, Vehicle Activated Signs and has now advanced to SIDs Speed Indication Devices which can be set by the parishes to either display the speed of a vehicle, a smiley/sad face and slowdown/too fast messages. These are radar devices and collect data to show the time of day, direction of vehicle travel and speed. They do not collect registration number plates.

The VAS and SIDs can be powered 3 different ways. Either by battery, solar power or mains electric. There are some old original poles in the village that could house a mains operated SID but they would have to be converted and adopted by BPC.

BPC would need to apply for a S50 license to install a VAS or SID which would cover the whole area of the village and would be a one-off discounted payment of £321.00 for life, which is roughly half price.

Members asked about ANPR, Automatic Number Plate Recognition devices. Steve advised that parish councils can put up a pole, mount and turn on an ANPR, but only the judicial bodies can have access to the data to comply with current data protection laws.

Members asked if BPC could legally install and facilitate an ANPR device within the village for police use only, without BPC having access to the data but was advised not at the moment because of collaboration, but this may/may not change in the future. BPC could however install CCTV cameras. There are about a dozen manufacturers that supply VAS and SIDs and Steve left a few flyers from different companies.

The next step is would then be for BPC to decide which device they would like to install. Steve will come back and survey possible locations. If Highways were to install posts as well, they already hold a S50 license to work on the roadsides. If BPC were to put installation posts out to tender, they would have to make sure the firm who carries out the work, holds the relevant licenses. The poles will need to be erected at least 1.5 metres in from the roadside and the device at least 2.8 metres high.

Prior to works being carried out, Steve will forward onto BPC a list of more companies. Things to look out for are how long their maintenance agreements are for, what the initial cost is, will they install free of charge and what do they charge for training.

VAS/SIDs will be added to BPC insurance as assets.

The Police Crime Commissioner grant fund are running a grant scheme up to £5k but they will only authorise one device from Sierzega who are based in Austria.

Action Councillor Robson to contact Steve when BPC have decided on preferred locations

19/9021 Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's (5)

Cllr Hakewill attended Full council meeting at Kettering. KBC will become a Town Council but will not be elected until April 2021 which will cost £40,000k to hold a stand alone election.

Cllr Hakewill also attended the Budget meeting for 2020/21 where they will put out a budget consultation. KBC have put £500,000k into the Unitary pot along with all the other boroughs.

Cllr Bull asked if all the different borough councils are building their budgets for 2020/21 together and the answer was no. They will continue to run parallel as they always have previously.

KBC will become a shadow authority and councillors will be elected on 7th May 2020 and will run for 1 year. At the end of that year, they will discuss budgets but the budget for the new unitary, North and West Northants will be set by all the existing councillors as they will be the only statutory people who will be allowed to set a budget.

The impending Kettering Town Councils budget for 2021/22 will be set by the shadow authority without any town councillor's in place for them to inherit.

The reason for this is because all the statutory functions KBC hold as a shadow authority have to continue until the unitary is ready to go and then the powers will be transferred over at midnight 1st April 2021.

A joint committee will be meeting on 16th January 2020, where certain decisions will be made about allowances and when the committees will meet.

A discussion about Old Willows site followed. Email correspondence has taken place between Cllr Hakewill, BPC councillors and KBC head of service James Wilson. See below 19/9029. Cllr Hakewill will check with KBC as to who owns the adjacent field via the Land Registry.

Action Cllr Scouse to also check land registry

[19/9022 Matters arising from the minutes \(6\)](#)

Matters arising from March minutes

19/7986 General Interest Items

Cllr Baxter raised that he has received a resident complaint about the footpath (GD15) adjacent to Crane Close. Aggregate has washed away exposing large tree roots growing up into the footpath which are now dangerous. **Reported Ref 1605367. 9/06/19 showing as investigating on fixmystreet. Complaint put in 12/09/2019.**

14/01/2020 A resident's daughter reported this again after visiting her father over the Christmas period. Ref 1787040 State changed to: Action scheduled

Matters arising from June minutes

19/8028 General interest items

Cllr Wyeth raised that a resident had asked him to mention the bench in Wellingborough Road going towards the Pytchley crossroads has deteriorated significantly. Members agreed to ask KBC to remove.

15/01/2020 Benches have arrived with KBC and should be installed in the next 2 weeks

Matters arising from September minutes

19/8066 General Interest Items

Cllr Shrive has been working on the replacement of the village map. A DWG/CAD drawing is required as previous map sourced was not suitable. Andrew Needham from KBC who sourced the maps for the Neighbourhood plan, is now helping with this matter. The casing was covered in moss but has now been cleaned.

Matters arising from November minutes

19/8098 General interest items

Cllr Smith-Haynes – reminded the clerk that Darren from the fire service would like to visit BPC, it was arranged back in Jan/Feb 19 but was cancelled last minute. **Ongoing - Clerk to still rearrange when convenient for all parties.**

2000 Daffodils were donated by KBC for Operation Spring bloom. Members thought it would be nice to place near the old memorial site when the works are carried out with the steps and turf. Other options would be to give some to the landscapers at the Redrow Estate to sow near the benches, the Pocket Park or Castletree to plant some in Cox's Lane at a cost.

RESOLVED The daffodils were taken out of storage but due to receiving them so late in the year, they were not in a good state. Cllr Shrive has planted some rows in Kettering Road by the wooden structure, 3 rows either side in Northampton Road and some in his allotment to see if they survive to lift for next year and re-distribute throughout the village.

Matters arising from December minutes

19/9011 Precept and estimates for coming year

Discussions were had about the forthcoming precept for 2020/21 and it was agreed to precept for £14,000.00. This is the same amount as the last two years. **RESOLVED Precept submitted to KBC 02/01/2021 via email**

19/9012 Development Control

KBC planning submitted another statement regarding the unauthorised development off Cransley Lane, Loddington on the Enforcement appeal. A copy is attached to the end of the minutes and will be put on the website.

BPC will comment on the appeal by 19th January 2020. **See 19/9027 Representation to the Planning Inspectorate – Loddington below**

19/9014 General interest items

On Podmore way, one of the bungalows is making quite a mess of the verge by taking vehicles over it. He has added some lattice on part of the property but as its not a dropped kerb, the verge is getting ruined. **Clerk contacted the KBC Neighbourhood Manager. KBC did go to the mentioned property and knocked the door, but there was no answer. A card was left asking the residents to give KBC a call to discuss the situation.**

Cllr Robson emailed KBC customer service on behalf of Streetwatch asking if they would consider changing the times of the licenses they issue to Charity collectors and pedlars to office hours only

in the NN14 1 postcode (which includes Mawsley) after many residents raised concerns. BPC were also asked to contact with the same concerns.

22/12/19 Response from KBC licensing was BPC concerns do not fall within the control of the collection licensing regime.

There are only certain reasons that a collection application can be refused for and they all relate to charity and financial issues.

There was also confirmation that KBC cannot limit collection times as some applications are made for the whole Borough for the whole year.

Collections that are licensed by KBC can be checked on the Licensing Unit web page in the public register at www.northantslicensing.gov.uk

Any suggestion of illegal activity or concerns about collectors should be reported immediately and directly to Northamptonshire Police in the first instance. RESOLVED

Cllr Scouse wanted it noted that as BPC now own 2 grit bins within the village, corner of Glebe Avenue/Church Street and Cox's Lane, the clerk to put on the Asset Register. **RESOLVED**

Cllr Jim Hakewill posted on Facebook that parking is now the responsibility of KBC instead of the police. Cllr Scouse has asked for clarification on the laws of parking on the pavements when not actually causing an obstruction to pedestrians. Besides inconsiderate parking where there is not enough room for pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass on the pavement, BPC does recognise that in some areas in Broughton, parking on the road would block emergency vehicles navigating within the village. **RESOLVED. KBC issued a letter to all residents explaining the new parking enforcement along with a leaflet which is now displayed on the BPC website.**

The clerk was asked to contact KBC planning for a statement on the current situation and how the Enforcement at Old Willows site is going after KBC left it to NCC Highways. **Response: The issue with the fence at the Old Willows traveller site is that the County Council is still considering taking action under their powers. In respect of planning enforcement, a case was raised and an assessment was made of the planning infringement. If an application were submitted it would be approved as the breach is minor therefore it has been decided that one is not necessary as per the Council's Enforcement Strategy. This particular Enforcement Case has been closed and no further action is being taken. RESOLVED**

The Clerk was asked to contact KBC regarding the bench at the Bridleway opposite the village hall as the back is broken after a tree fell on it and asked for it to be replaced if possible with a composite one or if not, a wooden one situated in a nearby spot. **Emailed KBC 02/01/2020**

Action Clerk to chase

The Clerk was asked to contact KBC re extra weed spraying for next year. **02/01/2020 emailed KBC.**

Action Clerk to chase

19/9023 Correspondence (7)

The following correspondence were put into circulation:

- Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan consultation response form
- Invitation from Mayors Parlour – Holocaust Memorial Commemoration
- Budget Consultation meeting invite
- Commit to Get Fit leaflet from Kettering Spa
- Invitation to Network and Coffee morning from NACRE
- VAS and SIDS information leaflets from different manufacturers
- KBC/Rural Forum – Questionnaire -Training for Town and Parish Councillors on Planning Matters

19/9024 Reports of Members attending meetings or other bodies (8)

Cllr Scouse met with Aquatic Solutions company to discuss the works to the pond in the pocket park. He agreed the access through the field would be ok if BPC get permission to enter via the field and give a ball park figure of what could be achieved. They would only be able to erect a wooden decking pontoon rather than a composite one.

Cllr Scouse will be meeting with another company on Friday.

Cllr Shrive met with the farmer of the field who has no qualms at all to letting BPC have access but BPC will also ask the agent who acts on behalf of the land owner.

Action Clerk to contact agent

19/9025 Policing (9)

A new coordinator for Speed watch has been appointed. Richard Still will take over in May after he has completed his training.

Residents are requested to report all non-urgent crime and anti-social behaviour to the police by either calling 101 or filling an online form www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately

19/9026 2020 Election (10)

Members were asked to complete a survey by NCALC regarding the elections to take place in May 2020.

Number of seats: 11

Seats currently vacant: 1

Number of councillors indicating they will seek re-election in May 2020: 8

Number of councillors indicating they will stand down in May 2020: 0

Number of Councillors who have not made a decision, or not informed you of a decision regarding elections in May 2020: 3 members not present

19/9027 Representation to the Planning Inspectorate – Loddington (11)

BPC made an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate APP/L2820/C/19/3240989 and submitted the following comments:

1st set of grounds

NNJCS Policy 31 refers to sites for those who qualify as Travellers in Planning terms which those occupying the land do not as they have publicly stated that they wish to reside permanently on the site. Policy 31 is not relevant in this case. The associated Planning Application is for a Residential Caravan Site and not a Gypsy & Traveller site.

There is a current undetermined planning application associated with this site which will test the suitability of the site and means to provide mains utilities.

KBC have a 5 year land supply for residential dwellings therefore, development should not be permitted beyond designated boundaries.

2nd set of grounds

It is understood that the land was purchased in May 2019 and yet not occupied until October. This would suggest that the occupants had alternative accommodation elsewhere for the intervening months. This would have given ample time to lodge a planning application and go through the process expected of other members of the community.

The occupants did not simply occupy the land but in a carefully planned and well organised operation stripped the pasture and laid hard standing over the course of a weekend. They chose to ignore the initial Temporary Stop notice and continued to take delivery of tons of aggregate until the site was unrecognisable.

The challenge by the applicant to this Stop Notice is without foundation as they have willingly and knowingly put themselves in this situation which is of their own making in an attempt to set themselves outside the regulatory planning framework.

If the public is to have any confidence in the planning system this type of behaviour cannot be without consequence. 12 months is an unacceptable length of time to restore this land and this request is simply a delaying tactic.

19/9028 Old Willows (12)

A long section of the fence and hedge along the field boundary at the end of the site has been removed and a JCB has excavated the ground into the field and beyond the original end fence line.

Two trees have also been cut down and works are continuing daily.

This now equals 2 encroachments, one into the field and the other adjacent to the A43.

Cllr David Howes took the matter up with the Head of Service James Wilson, who said officers will prioritise a site visit as soon as a liaison officer from the police can be arranged to accompany the planning officer.

Members questioned why the police would have to accompany a planning officer as the works are clearly visible from the roadway without having to go onto the site.

Members agreed this situation has unquestionably been caused by previous inaction and lack of enforcement by KBC.

BPC councillors, who are not a political entity but were elected to represent the community,

expressed their frustration as to why KBC will not work in full transparency and partnership with them. BPC wish to support KBC in illegal/blatant breeches of planning conditions which have had an adverse effect on the community in Broughton for many years.
BPC as an entity cannot take KBC to the ombusman but individual residents could if they so wished.

Since the illegal development on Cransley Road, Loddington Parish Council have hired their own planning consultant. Discussions were had as to whether BPC should look at hiring their own consultant in light of old willows breeches of planning conditions.

Actions Clerk to look up pre emptive injunctions. Clerk to contact NCALC/ LRALC and seek advice. Cllr Scouse to contact Andrew Longley at Northants JPU.

19/9029 Development Control (13)

Members were reminded to refer to their copy of the Neighbourhood Plan conditions document and the summary of policies when looking at Planning applications for consideration.

Planning applications for consideration

None

Planning Decisions

None

19/9030 Finance (14)

January 2020 statements - Savings £4.41

125 day saver £16000.00

Community £20,888.97

Credits to Community account - £0.00

Cheques issued from Community account 15th Jan 2020

Payee	Cheque number	Amount £
A. McDaid wages	101915	£285.30
HMRC income tax	101916	£64.80
A. McDaid home working	101917	£22.00
A. McDaid sundries	101918	£29.44
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79

Cq no: 101857, dated 16/1/2019, £17.00 Royal British Legion for wreath in 2018 – was not presented initially.

The clerk issued new cq no: 101906, dated 20/11/2019 to cover 2018 and 2019- presented and paid 5/1/2020

The original cq:101857 was then presented and paid 10/01/2020

Actions Clerk to contact RBL for a refund.

19/9031 General interest items (15)

Cllr Baxter has reported the footpath at the Redrow side of Cransley Hill near the bridge where the soil has washed away down the side of the bank onto the path making the footpath very narrow and slippery.

Actions Clerk to also report

Cllr Baxter also mentioned that the surface and width of the footpath by the top of Wellingborough Road as you turn into Glebe Avenue is in a terrible state with hedges encroaching. A discussion evolved about the state of the pavements all around the village including Northampton Road, Church Street and Kettering Road.

Cllr West expressed the Village Hall Associations disappointment at not receiving any funds from BPC for works to the hall. They feel if it is shown BPC are contributing to the Village Hall, it helps with other grants they are applying for.

BPC are happy to write letters of support and although they cannot help financially on this occasion, support their works morally.

Clive representing the association has been invited to attend a meeting to discuss and update BPC on the works.

Action Clerk to put on agenda in June.

Cllr Robson raised the lack of youth provisions in the village and BPC could work with the village hall on providing some support.

Cllr Shrive raised the problem of parking by the shop near the war memorial in Northampton Road. People are parking their vehicles on the verge and churning up the grass which is making the area look very messy. This will be a problem when KBC come to cut the grass as they will not be able to access the area fully.

Action Clerk to contact KBC and ask for some small posts to be installed

Weldon Stone use an area in Kettering Road to pick up workers in a mini bus and workers leave their vehicles for the day. Clerk to email Weldon to ask for workers to be aware of the verges when parking.

Action Clerk to contact Weldon Stone to ask workers to be aware of the verge there.

19/9032 Date of next meeting (16)

Wednesday 19th February 2020

19/9033 Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent (17)

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 9pm

Signed:

Dated: