

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held
Wednesday 18th December 2019, 7.00 pm
at Broughton Village Hall

Councillors Present:

- Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)
- Cllr O. Wyeth
- Cllr H. Bull
- Cllr P. Wade
- Cllr R. Baxter
- Cllr M. Rose
- Cllr I. Robson
- Cllr J Chester

County/Borough Councillor present:

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| 19/9001 | Apologies (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr R. Shrive• Cllr S. West | Actions |
| 19/9002 | Declarations of Interest (2) No declarations were made | Actions |
| 19/9003 | Minutes (3) Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 th November 2019, copies were circulated and then approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair. 1 amendment was made 19/8095 before being uploaded to website. KBC – Kettering Borough Council NCC – Northamptonshire County Council BPC – Broughton Parish Council | Actions |

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| | <i>This meeting was audio recorded and was agreed by members. The recording will be deleted as soon as the minutes have been signed off. Broughton Parish Council meetings are open to the public but the audio recording is to remain solely as a reference for minuting by the clerk at all times.</i> | |
| 19/9004 | Public right to speak (4) The facility was not used at this meeting | Actions |
| 19/9005 | Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's (5) No County and Borough Councillor's present | Actions |
| 19/9006 | <p>Matters arising from the minutes (6)</p> <p><u>Matters arising from June minutes</u></p> <p>19/8028 General interest items</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ongoing:</p> <p>25/06/19 KBC confirmed it will be removed asap but the wrong 2 benches were taken in error. The right one was eventually taken. A resident contacted the clerk to say his elderly parents were very much missing the bench. The benches had not been replaced at the time of the meeting.</p> <p>19/09/19 Clerk spoke to Trevor and he confirmed they will have order 2 new benches. BPC emailed Dave Lane who was dealing with it.</p> <p>24/09/19 BPC emailed DL again asking for clarification on return of the benches and cc'd Cllr Hakewill and Cllr Scouse as he was not returning the clerks emails.</p> <p>16/10/19 After Cllr Hakewill pushed for an update, Dave Lane finally responded by sending over a picture of the benches he will order and install. BPC have agreed them</p> <p>24/10/19 Dave will need to get 3 quotes. Typically, the 'lead in time' for supply is about 4/5 weeks from order to delivery.</p> <p>26/11/2019 emailed KBC asking for update if 3 quotes have been acquired yet.</p> <p>19/12/19 Called to chase up, Dave confirmed benches will be arriving within the week and installing early next year. Confirmed BPC would like them replaced in the same positions.</p> | <p>Actions</p> <p>Clerk to contact Dave re the bench at the Bridleway opp the village hall as the back is broken after a tree fell on it.</p> |

Matters arising from October minutes

19/8073 Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's

25/11/2019 - BPC submitted a comment on KET/2019/0711 Land of Cransley Road, Loddington

19/8078 Traffic Calming

Speed is not enforceable in the village at the moment as the sign is out in Northampton Road, vegetation has grown over in Wellingborough Road and the speed limit sign not very visible on Kettering Road. The gateway sign on Northampton Road was damaged recently and has been taken away by NCC to be repaired. Clerk will report via streetdoctor to KBC.

Reported Kettering Road Speed sign covered by vegetation ref 1811317.

19/10/19 Scheduled 26 weeks 02/12/19 Currently no visibility issues found on inspection. State changed to: No further action

**Reported Northampton Road ref: 1773394. Scheduled for 26 weeks
RESOLVED**

**Wellingborough Road, Vegetation grown over speed sign ref: 1811509
02/12/2019 Cut back and now currently no visibility issues RESOLVED**

19/8079 Pytchley Crossroads

It has been suggested by NCC speed limit panel to decrease the speed limit at Pytchley crossroads to 40mph. While members had no intrinsic issue with reducing the speed limit, the question was raised as to why it was felt useful as there is no enforcement mechanism. It was also raised about introducing a "stop" rather than a "give way" sign on the approaches to the Crossroads from Pytchley and A43 arms and additionally would it be possible to introduce reflective material on the opposing fence line to alert drivers of the position of the junction. Cllr Scouse agreed to contact to ask NCC for their rational before a decision is made. **Cllr Scouse contacted NCC. The original officer who designed it has now left but an email had been forwarded to the new officer Stuart Hoskins, asking for a stop notice rather than a give way sign and reflective signs at the junction.**

The Officer replied that a Stop sign was not possible but will look into reflective signs on the side of the road.

Matters arising from November minutes

19/8093 Policing

Guidance on recognising authentic pedlar's license will be published on the website. **RESOLVED**

19/8095 Precept and estimates for coming year

The next big project for BPC is the Pocket Park. KBC are holding around £6k from the Redrow Estate S106 money that is allocated for this and BPC have £3.3K already earmarked. Cllr Scouse and Shrive are meeting with a representative from River Nene Regional Park who worked for KBC on the Green Infrastructure Policy, to get some ideas of what could be reasonably achieved with a budget BPC could afford. Depending on the estimate, additional money could be earmarked for this project – to be confirmed at next meeting. **Update see 19/9008**

Councillor training – legal training. This would probably be done through NCALC. The possibility of obtaining this through NACRE will be researched. Clerk to explore. **26/11/2019 clerk emailed NACRE, councillor training via NCALC and networking events from NACRE included in the circulation bag. It was mentioned that KBC might also be holding training but this has not been made official yet. As elections are due in May 2020, any training will be held off until after this date.**

19/8096 Development Control

Cllr Scouse has been in correspondence with Development Control regarding the unfinished building on the corner of the High Street and Bentham Close. At the moment it does not constitute abandonment so it was agreed that the clerk is to write to the owner and ask when works will resume or at least area to be screened off properly as its now become an eyesore in the conservation area. **25/11/2019 Letter sent to owner asking when works will recommence and to screen off. Members were very pleased work has now recommenced. RESOLVED**

19/8098 General interest items

There have been a lot of leaves that have accumulated at the High Street park. A resident has been gathering as much as they can along the front and the side. Clerk to contact KBC and ask to remove. **26/11/2019 emailed S. Parr and asked to gather and remove leaves. RESOLVED**

Bottom of Bakehouse needs doing. Cox's Lane has not been resolved yet so maybe can be done at the same time.

Cllr Bull - Human excrement and toilet paper were found in the first grass field again. Clerk to contact Environmental Health at KBC. **26/11/2019 email sent to antisocial behaviour department after trying to contact environmental health again. No reply**

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| | <p>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 trying to arrange for February.</p> <p>Gate Lane was blocked and the rain water was running straight down Gate Lane taking a lot of mud & debris with it. Cllr Scouse reported - ref 1856331</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Christmas tree looks lovely this year. An email was sent to thank the borough council. The coloured bulbs were taken away as defunct and replaced with white last year.</p> <p>Cllr Scouse spoke to the resident on the corner of Baker Avenue regarding the hedge. If the hedge is cut right back, it will go into the deadwood. It does get cut in the spring so resident will ask her contractor to push the hedge right back as far as possible.</p> | <p>Cllr Scouse to contact KBC first</p> <p>Clerk to contact KBC re extra weed spraying for next year.</p> |
| 19/9007 | <p>Correspondence (7)</p> <p>The following correspondence were put into circulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NACRE networking sessions for Parish Councilors • NCALC councilor training • Whats on Kettering, Spring. • Email from Police Commissioner • CILCA information | Actions |
| 19/9008 | <p>Reports of Members attending meetings or other bodies (8)</p> <p>Cllr Scouse had a useful meeting with Viktor from River Nene Regional Park about the Pocket Park and plans to dredge the pond and create an overhanging deck so the schools could carry out wildlife projects. Contractors to follow working on an estimate of £25k maximum.</p> <p>KBC have been contacted to let them know what BPC are planning as it's their land and they are happy for plans to go ahead as all works will be carried out by qualified professional contractors.</p> | Actions |

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| | <p>BPC would need consent from farmer to take down some fencing to allow access for machinery to carry out works. This will need to be done when the cows are not in the field and would take a couple of days.</p> <p>Cllr Scouse also contacted the Wildlife Trust and they have given some direction as to reshaping the pond to incorporate the silt spoil that will be left over after dredging the pond, that will encourage a diverse wildlife. The Wildlife Trust also advised to prune some of the trees around the pond to let in more light for dragon flies and leave some overhanging shrubbery for the birds.</p> <p>RNRP have provided a list of trusted contractors.</p> <p>Two firms have already been contacted and have asked for photographs of the area initially before they come out for a site inspection in the New year.</p> <p>BPC will look at Grant streams and fundraising for the expenditure as well as earmarking money from own funds.</p> | |
| 19/9009 | <p>Policing (9)</p> <p>Police Road Safety Team have approved a location in Broughton which is now in operation. They will be carrying out adhoc speed traps using a mobile van.</p> <p>There is a vacancy for a Speedwatch co-ordinator for 2020. This position is open to anyone and requires a mornings course on a Saturday to learn how to use the equipment. An advert will be uploaded onto the website and a poster displayed on the notice boards.</p> <p>There has been a rise in attempted thefts and people browsing in the village which is being discussed regularly on Facebook. Fortunately, there are now a lot more residents with CCTV which is encouraging but also the time of year, with it being darker evenings seems to heighten this level of activity.</p> <p>The dumped car that seemed to be abandoned in Grange Road has now been removed by the police.</p> <p>There have been reports of a van with a very distinctive logo speeding around the village. Residents are encouraged to report any acts that are deemed suspicious.</p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately</i></p> | Actions |
| 19/9010 | <p>Traffic Calming / ANPR (10)</p> <p>NCC Highways have been in Kettering Road measuring up for possible future</p> | Actions |

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| | <p>traffic calming measures as promised.</p> <p>There was a grant stream that was looked at for traffic calming projects but it required a lot of evidence which BPC have not been able to gather yet, so a decision was made not to apply this round. There will be 3 more rounds next year from the Police Commissioner small grants fund in which BPC will hopefully have more data and evidence of need to be able to apply.</p> <p>An email from Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire was received regarding the dedicated Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Scheme which has now been in place for approximately 2 years. The scheme has been successfully operating across a number of locations in the County, with a total of 9 of these dedicated PCSOs, red circled to a local neighbourhood.</p> <p>They have recently had a number of enquiries from parish councils requesting that I consider whether it is possible for them to pay for their own Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera.</p> <p>ANPR is a complex issue, with a wealth of requirements needing to be met before any such deployed camera can be linked to the national ANPR network but they are happy to consider pursuing this if there is sufficient interest. Given the level of interest from these approaches they wrote to parishes to identify whether there are other councils who might be interested in such a scheme if it was available.</p> <p>Whilst full feasibility and details will be developed alongside the Force, following this initial scoping, it is clear that any such scheme would need to concentrate of crime prevention, intelligence gathering and post incident investigation. Rough indicative costs are likely to be in the region of £3500 - £4000 for a camera with revenue costs of between £30 and £50 per month, relating to costs such as electricity, data transfer and servicing.</p> <p>The Clerk replied on behalf of BPC registering interest.</p> | |
| 19/9011 | <p>Precept and estimates for coming year (11)</p> <p>Discussions were had about the forth coming precept for 2020/21 and it was agreed to precept for £14,000.00. This is the same amount as the last two years.</p> <p>There will be 2 major projects starting next year, the Pocket Park and Traffic calming so money has now been earmarked for both projects.</p> <p>The Village Hall had requested a contribution from BPC towards work to the entrance to the building. After a lot of deliberation, it was decided to refuse this request as any amount would need to be added onto this year's precept resulting in a rise in residents council tax. It was noted that as the Village Hall</p> | Actions |

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| | have access to more grant funding streams than BPC, it would be prudent to ask them to go through this route instead. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19/9012 | <p>Development Control (12) <i>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.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning applications for consideration</u></p> <p>KET/2019/0849 Mrs Kidd 1 Lime Close Full: Single storey side extension to create annex No Comment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>KET/2019/0749 Mr Bland 5 Cox's Lane Full: Single story side extension Not yet approved</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Actions Clerk to ask 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.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19/9013 | <p>Finance (13)</p> <p>December statements - Savings £5.41 125 day saver £5000.00 Community £32,871.84</p> <p>Credits to Community account</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Transfer from Savings account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,473.10</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cheques issued from Community account 18th Dec 2019</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>BRT PF & VH Ass SO</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. McDaid wages 101909</td> <td style="text-align: right;">230.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC income tax 101910</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. McDaid home working 101911</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide 125 day saver 101912</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11,000.00</td> </tr> </table> | Transfer from Savings account | £11,473.10 | BRT PF & VH Ass SO | 7.79 | A. McDaid wages 101909 | 230.08 | HMRC income tax 101910 | 50.00 | A. McDaid home working 101911 | 22.00 | Nationwide 125 day saver 101912 | 11,000.00 | <p>Actions</p> |
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| | P. Scouse 101913 | 245.00 | |
| | M. Baines 101914 | 324.00 | |
| 19/9014 | <p>General interest items (14)</p> <p>A Broughton resident emailed BPC via the website to say their car had been damaged while they had been driving along Ivydene Terrace and asked if it was likely they could be compensated for the damage. The clerk contacted NCC who forwarded on a claims form. Unfortunately, the email address that was submitted was not valid so the clerk was unable to forward the form on. The clerk took advice and for future reference, Ivydene Terrace is an unadopted highway so technically this person shouldn't be up there in a car so they are unlikely to get any compensation.</p> <p>At the last Rural forum meeting, Simon Richardson came along to talk about the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Bull has been chasing Simon and as it was launched this afternoon into the public domain, to ask where they were on the Gypsy and Traveller consultation. He sent a response to say that it will not be part of the Site Specific consultation and will be conducted as a separate element.</p> <p>External consultants have been drafted in who are very well versed nationally with this element.</p> <p>The officer concluded that there will be an opportunity for residents of villages with Gypsy and Travellers site to be included.</p> <p>He also said he has been included in some Parish Councillor training. The clerk has not received this as of yet.</p> <p>On Podmore way, one of the bungalows is making quite a mess of the verge by taking vehicles over it. The resident has added some lattice on part of the property but as its not a dropped kerb the verge is getting ruined.</p> <p>Cllr Wade asked if anyone knew what was happening with the dip in Wellingborough Road. A pot hole developed but has since been mended. There has also been a lot of flooding water and leaf build up. As the structure of the bridge is compromised, traffic lights and chicanes have been erected to protect the right of way for pedestrians. If the weather gets icy, they will re-evaluate as to whether their priorities shift to protecting vehicles.</p> <p>Cllr Robson emailed KBC customer service on behalf of Streetwatch asking if they would consider changing the times of the licences 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.</p> | | <p>Actions</p> <p>Clerk to contact Housing department.</p> <p>Clerk to contact licensing team</p> |

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| | <p>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 is to put on the Asset Register.</p> <p>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. The Parking attendants would work office hours.</p> | |
| 19/9015 | <p>Date of next meeting (15) Wednesday 15th January 2020</p> | |
| 19/9016 | <p>Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent (16) No other matters were considered and after the Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas, the meeting was closed at 8:15pm.</p> | Actions |

Signed:

Dated: