

# BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held**  
**Wednesday 19th December, 2018, 7.00 pm**  
**at Broughton Village Hall**

**Councillors Present:**

- Cllr P.A Scouse (Chairman)
- Cllr R. Shrive (Vice Chairman)
- Cllr R. Baxter
- Cllr O. Wyeth
- Cllr I. Robson
- Cllr M. Rose
- Cllr S. West
- Cllr P. Wade

**County Councillor present:**

- Cllr C. Smith-Haynes
- Cllr J. Hakewill

**Police Present:** Sgt R. Offord

		ACTIONS
18/7896	<b>Apologies (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr J. Chester</li><li>• Cllr H. Bull</li></ul>	
18/7897	<b>Declarations of Interest (2)</b> No declarations were made	
18/7898	<b>Minutes (3)</b> Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018, copies were circulated and then approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair.	
18/7899	<b>Public Right to speak (4)</b> The facility was not used at this meeting	

<p><b>18/7900</b></p>	<p><b>Reports of Local County and Borough Councillors (5)</b></p> <p>Cllr Haynes-Smith attended a meeting with Highways and several other councillors of 4 villages, to discuss the options to make Pytchley Crossroads safer. See 18/7903.</p> <p>Draft budget went to cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.</p> <p>Warwick House, Northants (home of Voice, PCC version of Victim Support) opened.</p> <p>Cllr J Hakewill attended a meeting with other parishes re Unitary at NCC. The majority of councillors voted down the option of making Kettering a Parish. Brough Council will need to have a CGR (Community Governance)</p> <p>Borough Council has failed to put a Gypsy and Traveller Policy together which has resulted in overcrowding in areas.</p> <p>Rural Forum will meet at the end of the month. (31<sup>st</sup>)</p> <p>Cllr J Hakewill took up Northant's Police offer to accompany a day with Police Officers. The invitation was extended to the Broughton Parish Councillor's</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>18/7901</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes (6)</b></p> <p><b><u>Matters arising from October Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b>18/7874 Christmas lights</b> Christmas lights have now been installed. <b>RESOLVED</b> The lights on the tree were very lopsided.</p> <p><b>18/7867 Grit Bins</b> Quotes were gathered for supplying salt from several companies. KBC have offered to fill bins up this year at a cost of £65 per bin. This is the most competitive price the council has received. Ongoing</p> <p><b>18/7868 Policing</b> KBC have agreed to install a bin that will take dog waste at the requested location of Cox's Lane/Cransley Green Road junction. <b>RESOLVED</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Clerk to email KBC to revisit and put right when the ground is dry</p> <p>Clerk to order grit for mid Jan</p>

	<p>The Illegal parking problem in the High Street is now <b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b><u>Matters arising from November Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b>18/7890 BT Phone Box</b> Clerk contacted insurance company and phone box has now been added to the insurance as an asset. <b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>18/7892 Budget proposals</b> Clerk was asked to find out why other parishes who had adopted their street lighting paid 2 payments. One is for the electricity used and the other payment is for maintenance. <b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>The play equipment in Podmore Way Park is looking very shabby and is in need of repainting. <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p><b>18/7893 General Interest Items</b> It was noted that the Old Memorial site is looking rather shabby lately. Members agreed to see if it can be bought back into the playing fields with a fence. <i>Ongoing</i></p>	<p>Clerk to chase up</p> <p>Clerk to chase up</p>
<p><b>18/7902</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence (7)</b> The following correspondence were put into circulation:</p> <p>Letter regarding road closures due to the current smart motorway works</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>
<p><b>18/7903</b></p>	<p><b>Reports of Members attending meeting of other bodies (8)</b> Cllr Scouse and Cllr Bull attended a public meeting hosted by Police &amp; Crime Commissioner, S. Mold at Police Headquarters Wootton Hall. A presentation was given by Chief Superintendent M. Stamper. Broughton councillor contact details were collected by the police to respond to particular issues. Cllr's Scouse and Bull felt that the Independent Advisory Group might be a good opportunity to give a voice to rural issues.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Haynes Smith organised a meeting with KBC Highways to discuss safety at Pytchley Crossroads. Cllr Scouse and Cllr Baxter were in</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>

	<p>attendance from Broughton along with Cllr Hakewill, Cllr Morton and representatives from Pytchley and Isham. KBC went away with a list of suggestions and will report back in due course.</p>	
<p><b>18/7904</b></p>	<p><b>Policing (9)</b></p> <p>Sgt R Offord attended the meeting at the request of the Council and Street watch. He encountered on his way to the village hall, 2 males exposing themselves. He stopped and spoke to them at the time.</p> <p>Sgt Offord bought along a map of the boundaries and the latest crime figures covering the last couple of years.</p> <p>ASB issues were discussed at length and how best to deal with the next course of action.</p> <p>Village residents have expressed serious concerns concerning Police action taken so far with regards to tackling ASB issues.</p> <p>Cllr Wade asked Sgt Offord why Broughton seems to have a lack of police presence. He confirmed that he had similar conversations with other residents and councillors in rural areas. He explained how the Police work very differently from years ago. He mentioned the number of Officers and the area they now cover.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that communication between all community groups is key as previously agreed and that appropriate action should be taken against individuals where evidence is available.</p> <p>Cllr Robson advised that Police need to establish first the exact address of an offender as it would not be fair to target a whole street since neighbours are not necessarily related to individuals causing the problem.</p> <p>Cllr Robson suggested that we need to be mindful of prejudice, staying objective whenever an ASB incident occurs, so that assumptions are not made in regards to the identity of people responsible for causing nuisance, unless there is actual evidence.</p> <p>In the case of lack of evidence, Police must have accurate information before pursuing the perpetrators.</p> <p>Facebook is a good starting point for raising awareness but does not replace direct reports to Police. Many crimes/antisocial behaviour incidents are being reported on the village Facebook pages, but it would not make sense for the police to monitor these pages. SGT Offord reported that a daily notification/disclaimer would be needed to ensure that people were aware of police monitoring, which was impractical, especially given the area that the Community Policing Team cover, and as such the sheer, number of Facebook pages.</p> <p>Police staff want to be out in the community not monitoring computers, and</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Signpost link to Website on social media.</p> <p>Clerk to add to January Agenda, How to get Community involved in reporting crime.</p>

not all members of Facebook would want the pages to be monitored by the police.

Street watch does currently monitor the content of the page, reporting to Police Neighbourhood Team as when required and via a monthly report. Sgt Offord advised that there are some inaccuracies on monthly reports due to using third party information available via Facebook.

Members of Facebook community page must be reminded to be constructive on their incident comments and discouraged from using offensive language towards any particular individuals or groups.

Cllr Robson advised that comments on social media may jeopardise an ongoing investigation if left uncensored as an offender may argue that he/she did not receive a fair trial due to public exposure.

Sgt R Offord advised that although more residents are reporting incidents to Police, there are still members of the public that need to be encouraged to report direct.

In some cases, prosecution cannot be processed due to uncooperative victims, i.e. without further information, actual evidence, their written statement and/or court attendance, a criminal offence may not be taken up any further. In cases of shoplifting CCTV footage would help establish a crime. He added further that Police need to verify offender's identity, establish true facts get evidence before enforcing the law.

The Parish Council were told that the Police Commissioner is currently consulting the public on increasing the police aspect of the community charge. Sgt Offord asked if the council had considered paying for an additional PCSO. Cllr Wade explained that the suggested PCSO sponsorship would drastically increase the amount people in the village are paying towards this service, and many feel that they are not getting a service now because of prioritising of reports and thus delays in responding to reports of crimes/antisocial behaviour.

It was agreed that this could only be addressed at police commissioner level and as such responding to the consultation would enable people's voices to be heard.

***Residents are requested to report all non urgent crime and anti social behaviour to the police by either calling 101 or filling in an online form [www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting](http://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting)***

***For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately.***

Street Watch signs have permission from Highways and Parish Council to stay up. PC Offord said because of Street Watch, Broughton has become more organised in reporting crime.

<p><b>18/7905</b></p>	<p><b>Anti-social Behaviour (10)</b></p> <p><b>Please see above 18/7904 Policing</b></p> <p>It was discussed the importance of reporting all crime and ASB to 101 so it can be logged. Residents are reporting on social media but then not necessarily reporting to the police via 101 as well. Calling 101 then gives the Police an audited trail. It was mentioned that on quite a few occasions, calling 101 can take up to half an hour because of a queue system but is the proper way Police can accurately collect the data. On more serious cases, call 999. It was also noted that in cases of shoplifting, Police need to see CCTV to be able to help tackle problem.</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 in an online form <a href="http://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting">www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting</a></i></p> <p><i>For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately.</i></p>	
<p><b>18/7906</b></p>	<p><b>Development control (11)</b></p> <p><b>Planning applications for consideration</b></p> <p><b>KET/2018/0941</b>  <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Roberts</b>  <b>18 Kettering Road</b>  <b>Two storey and single storey rear extension</b>  No comment</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0893</b>  <b>St Andrews Healthcare, Mr Trigg</b>  <b>40 Kettering Road</b>  <b>Change of use dwelling to C2 residential care</b>  Comments submitted about the lack of parking, shared driveway and potential lack of visibility for the bus stop opposite.</p> <p><b>Planning Decisions</b>  <b>KET/2018/0802</b>  <b>Ms Nichols</b>  <b>45 Wellingborough Road</b>  <b>Two storey rear extension with garage/workshop in rear garden</b>  Approved</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>

<p><b>18/7907</b></p>	<p><b>Finance (12)</b></p> <p><b>Received</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="315 304 1167 348"> <tr> <td>HMRC 22/10/2018</td> <td>2360.41</td> </tr> </table> <p>Community £ 21,860.15 Savings £11,454.24</p> <p><b>Outgoing</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="315 560 1167 1037"> <tr><td>Zen internet DD</td><td>5.99</td></tr> <tr><td>BRT PF &amp; VH Ass SO</td><td>10.20</td></tr> <tr><td>Barclays</td><td>2.00</td></tr> <tr><td>P. Scouse 850</td><td>16.99</td></tr> <tr><td>A. McDaid salary 851</td><td>215.96</td></tr> <tr><td>A. McDaid subs 852</td><td>12.00</td></tr> <tr><td>HMRC income tax 853</td><td>53.80</td></tr> <tr><td>KBC xmas lights 854</td><td>625.00</td></tr> <tr><td>M. Marriot / Community award 855</td><td>125.00</td></tr> <tr><td>J. Doyle / Community award 856</td><td>125.00</td></tr> <tr><td>British Legion 857</td><td>17.00</td></tr> </table> <p>Cheque no 847 was cancelled.</p>	HMRC 22/10/2018	2360.41	Zen internet DD	5.99	BRT PF & VH Ass SO	10.20	Barclays	2.00	P. Scouse 850	16.99	A. McDaid salary 851	215.96	A. McDaid subs 852	12.00	HMRC income tax 853	53.80	KBC xmas lights 854	625.00	M. Marriot / Community award 855	125.00	J. Doyle / Community award 856	125.00	British Legion 857	17.00	<p><b>Actions</b></p>
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<p><b>18/7908</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Website (13)</b></p> <p>The decision was made that a new website would be purchased in the new year. A budget of £600 was set aside.</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>																								

<p><b>18/7909</b></p>	<p><b>Budget Proposals (14)</b></p> <p>This year's budget was discussed by members. It is particularly hard this year as the Unitary Authority is to come into force in 2020 and KBC will be running a shadow service from April 2019.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to set this year's precept at £14,000.00. This is the same amount as last year.</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Clerk to send to KBC</p>
<p><b>18/7910</b></p>	<p><b>General Interest Items (15)</b></p> <p>Highways sent a letter to the Police giving permission for the Street Watch signs on the lamp posts to remain.</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>

	<p>Street light on Podmore Park no4 (opp 25 Donaldson Avenue) is out and full of water. Unit 3 Street light still out on Grange Road.</p> <p>The school held a poster competition and the council were asked to judge. Cllr Scouse sent a letter to the teacher and class declaring a tie break after a very difficult decision as they were all so good. It was also relayed back that because of their School Project, a new bin has recently been installed at the corner of Cox's Lane and Cransley Green Road.</p> <p>Cllr Rose reported that the wall opposite the Red Lion by the bus stop has deteriorated due to the tree pushing the wall over.</p> <p>Vegetation at 23 High Street is now totally obscuring the light.</p>	<p>Clerk to email KBC to come and inspect</p> <p>Clerk to contact KBC to attend site.</p>
18/7911	<p><b>Date of next meeting (16)</b> Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7pm</p>	
18/7912	<p><b>Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent (17)</b> No further matters were raised, the chair wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas and the meeting was closed 9.30pm</p>	

Signed:

Dated: