

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd JANUARY 2024

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

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

1 Member of public

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence had been received from HCC David Drew, TVBC Cllr A Johnson, Cllr R Robson & Cllr C Brooks.

Public Participation

2) The member of public present wanted to discuss planning application 23/03204/FULLS. His concerns were that the size of the building, including the height had increased significantly since the previous application was made. He commented that the parcel of land was sold for amenity and was jointly owned.

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 5th December were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr McAlister. All agreed.

Planning

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

23/02671/CLPS- lawful development certificate to station mobile home as granny annex, Quercus House- certificate issued

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

23/03081/FULLS- alterations to windows of detached garage, Butlers Cottage, Rookery Lane- no objections

23/03204/FULLS- change of use from residential to garden and erection of steel portal frame building, Land adjacent Tower View- The Parish Council raised concerns regarding the scale and dominance of the building which was to be used for industrial purposes which was not in keeping with a residential garden. An objection will be submitted.

23/03209/FULLS Erection of garage to the north east of the Coach House, Copper Leaves, Rookery Lane- no objections

24/00003/TREES- tree works, The Cottage, High Street- no objections

6) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had sent apologies

TVBC Cllr Johnston had sent apologies

Drainage issues and maintenance required, Broughton Cemetery

7) A concern had been raised that flood waters from the B3084 were cascading down the cemetery roadway. It appears the drains are blocked. Cllr Morrison will obtain some photographs and the Clerk will report this to HCC.

Cllr Hodgson reported there was no formal arrangement for maintaining the memorial garden. Carol Davenport currently maintains the grass areas in the cemetery and all agreed she should be formally approached and asked to carry out regular maintenance to the memorial garden. The Clerk will approach her.

Various maintenance tasks to hedges, trees and mud clearance were required and the Clerk will ask the lengthsman to carry out this work.

Sports Field Update

8) Cllr Keane reported work to obtain funding is still in progress. It is still hoped that the build will begin in March 2024. The Clerk reported the CIL application is likely to go before TVBC cabinet on the 21st of January.

MUGA

9) Cllr Mossman gave a report on his review of previous Parish Council discussions and agreements regarding the building of the MUGA. It is possible funding will be released along with transfer of the required land soon and the current Parish Council need to plan now how to proceed with the project.

Cllr Mossman said he believed there was a need to consult with interested parties in the village as well as addressing any issues with the final design, whether any further planning permission is required and how to move forward to obtaining quotes.

As a way forward it was agreed a meeting between the Parish Council and all the village sports clubs will be set up to facilitate discussions regarding what sort of sports will be played.

The Clerk will contact TVBC for guidance regarding specifications, possible contractors and any specialist advice.

Neighbourhood Plan

10) Cllr Mann confirmed meetings of the working members of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group continue to take place and progress to produce a draft document is being made. Contact with TVBC has now been made who have given advice and suggest a public meeting will be required to gather parishioners' views. This is likely to take place in the spring.

Clerks Report

11) The Clerk reported as follows: -

The required transfer documents and plan for the transfer of land on School Lane to the Parish Council which were signed at the December meeting have been returned to and acknowledged by the solicitors. Confirmation of signing by Lindens is awaited.

Southern Water have agreed to look at the flooding on Rookery Lane and attempt to establish who is responsible for the required maintenance works although they have confirmed they are exceptionally busy at the moment so this may take some time.

The first of the King Sombourne Village Hall free warm hub film event was held but there were no passengers from Broughton or Mottisfont requiring transport from the village bus.

The contractor Barry Wells has been asked to cut all the Parish Council hedges in January before bird nesting season begins again.

TVBC has confirmed the price for dog waste bin emptying in 24-25 as £236.65 per bin per annum.

The last water bill for the allotments was estimated and was very high. Cllr McAllister will speak to a villager who believes he knows the location of the water meter and a read will be obtained.

Finally The Clerk reported a thank you letter had been received from the family of the late Pam Dawkins in respect of the memorial bench with plaque installed at Fripps Acre playground.

Footpaths & Grass Maintenance.

12) Cllr Morrison reported he has met with HCC on footpath 12 and established that it was their contractors who had started the work on the culvert crossing. They have removed the rotting sleepers, installed some piping and installed a temporary cover over the culvert. A solution for a permanent repair is being sought and Cllr Morrison will discuss this with the land owner to establish his views before the contractor is asked to return.

He also reported that a HCC footpaths officer has verbally confirmed the balance of the S106 funds arising from the Hyde Farm development can be used for all village footpath repairs and enhancement. Written confirmation is awaited.

Finally, he said footpath 701 had yet to be cleared and he agreed to speak again to the landowner.

Finance

13) i) Balances in the bank accounts 22/12/2023: -

TSB Charity account £245719.63

TSB Business Instant £72905.88

United Trust £30969.44

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

H Bourner salary £666.33

H Bourner exp £39.44

HMRC £54.60

Hugo Fox £11.99

Ace Liftaway £312.00

Grass & Grounds £875.52

Items to carry forward

Review of allotment tenancy agreements and fees carry forward to March.

19) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

E mails regarding burials on 28th December and 4th January

An email regarding support for electricity outage

A letter regarding school admissions in September 2024

New items for next meeting

20) New Grass & Grounds contract

Community news

21) Cllr Hodgson raised concerns regarding the sudden eviction of a villager from a housing association home in Broughton. Evidence suggested this eviction should not have taken place and while the situation was resolved with many in the community giving the necessary support the Parish Council as a voice for the community want to understand how the situation arose and how it can be prevented in the future. Cllr Hodgson will write to the housing association and TVBC Ali Johnston to establish facts.

Date of next meeting

22) **7.30 pm on Tuesday February 6th**