

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2024

Present: Cllr B Keane, Cllr J Mann, Cllr K McAllister, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr M Mossman, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr J Morrison. Cllr R Robson & Cllr C Brooks.

In attendance: Heather Bournier-Clerk

HCC David Drew

TVBC Cllr A Johnson

3 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hodgson. Cllr Mossman had agreed to be acting Chairman for this meeting.

Public Participation

2) There were no points raised by the members of public present.

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 6th February were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr Robson. All agreed.

Planning

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

23/01485/OBLS-discharge residency restriction, Westwinds-discharged

23/03081/FULLS alterations to windows in garage at Butlers cottage-permission

23/03204/FULLS- change of use from agricultural to residential garden, Land adjacent Tower View- withdrawn

23/03209/FULLS- erection of garage, Copper Leaves, Rookery Lane- refused

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

24/00102/TREES-tree works Dixons House, no objections

24/00120/TREES-tree works, 1 Moulton Cottages-no objections

The Clerk reported that TVBC tree officer had confirmed it was not possible to place a tree preservation order on the trees behind the Greyhound Pub because there is no room for further growth of the trees and the roots have the potential to cause damage to adjacent properties.

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

24/00340/VARS-variation of conditions-Broughton Grange- it was unclear from plans what material was to be used for the new gates- the Clerk will ask TVBC for details.

6) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had circulated a report which can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr Johnston reported she continues to press for the decision on the latest CIL bid. Cllr Keane said he understands this will go before cabinet on 4th April. She confirmed she has also seen the CAF application.

Change of Trustees, United Charities

7) The Clerk provided details of a change of trustees of the Broughton United Charities following the departure of the Village Rector. The death of the group's treasurer was also noted. Mrs Elizabeth Ottley has been nominated to become Trustee and she is also willing to become the treasurer for the organisation. Under the terms of the Charity document changes to trustees need to be authorised by the Parish Council. Authorisation was formally given

along with Thanks to Mrs Ottley for taking on this role.

Sports Field Pavilion Update

8) Cllr Keane reported that work continues to obtain funding for the project and to complete the draft contract between The Parish Council & The Sports Committee. The proposed build start date is now 15th April and any shortfall in funding will be underwritten while grant applications continue to be made.

MUGA

9) Cllr Mossman reported he has started to talk to village organisations about their interest in the MUGA. The school are very interested as are the football club in particular the youth football groups and the local tennis group.

He has also received representation from residents of Downs Close which have concerns regarding the MUGA being built at this site.

After some discussion it was agreed that once funding has been received an open meeting will be required. In the meantime, the survey soon to be circulated to all households regarding the Neighbourhood Plan would include some questions regarding the MUGA. This would help inform the Parish Council of all resident's views.

Neighbourhood Plan

10) Cllr Mann confirmed the steering group continue to meet fortnightly. They are currently compiling a questionnaire with the intention of distributing by this to all households by early April. Once the results are collated, they will need to be evaluated. A village meeting may be necessary before a draft plan can be compiled.

20MPH zones

11) Details of the proposal for 20mph zones supplied by HCC had been circulated to all Councillors. Community support is pivotal to any application for these zones. Again, the Neighbourhood Plan survey will be used to ask for resident's views. The results from this part of the survey will be separately reviewed and a steering group formed to review this initiative and take proposals to the full Parish Council.

Clerks Report

12) The Clerk reported as follows: -

She has returned a further copy of a map of the areas of land to be transferred on School Lane, which required the signatures of Cllr Hodgson and Mossman. An increased offer had been received from Linden's solicitor from £120712.54 to £131616.96 which has been accepted. Shenton's Solicitor are now pressing for the matter to be completed.

The Clerk confirmed she has contacted the water company in relation to the very high estimated bills received and awaits a response.

The planning application details for the container at the village hall have been submitted but further details are required by TVBC before this becomes a live application.

The Clerk agreed a quote from Grass & Grounds regarding the 2024 season has been received and requires signature. A question arose regarding the costs associated with grass cutting at Dowse Field. The Clerk will contact the Dowse Trust to establish details.

A quote for annual maintenance for the generator had been received and circulated to members of BERG. The annual costs were £541.00. All Councillors agreed this should be accepted.

An application for mandatory and discretionary rate relief regarding business rates for the Sports Pavilion has been accepted meaning no business rates will be payable in 2024.

A date for the Annual Parish Meeting needs to be agreed. After some discussion it was agreed dates in May and June when the Clerk was able to attend would be circulated and all Councillors would confirm their availability. Guests would be invited from the local police, Broughton Charities, the Chair of Sports Field Committee and a representative from the school.

Finally, a meeting of all allotment holders had been arranged for Tuesday 19th March. Cllr Mann and Robson will attend along with the Clerk.

Footpaths.

12) Cllr Morrison reported he had received one complaint regarding the new kissing gates on footpath 7, the complainant suggested they were too intrusive. It was felt as the gates were very new they would blend in once they had weathered and the vegetation around them had grown.

He had also received a complaint about horse manure on footpath 15. He confirmed if a landowner is in agreement horses can use footpaths and problems only arise if they are causing damage, when the landowner would be expected to carry out repairs. Cllr Morrison agreed to speak to the landowner.

No works have yet been carried out to the sluiceway on footpath 12 because of excessive rainfall. A nearby resident has raised concerns about spills from this site causing flooding at her property. Cllr Morrison will arrange a meeting between the landowner, HCC who are responsible for the footpath, the concerned resident and himself when the matter can be discussed.

Finally, he reported some concerned residents from South Road had approached him following the removal of a 15-20m stretch of hedgerow/scrub from the southern corner of the field behind Coolers Farm. Cllr Morrison met with the residents who were primarily concerned about a new access being created into the field and the possible introduction of vehicles using this access from South Road. They also raised questions over whether the field owner had the right to clear this area and introduce access to the field and also the potential impact to the public footpath number 7. Cllr Morrison confirmed he had also spoken to the owner of the field, who has confirmed that they are the owner of the piece of land that has been cleared and that they are just planning to reinstate a field gate to restore access to the field that was there historically. Cllr Morrison agreed to raise this at the Parish Council meeting but did advise that the best way to resolve this was for both parties to meet and discuss plans for the access and any questions/concerns. The Parish Council agreed that as there was no impact to the use of the public footpath at this stage, it was not a matter for the Parish Council to act on. Cllr Morrison agreed to update both parties following the meeting.

Finance

13)

i) Balances in the bank accounts 29/02/2024: -

TSB Charity account £240882.92

TSB Business Instant £73090.28

United Trust £30969.44

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

H Bournier sal £666.33

H Bournier exp £40.49

HMRC £90.69

Hugo Fox £11.99

Aceliftaway £390.00

TVBC dog bins £803.70

Retrospective

Barry Wells £1531.20

Items to carry forward

14)

15) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

Confirmation of the next TVAPTC on 7th March at Longstock Village Hall

An email regarding a dog waste bin near shallow ford.

An email about new play equipment- the clerk will ask those wanting new equipment to come up with proposals

Clerks & Councils direct magazine

Brochure regarding street furniture

Details of the next TVBC resilience meeting 20th April

New items for next meeting

16)

Community news

17)

Cllr Mann confirmed he was still awaiting quotes for repair to the fence at the play park and to The Well House

Date of next meeting

18) **7.30 pm on Tuesday April 2nd**

Appendix 1-Report from HCC David Drew

Have your say - Household Waste Recycling Centre proposals

A statement from Councillor Rob Humby, Leader of Hampshire County Council, encouraging residents to give their views on the Future Services Consultation, including proposals on Household Waste Recycling Centres:

Fly-tipping is a big concern for Hampshire residents and appreciate that it is an issue that is being linked to the County Council's current Future Services Consultation. The consultation sets out 13 cost reduction proposals which could help towards closing a £132m budget shortfall we expect by April 2025. Like many councils nationally, Hampshire County Council is also facing huge budget pressures in future as costs go up and more people need local services - particularly social care to protect children at risk of harm or abuse, supporting more older people and children and adults with disabilities and additional needs.

Tough decisions on what we can continue to deliver from April 2025 need to be taken. To ensure we can provide HWRCs that continue to meet people's needs and make the most of public money, please have your say and take part in the public consultation which is open until 31 March 2024. Visit www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation."

Nine out of ten Year 6 pupils offered first preference secondary school in Hampshire

More than 98 per cent of parents in Hampshire (14,312) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2024

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place for September 2024 by the application deadline, 90.71 per cent (13,232) have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 14,587 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 306 on-time applications compared to the number received for places in September 2023 (14,893).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents' queries has been published on the Admissions webpages. This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240301secondaryadmissions>

Council Leaders receive assurances from Southern Water

Council leaders in Hampshire have collectively invited Southern Water to meet with them to explain how they are working to improve their services and to ensure reliable water supplies for the county's residents.

At the meeting it was also agreed to set up further meetings between the County Council and Southern Water colleagues to further support the ongoing improvement of services to customers in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240227SouthernWaterMtgLdr>

County Council Trading Standards welcomes successful prosecution of fraudulent roofing trader

Hampshire County Council has welcomed the successful prosecution of a rogue trader who has been sentenced for roofing fraud to the value of £642,850.320 involving 29 properties across Hampshire, West Sussex and the Isle of Wight

Following a detailed investigation by the County Council's Trading Standards officers, Lawrence Martin, aged 36, of Burnham Chase in Southampton, was sentenced for five years in jail Wednesday February 21, 2024 at Southampton Crown Court in connection to three counts of

fraudulent activity. The Judge also imposed a Criminal Behaviour Order for ten years prohibiting the defendant from undertaking various activities. Mr Martin, trading as CLJ Roofing Limited, as well operating as a sole trader, had pleaded guilty on 20 October 2023 to the crime of fraud by false representation, participating in a fraudulent business, and carrying on the business of a limited company for a fraudulent purpose. The charges related to the provision of roofing and other general building maintenance works carried out at the properties. During the work, Mr Martin made false claims to the homeowners about the necessity of the work being undertaken, the value of the work, and that payments made had been used to purchase materials when they had not.

Learn more about Buy with Confidence: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240222TradingStandardsCourtCase>

A budget to serve the people of Hampshire - County Council approves £2.6bn spending on local services for residents in 2024/25

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2024/25 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council's portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/22022024HCCBudget2024-25>

Hampshire's young people encouraged to make their mark through consultation on campaigning issues

Hampshire's young people are being asked by new Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) to let them know what issues matter most to them

The Forum, on Feb 14, was chaired by a Member of the Youth Parliament, encourages direct dialogue between young people and key influencers, including council leaders and Members of Parliament, and meets three times a year. The Forum, along with local youth councils across Hampshire, is open to all young people aged 11-18 who live or attend school in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240220makeyourmark>

More transport choice and an improved built environment is at heart of new 10-year plan

A new local transport plan (LTP4) that aims to boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution, help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities is to be considered by Hampshire County Council

Central to LTP 4 are the following two principles, which are intended to guide what the County Council does to improve travel and transport infrastructure for the future:

To widen the choice of travel options that people can use;

To provide a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places.

The plan finds a balance between the movement of vehicles with the needs of people. It sets out frameworks to guide future transport planning and the policies that would be applied to create thriving and attractive places where residents can travel around easily.

Proposed schemes for further development are also included in the plan such as the roll out of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, higher quality bus services in urban areas, better quality cycle facilities, changes to our roads to reduce congestion and improvements to high streets and town centres so they are more accessible and safer for shared use by pedestrians, cyclists as well as those pushing prams and those in wheelchairs.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240208TransportPlan>

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