

*BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2024**

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

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

HCC David Drew

6 Members of public

**Apologies for Absence**

1. Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC Cllr A Johnson & Cllr R Robson.

**Public Participation**

2) Some members of public present wished to discuss a recent incident at the Village Hall- see item 7.

A question was raised about the white lines on Queenwood Road which were almost nonexistent. The Clerk confirmed she had reported this but would ask HCC for an update, engaging with HCC Drew as necessary.

A question was asked if the Parish Council were considering a 20mph speed limit in the village. The Clerk explained community support is essential to any application and questions regarding this are to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan survey

Finally, one member of the public wished to discuss the planning application for the container in particular the current proposed site which causes some issues in that it completely overlooks his garden. He expressed his disappointment that he was not approached before the application was submitted. Cllr Keane apologised for the lack of consultation and said the application would be withdrawn and resubmitted once consultation had taken place.

**Declarations of Interest**

3) Cllr Keane declared an interest in the building of the new sports pavilion as his company will be carrying out the electrical work in due course. He said the labor would be at no charge and materials supplied at cost. There were no other 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 5<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr Keane. All agreed.

**Planning**

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

23/02696/FULLS- creation of conservation lake, Broughton Grange- permission

24/00084/FULLS- erect porch and extension plus create off road parking space, 1 Venison Terrace-permission

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

24/00584/TREES- tree works-Fripps, High Street-no objection

24/00641/FULLS- demolish cottage & house and construct new dwelling and vehicular access, Drove House, Rookery Lane- The applicant was present and explained the revised plans. - no comments/objections

24/00307/FULLS- siting of storage container at Village Hall- given the concerns raised by a neighbour the Village Hall Management committee and BERG have reviewed the application and want to now revisit and reconsider the site. The Clerk will approach TVBC about withdrawing and resubmitting the application once consultation has taken place.

**6) County and Borough Councilors' Report**

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

**TVBC Cllr Johnston** had sent her apologies. The latest Mid Test matters would be circulated to all councillors

### **Incident at Village Hall and possible CCTV in village**

7) Cllr Hodgson reported on a disturbing incident when a significant number of dead wild animals were left at the village hall, outside the community shop. A vehicle spotted on the Village Hall CCTV was later found burnt out. The police have investigated and it has recently been reported an arrest has been made.

The incident caused much distress in the village in particular to those working at the village shop. As always, the community pulled together to clear up so the shop could open as usual. Calls have been made for the Parish Council to fit CCTV in the village as a deterrent to any other criminals and for protection to all properties.

Cllr Hodgson had attended a meeting where police country watch officers were in attendance and spoke about hare coursing. Details of how concerns can be raised were obtained and will be circulated. The local designated neighbourhood officer will also provide support to the community and will be asked to speak at the Annual Parish meeting providing advice as to deterrents individuals and perhaps the Parish Council, can deploy.

A discussion took place about fitting CCTV in the village- a nearby village has cameras fitted on three roads into their village. Fitting these was a very complicated and expensive matter.

It was agreed CCTV was only useful if an individual was constantly monitoring the footage. The presence of cameras itself would not stop an incident; in this case the perpetrators were caught on CCTV but were masked so could not be identified.

### **Sports Field Pavilion Update**

8) Cllr Mann reported on the current situation with regard to the new pavilion and funding including the apparent shortfall. Part of the shortfall was to be covered by a loan however there were complications regarding how this will be paid back, in addition further funds or savings were required. The Parish Council had already stated they will not release Parish Council funds until the whole project funds were secured and need to be certain they were in place before any contract could be signed. Cllr Mann proposed the matter needs to be further discussed by the Parish Council following input from the Sports Committee which was required before any decisions can be made. All agreed. The proposed build start date of 15<sup>th</sup> April will therefore be delayed. In the interim Cllrs Mann, Brooks and Hodgson will continue to discuss the matter with the Sports Committee and the proposed builders.

### **MUGA**

9) 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 residents' views before any decisions are made.

The Clerk confirmed she continues to correspond with the solicitor who is battling with Linden Home's solicitor. He has expressed his concern that every time a document is complete the Lindens solicitor introduces something new. The current introduction is the need to get agreement from TVBC to the deed. Cllr Hodgson has suggested a strongly worded email is sent. The Clerk will action.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

10) Cllr Mann confirmed the steering group continue to meet fortnightly. They have drawn up a questionnaire with the intention of distributing this to all households however this is currently being reviewed by TVBC therefore a circulation date cannot be provided.

### **Greening Campaign**

11) Details of an initiative regarding addressing climate change had been highlighted by a resident. Funds had been made available from lottery funding. The community could sign up to the initiative for a cost of £50, further costs for printing would also be required. It was essential this was a community initiative not a Parish Council project. It was agreed the campaign group should be invited to speak at the annual meeting. The Clerk will send the appropriate invitation.

### **Clerks Report**

12) The Clerk reported as follows: -

The Clerk confirmed she has contacted the Dowse Trust regarding the grass cutting of the Dowse Field. It appeared this had been organised by the Parish Council some years ago who had also been erroneously paying this. The Dowse Trust have asked that the Parish Council continue to organise this and invoice them for the costs. This was agreed.

The Clerk confirmed she has contacted the water company in relation to the very high estimated bills with a meter read which had been obtained by an allotment holder.

The planning application details for the container at the village hall has been submitted along with the fee of £146.50

A payment of £72.50 has been made to TVBC in relation to the discharge of conditions placed on the planning application for the new pavilion.

A date for the Annual Parish Meeting has been agreed as 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Guests to be invited were:- the local police Designated Officer, a representative from the Greening Campaign & the Chair of Sports Field Committee. HCC Cllr Drew & TVBC Cllr Johnston would also be asked to attend and give a brief report.

Funds available in the charity account to meet the costs of the disabled toilet at the sports field were now reduced to £2510.71

Finally, an application has been received from the school to use the land at the cemetery for the Broughton Village and School fete to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May. This was agreed but this will be monitored given the current very wet ground. Cllr Keane will work with the school on this matter.

### **Footpaths.**

13) Cllr Morrison reported all footpaths were clear but very muddy. The outstanding matters with HCC were still on hold due to the inclement weather.

### **Finance**

14)

i) Balances in the bank accounts 25/03/2024: -

TSB Charity account £238626.72

TSB Business Instant £73176.56

United Trust £30969.44

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

H Bournier sal £658.93

H Bournier exp £30.99

HMRC £62.00

Hugo Fox £11.99

Aceliftaway £312.00

DQM Ltd £649.20

George Galea £750.00

### **Retrospective**

George Galea £750.00

TVBC planning £146.50

TVBC planning £72.50

### **Items to carry forward**

15)

### **16) Correspondence**

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

An email regarding the defibrillators which were now out of warranty along with a quote to replace the machines. She was asked to approach Cllr Johnston in respect of a possible grant to replace them.

An email regarding use of the sports field by an archery group.

An email about a pan parish river pollution group.

Brochures regarding speed awareness cameras

### **New items for next meeting**

176) Cemetery regulations to be reviewed and updated

### **Community news**

18) Cllr Taylor raised concerns about various areas of flooding in the village. He will take photographs and consider what actions can be taken to alleviate the problems.  
Cllr Mossman and Hodgson reported on a visit to the school when they talked to the pupils about climate change and what can be done locally.

### **Date of next meeting**

18) 7.30 pm on Tuesday May 7th

### **Appendix 1-Report from HCC David Drew**

#### **Hampshire County Council considers consolidating office spaces across Hampshire**

Proposals by Hampshire County Council to reduce its office accommodation in towns across the county will be considered next week, as part of efforts by the Local Authority to consolidate staff into fewer buildings and help save money on running costs

The proposals set out a strategy for implementation in the coming years, as part of the County Council's regular work reviewing the use of its buildings, and ensuring that facilities keep pace with changing patterns of use.

Many of the people working in County Council offices spend a significant proportion of time working directly in the community with people who need them – delivering local services such as social care to vulnerable children and adults, enabled by technology. Some staff are also working remotely, which has become a more frequent pattern since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Buildings such as libraries and register offices, which are important public-access amenities, were included purely to consider the opportunities for how any office space within them might be used in future. The review of office accommodation does not consider closing any libraries or other public services.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240603Officeaccommodation>

#### **Hampshire County Council to sell buildings in Winchester**

Hampshire County Council will shortly be marketing three sites in Winchester for sale - Three Minsters House, on the High Street, Four Chimneys Family Centre, near the Andover Road, and property on the County Council's Monarch Way site, near the Romsey Road

These buildings will close to staff later this year, and services run from these sites will be relocated to other County Council buildings in Winchester. The services will be moved to other locations within Winchester that are accessible by public transport, and local people will still be able to use them.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240319winchesteroffices>

#### **£300,000 of illegally sold vapes and fake tobacco seized by Hampshire County Council**

Illegal vapes and fake tobacco products valued at £300,000 have been seized by Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards over the last 12 months – in their crackdown on retailers who sell vapes to under 18s

Parents are rightly concerned about their children having access to vapes following an alarming rise in vaping by young people. The vast majority of traders in Hampshire act within the law but we are putting more resource into catching the irresponsible minority whose actions put people at risk. Our Trading Standards team has ramped up activity to clamp down on illegal and underage sales and, as a result, we have seized large amounts of illegal vapes that breached the legal limit of nicotine or that were sold illegally to underage people. We have also seized pouches of counterfeit tobacco which are not subject to the usual manufacturing standards and could contain any substances. This haul of 15,000 contraband items has been kept out of the hands of consumers and will now be destroyed. This is a great result that underscores our commitment to keeping people in Hampshire safe."

More information about Hampshire County Council Trading Standards can be found by visiting: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/06032024TSvapehaul>

### **Creating a smoke-free generation comes a step nearer**

Up to £23 million will be spent from April 2025 over the following seven years to support Hampshire smokers to quit, and to help stop people taking up the habit in the first place

Smoking is the single biggest preventable cause of ill health and premature death in England, costing the taxpayer millions and placing a huge burden on the NHS and social care. Helping people to quit smoking therefore is vital and is one of our key statutory responsibilities.”

The County Council’s current commissioned service, [Smokefree Hampshire](#), offers stop smoking support that is personalised to meet the needs of its clients.

Currently some 3,500 people in Hampshire are supported to quit each year via this service.

In 2022, it was estimated that 10.5% of adults living in Hampshire smoked. It is also estimated that some 4,500 Hampshire residents die, and 8,600 residents are admitted to hospital each year because of smoking.

Local Authorities’ Public Health budgets are ‘ring-fenced’ by Government. This means they cannot be spent on funding other services.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/19032024Smokingcessation24>

### **County Council invites communities to bid for funding to plant disease resistant elms**

In a boost for nature recovery, communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply for funding to plant disease resistant elm trees. The once abundant species has been decimated by disease in recent decades, but new varieties are now taking root across the county

The initiative to support its comeback is possible thanks to a grant from The Tree Council secured by Hampshire County Council’s Forest Partnership.

Enquiries are open now for the 2024/25 tree planting season which starts from the autumn.

Organisations such as town and parish councils, local groups and landowners can find out more information on the Hampshire Forest Partnership [webpage](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/19032024DiseaseResistantElms>

### **New forum launched to encourage young people with additional needs and disabilities to speak up**

Young people across Hampshire with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) have an exciting opportunity to join a new youth forum to voice their opinions and share experiences directly with decision makers from the local authority on topics that directly affect them – such as education, training and employment opportunities

Anyone aged 14 to 25 with SEND can join the new SEND Youth Forum – you don’t need to have a formal diagnosis or an Education Health and Care Plan.

Members will have opportunities to make new friends, learn new skills, feed back their firsthand experiences of education, work and training, gain insight into how decisions that affect them are made, and influence those decisions at times too. The Forum has been set up in collaboration with learners currently enrolled in the County Council’s Supported Internship programme, which offers real workplace experience alongside support and training with a range of Hampshire employers.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240319SENDforum>

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