

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Local Government Electors in the Parish of Broughton**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P. Scouse.

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr H. Bull.

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr J. Manning

### **County/Borough Councillor present:**

Cllr C. Smith-Haynes ,

Cllr J. Manning

### **22/01. Apologies. (1)**

Cllr J. Chester.

Cllr M. Gray.

Cllr J. Currall

### **22/02. Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting. (2)**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, copies were made available, approved and consequently signed by the Chair.

### **22/03. Matters arising from minutes. (3)**

None were raised

### **22/04. Annual Report of the Parish Council. (4)**

#### **Report from Chair Cllr Scouse**

This year has seen the formation of the new North Northants Unitary Council (NNC).

Broughton is now represented by three NNC councillors, Cllr Chris Smith-Haynes, Cllr John Currall, Cllr Jan O'Hara.

Initial meeting have taken place with NNC where senior officers have been introduced and new relationships formed.

April was the last meeting where Broughton was represented by Cllr Jim Hakewill who was subsequently elected to the new Unitary Council to represent a different ward. Cllr Hakewill was thanked for his very long and valued service to Broughton.

This year also saw the retirement of Cllr Roy Baxter who gave 35 years of service to the village as a Parish Councillor. It was decided in recognition of this exceptional length of service to award him title "Honorary Alderman with the Freeman of Broughton".

We were pleased to welcome two new members to the Parish Council, Cllr Mark Gray and Cllr Jan Manning. The Council is still not up to full strength so anyone interested in making a contribution to the village by becoming a Parish Councillor can contact our Clerk.

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The road surface in Kettering Rd/High St/Northampton remains a problem with some repairs having taken place but which were of a very poor standard. This is an ongoing issue which the Parish Council are endeavouring to resolve.

Repairs were made to the pavement surface in Northampton Rd and there will be an ongoing inspection regime for other areas which may need attention.

In response to the many concerns expressed by residents about the speed of traffic approaching Broughton from Cransley the Parish Council were able to secure the agreement of Highways to have the limit reduced from 60mph to 40mph. This is due to be in force by Spring 2022.

Discussions regarding more general traffic calming measures have been delayed due to the Covid restrictions but data collected from the mobile speed device which has been deployed throughout the village will be collated and used to inform future recommendations. Once a short list of options has been finalised a village wide consultation will be carried out.

Work on renovating the pond area in the Pocket Park has progressed. This project has had to be phased due the wildlife considerations as the work to clear overgrowing and self-set trees needed to be done prior to bird nesting season whereas the dredging of the pond had to wait until late summer when the water level was at its lowest. This phase has been successfully completed but, once again due to supply delays as a result of Covid the planned installation of benches and a dipping platform will be completed in the next few weeks. The pond margins and surrounding area will then be planted up with native plants which will encourage and support birds and other wildlife.

Another casualty of Covid was the creation of a library in the old Phone Box in High St. It was decided that during the worst of the Pandemic it was not advisable to encourage the use of a library so the project has been delayed. The interior has been repainted and now the worst of the winter weather is behind us the exterior will be painted and shelving will be installed. We hope this facility will be available very shortly.

#### **22/05. Statement of Parish Council Accounts 2020/21. (5)**

A statement of the Parish Council's accounts comprising a copy of the Annual Return for financial year ended 31 March 2021 was submitted and noted after an opportunity for questions was given.

#### **22/06.Accounts of Parochial Charities. (6)**

Statements of account in respect of the Broughton Charities of Bentham for the year up to 31st December 2021, and the Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, were submitted and noted after an opportunity for questions was given.

**22/07. Reports from NNC Councillor's for the division/ward covering the Parish. (7)**

None were submitted

**22/08. Reports of representatives of organisations within the Parish. (8)**

Broughton Playing Field & Village Association submitted a Chairpersons report which is attached to the end of these minutes.

**22/09. Consideration of proposed resolutions submitted by Electors. (9)**

None were submitted

**22/10. Local Development outcomes against Neighbourhood Plan expectations. (10)**

All noted and tracked.

**22/11. Local initiatives. (11)**

Pocket Park, Traffic calming

**22/12. Any additional matters that the Chair considers to be appropriate for consideration by the meeting. (12)**

The Chair thanked all present for their contributions and the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**