

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th APRIL 2021

Present: Cllr E James (Chairman), Cllr G Elliott (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Keane, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr P Boulton, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr J Mann, Cllr W Baillie, Cllr Mrs. T Olorenshaw & Cllr J Hodgson.

In attendance: Heather Bournier-Clerk
HCC Andrew Gibson
TVBC Cllr Alison Johnston.
1 Member of public

The meeting was held via zoom in accordance with COVID 19 guidelines. The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

1) There were no apologies

Public Participation

2) The member of public present raised the issue of flooding on Rookery Lane. The matter has been raised several times before and the Parish Council continue to work with Hampshire County Council to resolve the issue which relates to silted up ditches that cannot cope with the volume of surface water during heavy rain and a blocked drain. The parishioner has now written to Southern Water about their responsibilities and the discharge of grey water. After some discussion with HCC Gibson regarding the ongoing issue it was suggested a site meeting be set up. HCC Gibson will try to organise this in order that officers from HCC highways could be present.

The same member of public expressed disappointment that the last Parish Council vacancy was not widely advertised. Cllr James confirmed the vacancy had been advertised on village notice boards and the Parish Council website.

Finally, the member of public asked that minutes include details of any correspondence received rather than simply note receipt.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interests.

Planning

4) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

21/00112/LBWS – fence between driveways, Clifton Cottage- consent

21/00181/FULLS- alterations to outbuilding- Top House, High Street- permission

21/00236/TREES- Tree work, The Chapter House, Rectory Lane- no objections

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

21/00684/OELS- Erection of electricity pole, Butlers Cottage, Rookery Lane- Objection

21/00692/TREES Tree works, Linden House, High Street- no objections

21/00896/FULLS- 2 storey extension, front porch and double car port- Firtree Cottages, Horsebridge Road – no objections

21/00926/LBWS & 21/00925/FULLS- erection single storey studio ancillary to main property- no objections

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC Andrew Gibson explained given the impending elections he had nothing to report at this time but agreed he will provide a report for the May meeting.

TVBC Cllr Johnstone confirmed the latest newsletter which is to be circulated shortly reported on local covid statistics and fly tipping. She confirmed she has spoken to an officer at TVBC regarding the S106 monies for the School Lane development and is pushing the matter for a response. She is discussing the legislation that means meetings have to go back to being live with the local MP as so many concerns have been raised, she expects a response by the end of April.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Jenkins seconded Cllr Keane. All agreed.

Matters arising

6) Cllr Keane said the work on the replacement street light at Queenwood Road was still awaited.

Cllr James confirmed the ditches on Horsebridge road had now been cleared.

7) Moving Recycling Bins

A proposal from the Village Hall Committee to move the recycling bins from the Village Hall Car Park to the car park on School Lane was discussed. Cllr Mann said the Village Hall management committee meet soon but will be discussing how to achieve the moving of the bins not just because the space is needed for patrons of the hall and local shop but because damage is being caused by large lorries when emptying the bins.

Cllr Elliot had gained some information from TVBC regarding ownership of the bins currently located at the village hall, how the bins are collected, the timings of collections and the possible changes to kerbside collections in the future. In particular he has established the Car Park on school lane would be an acceptable site to house recycling bins and TVBC will work with the Parish Council to ensure collections are made at a suitable time.

The suitability of the School Lane car park as a site for the bins was discussed as was the possibility of moving these to Whiteshoot and the Sports Field. The possibility of building a specifically built area/layby was also discussed. The School Lane Car park was the favored site of the majority of the Parish Council however as they do not own this at present it was not possible to move this proposal forward.

It was agreed this matter will need to be discussed again in the future and a consultation with villagers would be needed. Cllr Mann will report back to the Village Hall management Committee.

Disabled access Hinwood Close

8) Cllr Elliot said he had communicated with Hampshire County Council with regard to disabled access in Hinwood Close. They have proposed a site however residents had asked for another site to be considered which Cllr Elliott has sent to HCC. The Clerk will press for a response.

Cemetery proposed sign

9) Cllr Jenkins confirmed the sign has now been erected and feedback from residents was very positive.

Support Village Youth

10) The proposal for the Village Hall Management Committee to work with the Parish Council to support the youth of the village had been considered at a previous meeting. Cllr James has sent an email to villagers to establish what youngsters would like but had received no responses. Cllr Mann will feed this back to the Village Hall Committee.

Climate Change- Wildflower turf

11) Cllr Baillie reported on a proposal to fit some wildflower turf around the village. He asked the Parish Council to consider any sites around the village where this could be installed. Cllr Baillie said grants may be available to fund the initiative however as no turf will be available until July this initiative will be considered in September.

Sports Field and new pavilion update

12) Cllr Elliott confirmed he still awaits a response from TVBC to the submitted CIL bid but understands the bid has been passed to a TVBC committee that meet in June.

Cllr James highlighted the emails that had been circulated regarding damage to cricket nets. The costs of repairing the damage is approximately £3000. Grant funding was obtained by the Parish Council to purchase the current nets in 2015, the Parish Council also paid for planning permission for the installation. The nets were purchased by the Cricket Club using grant

funding. This asset therefore belonged to the Cricket Club and was not added to the Parish Council asset register nor insured by them. It transpired that the cricket club had not insured the nets so a claim for the cost of repairs cannot be made.

Cllr Dumper confirmed the damage has been reported to the police however there is no evidence as to the identity of the perpetrators

Cllr James said it was necessary for a committee to manage and drive the entire sports field and user groups which had a constitution and committee members. This is essential if the Parish Council are to provide funding for the new sports pavilion project, in addition the group would need to ensure adequate insurance is in place.

After much discussion it was agreed the Parish Council will use any part of the COVID grant not used for everyday costs of the football club, to pay for the repairs required, so long as the equipment is then insured by the Cricket Club. Cllr Dumper will obtain a formal quote to present to the Parish Council.

School Lane Completion work

13) Cllr Boulton confirmed he had no news on progress regarding this matter. He has drafted an email for Parish Council approval to be sent to the head of the Planning Department at TVBC and all local Borough Councillors asking for the matter to be escalated.

The Council unanimously agreed that Cllr Boulton write this email and also consider writing to the local MP to help move this forward.

Centenary Garden Sign

14) An email had been received regarding pruning trees and replacing the sign for the Centenary Garden. This should have taken place in March when no working parties were allowed due to COVID restrictions. Cllr Billie agreed to review this in the Autumn as it was now too late in the season to carry out pruning.

Cllr Boulton said he was still searching for a spare sign in one of his sheds and would make renewed efforts to locate this.

Clerks Report

15) The Clerk reported as follows: -

A further covid 19 business grant has been received and payments made to the Football Club to help meet costs arising during the period while no income has been received. A set of accounts confirming income and expenditure has been circulated to all Councillors.

The Clerk confirmed said she received a rates invoice and a valuation office enquiry regarding the cemetery and would need some details regarding the size of the plot to complete this. She will send questions to Cllrs James and Elliot who will help with this enquiry.

The necessary application to register the Village Hall and land at Land Registry has been completed and sent.

Footpaths.

16) Cllr Olorenshaw confirmed arrangements had been made to store the kissing gates until covid restrictions are reduced and the gates can be safely fitted.

A landowner has asked that walkers be asked to stick to footpath 16 and not trespass on his land however concerns were raised that a fence had been installed preventing access to the whole path. Cllr Olorenshaw agreed to visit the area and report her findings.

Finance

17) Balances in the bank accounts were noted as: -

31/03/2021: TSB Charity account £133471.48

TSB Business Instant £71718.66

Payments Resolved: that the following payments be approved, online transactions approved and cheques signed:

H Bournier sal	£499.89
HMRC	£0
H Bournier exp	£51.23
TVBC	£732.96
Crescent signs	£564.90

Retrospective

J R C Quitman £48.31

Galea Gardening £440.00

Account's year ended 31st March 2021

Accounts for the year ended 31st March were discussed and agreed. The Clerk will complete the Audit return for agreement at the AGM.

Items to carry forward

18) New equipment at skate park

S106 funds for School Lane- research by Cllrs James, Elliot & Boulton

Possible new road in cemetery

19) Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and was discussed: -

The Clerk had circulated an email to all Councillors regarding an enquiry in respect of possible building at land known as Fox Pit.

Items for next meeting

20) AGM- elect Chairman & Vice Chair and adopt policies.

Any Other Business

21) Cllr James confirmed he had been approached by the owner of a parcel of land adjoining the Dr Surgery. This land was set aside in case the surgery was to expand. If after five years this had not happened a verbal agreement said the land was to become the property of the Parish Council. Cllr James said although five years have passed the Dr Surgery had now expressed an interest in purchasing the land. The Council agreed the Dr surgery should be allowed to purchase this for the purpose of expansion, only if this did not happen should the owners consider how this can legally be passed to the Parish Council.

Date of next meeting

22) Tuesday 4th May 2021 AGM at 7.30pm via zoom.