

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH 2023

Present: Cllr J Hodgson (Vice Chairman) Cllr G Elliott (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Mann, Cllr R Robson, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr P Boulton & Cllr J Morrison.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

5 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr E James, Cllr K McAllister, Cllr B Keane, TVBC A Johnson & HCC David Drew.

Public Participation

2) A member of the public present asked if a 20 mph speed limit could be installed in the village. The Clerk said while this was currently not possible the HCC policy was currently under review and full details were likely to be available in the summer. Indications were that in some cases a 20mph limit could be requested although costs to implement this would fall on the parish.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Planning

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

23/00024/TREES-fell 1 ash, Rookery House, Rookery Lane- no objection

23/00018/TREES- tree works, Old Church Farm, no objection

23/00023/TREES- tree work, The Orchard, Rookery Lane- no objection

22/02756/FULLS-replacement dwelling-The Buildings, Broughton Road – permission

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

23/00420/TREES-tree works-Dixons Cottage, Dixons Lane -no objections

23/00487/FUULLS Installation of greenhouse, Rectory Lane Cottage-no objections

23/00516/FULLS-change of use of land, erection of garage and replacement fencing-The Barn House, High Street- concern raised regarding vehicular access and sight line, previous applications have been refused- objection will be submitted

23/00514/FULLS-Single storey extension, glazed link internal & external alterations-The Barn House, High Street-no objections

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew was not present but had provided a full report which can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr Johnston was not present.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Vice Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann, seconded Cllr Boulton. All agreed.

Sports Field Update

7) Cllr Elliot confirmed a further CIL bid had now been submitted to TVBC to help with funding of the proposed new building. He also confirmed TVBC planning had agreed to an extension to time limits in order that the ecology assessment required could be prepared.

Electric car charging point at the Village Hall

8) Cllr Keane was absent. This matter will be revisited at the April meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

9) Cllr Mann reported the Neighbourhood Plan steering group met in January to discuss appointing a consultant. Work to start the process will continue. Any grant application will be considered in the new financial year.

BERG

10) Cllr Morrison gave details of the best package he could find in respect of a dedicated telephone number for use in emergencies which could be diverted to any land or mobile number required.

Given there was likely to be limited calls a no tariff package with costs per call made was agreed as the best option. The set-up cost of the package was £9.95. All Councillors agreed the Parish Council should meet these costs. The Clerk will purchase the package.

School Lane Completion work

11) Cllr Boulton confirmed he still awaited a breakdown of the revised financial figures offered for the completion of the MUGA. The solicitor has confirmed he has contacted Linden homes but awaits a reply.

Cllr Hodgson raised concerns that any planning permission for this installation would expire causing further delays. Cllr Elliot said he believed permission was granted as part of the overall School Lane development and as such there should be no problem. Cllr Boulton will ask the solicitor to check this.

Clerks Report

12) The Clerk reported as follows: -

Parish Council elections will take place in May 2023. Individuals will be responsible for completing nomination papers which have to be hand delivered although delivery can be by a third party. Full details and application forms have now been circulated. The Clerk agreed to deliver papers on behalf of any current Councillors who wish to stand for election and confirmed she had made an appointment to do this on 29th March.

In view of the election date on 4th May and the bank holiday on Monday 8th May the meeting date for May would be Thursday 11th May.

All the flooding issues highlighted by BERG have been reported to HCC via the online reporting system.

An application for a Councillor grant to help with the costs of installing a disabled ramp at the Village Hall has been submitted to TVBC.

The Clerk had attended a Clerks Forum at TVBC on 22nd February 2023. Details regarding the upcoming elections had been given along with a promise of a guide to completing register of interest forms.

Finally she confirmed the damaged and falling wall on Queenwood Road had been reported to TVBC who agreed to send an officer to review as this as it has been reported as dangerous.

Cllr Mann said he understood ownership of the wall has been established and quotes for repair are now being obtained.

Footpaths & Grass Maintenance.

13) Cllr Elliott reported that the kissing gate onto footpath 16 was not overgrown and the footpath could easily be walked.

Finance

14) Balances in the bank accounts at 28/02/23 were noted as: -

TSB Charity account £250727.62

TSB Business Instant £72292.77

United Trust £30,285.00

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

H Bourner sal £554.67

H Bourner exp £18.68

HMRC	£138.66
Galea Gardening	£137.50
TVBC	£765.43
Ace Liftaway	£312.00
S J Maddocks	£394.50

Items to carry forward

17) S106 footpath improvements

19) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

An email regarding Broughton Learning and the closure of their bank account- the funds have been passed to Broughton Archives.

Telephone call with Sutcliffe Play regarding play area repairs who have agreed they will send a contractor to carry out play area repairs soon.

Cost of living flyers from TVBC which will be placed in the Village Shop.

New items for next meeting

20)

Community news

21) Cllr Mann reported one panel of the fence at the play area has been damaged, he has asked the contractor who recently erected the fence to carry out the necessary repair.

Date of next meeting

22) **7.30 pm on Tuesday March 7th 2023**

Appendix 1

Majority of Hampshire pupils offered preferred choice of secondary school

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child, at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2023.

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2023) by the application deadline, 90 per cent have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 15,400 on-time applications this year – an increase of 418 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2022 (14,982).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to answer queries parents may have after receiving their offer have been published on the Admissions webpages.

The Admissions Team is now busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 17 April 2023.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230301secondaryadmissions>

Hampshire to increase payments for all Homes for Ukraine hosts

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, has today announced that the Local Authority will be increasing the payments made to all Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme from £350 to £500 per month from March

This goes beyond the Government's recent decision to increase the thank-you payments for certain hosts only – those housing Homes for Ukraine guests who have been in the UK for 12 months or more.

The new host payments will be funded via the Government grant paid to upper tier local authorities to specifically support implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme locally. This funding is ring-fenced and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The county of Hampshire has welcomed the third highest number of Ukrainian nationals in England. Comprehensive ongoing support has been provided throughout the past 12 months.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/230223Ukraine>

Hampshire County Council approves £2.6 billion spending on services to Hampshire residents in 2023/24

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2023/24 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

County leadership is also acutely aware of the very difficult decisions Hampshire residents face in their own household budgets to make ends meet, but reluctantly, in order to help deliver a balanced budget for 2023/24, we have no other choice but to increase the council tax precept. This is a decision we have not taken lightly. But even after this increase, we are still left with a £50.8 million shortfall in our revenue budget which we will have to fill using our reserves – built to buffer this and next year’s anticipated budget shortfalls.

Hampshire County Council’s council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults’ social care. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week. The increase will generate £37m of vital extra income towards the delivery of crucial, quality services to the people of Hampshire in 2023/24, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/23022023Budgetdecision>

Fun-packed campaign challenges children to 'defeat' veg at mealtimes

Hampshire schoolchildren are once again being encouraged to tuck into their ‘monstrous’ vegetables as part of the ‘Eat Them To Defeat Them’ campaign



During the Spring term, Hampshire County Council’s school catering team HC3S will be offering themed lunchtime menu options, as well as games and educational resources that make eating vegetables more fun at school and at home.

The annual campaign, now in its fifth year, has resulted in more infant and primary-age children getting extra vegetables in their diets. According to the findings of [Veg Power](#) – the not-for-profit organisation behind the campaign – 59% of children in the schools’ national programme say it makes vegetables more fun and 83% of schools say it is more popular than other healthy eating initiatives.

Further details about how school catering teams will be integrating the campaign into school meals can be found on the [HC3S website](#).

Visit the official website for more information about [Eat Them To Defeat Them](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/210223eatthemtodefeatthem>

Reminder: Hampshire Highways does not give permission to third parties to plant trees on the highway.

I have received a reminder that individuals and organisations aren’t allowed to plant trees or other plant on the highway. I’ve helped a couple of parishes get HCC to plant suitable trees on highways land, which will no doubt enhance the local environment.

Hampshire County Council is committed to tackling climate change and tree planting is a key part of the [Council’s Climate Change Strategy](#). Trees bring profound social, economic, and environmental benefits to all. Highway tree planting is particularly beneficial. As such, we proactively survey areas with low canopy cover and/or which suffer higher pollution levels for future tree planting.

If residents would like to request highway tree planting, they can do so via the following link.

[Request Highway tree planting | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Cllr David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

