

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held Wednesday 16th December 2020

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Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse.

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr H. Bull.

Cllr O. Wyeth.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr J. Chester.

Cllr C. Taylor.

County/Borough Councillor present:

Cllr J. Hakewill.

Cllr C. Smith – Haynes.

19/9193. Co-option of new councillor. (1)

Members considered and all agreed to the co-option of Mrs Carol Taylor.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was sent via email and signed in front of all members via zoom, which meant she took up her position as a councillor for Broughton Parish Council immediately. Cllr Taylor was instructed to send the signed paper work to the clerk via post and it was resolved to authorise the clerk once the paperwork is received to sign as well. The chair warmly welcomed her.

Action: Clerk to send Cllr Taylor's Register of Interest and Declaration of Acceptance of Office to KBC for their records. Clerk to also update the website once Cllr Taylors photo is received.

19/9194. Apologies. (2)

Cllr R. Baxter – does not wish to attend remote meetings.

19/9195. Declarations of Interest. (3)

Cllr Taylor has an interest in planning application, KET/2020/0805, Ivydene Barn so will not be included in the discussion.

19/9196. Minutes. (4)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2020, copies were circulated, approved by members and authorised for electronic signature by the chair. **RESOLVED**

KBC – Kettering Borough Council.

NCC – Northamptonshire County Council.

BPC – Broughton Parish Council.

NNC – North Northamptonshire Council/Unitary Authority

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19/9197. Public right to speak. (5)

This facility was not used.

19/9198. Reports from local County and Borough Councillors. (6)

Cllr Hakewill

KBC is now generally starting to wind down. There is a meeting tonight at 6pm where a report of the Kettering Town Council's budget and precept 2021/22 will be issued by the borough council.

The budget will stand at £134k.

Cllr Hakewill declared his concerns over the precept and double taxation as Kettering Towns Councils precept will be £20k more than other similar sized new town councils. KBC were unique in the fact that they carried out many services for the parishes under them traditionally, and those parishes should have been audited to remove the element of council tax that residents paid to KBC.

Cllr Hakewill has been trying to get a response from the Shadow Executive on whether or not the budget will go to scrutiny.

Another concern is that the Unitary Authority will remove from the budget, services that NCC have traditionally carried out as they are already £10m in the red which will have to be found in year one. The core problem is that NCC's budget has not yet been sorted with regards to the money coming in and the expense of Adult and Child services.

The consultation on the Unitary budget is now ongoing and closes on the 29th January 2021. There should be a reduction in the element of council tax for Kettering going into the harmonisation of the other council taxes so when Broughton Parish has to put their precept up to cover services, it will not be to a disadvantage to residents.

There has been no news on the planning application at the Old Willows. Cllr Shrive said he had tried to get hold of officers on a couple of occasions without success. A discussion with members ensued and it emerged the Village Hall is having the same problems as they are trying to rectify a problem since May 2020 and are being told by KBC that they cannot help as they do not have the resources anymore.

Cllr Hakewill offered his help in contacting officers but there is now a lot of temporary staff who do not know the history of ongoing issues and do not have the answers.

Rural Forum

Cllr Bull - The minutes from the last Rural Forum meeting have now been issued and as Cllr Hakewill is chair, I would like to point out that there is an omission regarding the question of discrepancy of double taxation of services in the Kettering Borough Parishes when considering parity and harmonisation of precepting and council tax across the different authorities under the new unitary authority. Referring to the video recording of the meeting this discussion can be found around 1.22 and especially, Lisa Hyde reports that she will investigate the particular question of harmonisation and will circulate the defined answer to forum members. This has not been recorded in the minutes and the action has not been completed.

Cllr Hakewill agreed to look into this and shared his frustration that the Rural Forum now ceases to exist after 20 years in which an officer from KBC was always there and shared the KBC budget. This opportunity will not happen with the Unitary Authority budget. **Action: Cllr Hakewill to talk to the monitoring officer and have amended before the minutes are signed off.**

Cllr Smith-Haynes

NCC are also now winding down and has only attended a few meetings this month which included Overview & Scrutiny, looking at the Corporate Parenting Laws for the new Children's Trust and a Briefing on the COVID-19 situation which is now happening every Thursday morning. Northamptonshire is currently sitting on the verge of Tier 3.

Draft budget for Unitary proposes to raise the council tax by 4.99% of which 3% is the uplift on social care which is nationwide. Every Council is permitted to include 3% on top to go towards social care because as a community, we are getting older and year on year, more money is needed to support people who are frail and elderly.

The County Council does have £50m in reserves, so when Cllr Hakewill refers to the budget being down £10m with North Northants, it would not be unusual for the authority to begin looking at where savings can be made or ways to generate more income for the year. This figure does not concern me too much at the moment as we haven't had any finalisation from central government on what they will contribute and the tendency is to air on the side of caution to receive less than we expect.

The harmonization on which Cllr Hakewill spoke will happen over 7 years and I agree totally with him on the issue in regards to precepts in towns and parishes.

The majority of employers from NCC have all continued to work from home except for a small number of vital staff who are continuing to work in the office.

[19/9199. Matters arising from the minutes. \(7\)](#)

Matters arising from 21st October 2020 minutes

19/9165. Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Northampton. (8)

From resident through website

Views sought on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Northampton. Of more interest and relevance to Broughton would be a similar plan for Kettering and surrounding villages, including ours. Could you ask our council to push Kettering council to follow Northampton's lead?

Concerns from another resident with regards to cycle lanes from Broughton to Kettering contacted Cllr Hakewill. The plan is by NCC who have responsibility of the highways and taking care of footpaths and cycle lanes. Cllr Rose who often uses the cycle lanes, declared there is no problem at all with the cycle lanes to Kettering. It was discussed whether or not the resident was referring to actual designated cycle lanes on the road and perhaps was not aware the off-road footpaths are the cycle lanes along the A43. **Action: Clerk to contact resident for more information and forward onto Cllr Smith-Haynes if need be.**

The local resident has been in touch again after reading the October minutes with a detailed report of his journey from Broughton to Northfield Road, Kettering via Gypsy Lane and back again via the Leisure Village and Loddington. The resident has also emailed Cllr Smith-Haynes with the same report. The clerk replied and has forwarded the report onto LTP Consultation who were carrying out the initial consultation on behalf of NCC and they have now confirmed they have received it and will use the information when they are looking at the plan for Kettering. RESOLVED

19/9166. Broughton News. (9)

Members agreed that it was time to resume quarterly paper issues to residents. Cllr Shrive will construct and it's hoped to be with residents before Christmas. Members agreed to deliver. **ACTION: Cllr Scouse to write pieces on Pocket Park and vacancy and Cllr Bull on Unitary then send over to Cllr Shrive. Update 18/11/2020: It has been compiled but with the second lockdown, it was deemed inappropriate to hand deliver. Hopefully will be delivered next month. Update: Decision to be made after Christmas.**

19/9172. General interest items. (16)

A complaint was received about the hedge of 25 High St which is obstructing the footpath. The clerk has sent a letter to the occupier requesting the hedge to be cut back to the boundary of the property. The resident has so far declined to do so.

Cllr Shrive suggested that as Yeoman House is deteriorating rapidly, some intervention needs to happen as it is a listed building. Cllr Rose has previously contacted KBC but they were not interested unless a danger to the public arose. **Action: Write to Conservation Officer to express concerns, also raise post office concerns or maybe English Heritage. Update: 18/11/2020. Sent photos to Sarah Barnwell and cc'd Cliff Moreton re Yeoman House. Sarah to check if they will go straight to Enforcement action as BPC had already sent a letter.**

Update: The hedge has now been cut back. RESOLVED

A resident asked if the bridleway by the Pocket Park that runs up to Pytchley "Butts Lane" could have a name plaque as historical. **Action: Clerk to investigate and ask county records for any history. Update 18/11/2020: Clerk contacted Northamptonshire Archives and submitted a request form. Ref: AR273049233.**

Update from Cllr Baxter - Butts Lane, Broughton

There is a bridleway that starts outside the entrance of the Village Hall, runs up to the Pocket Park and after about 300 yards, continues across the fields up to Pytchley. In the second World War, the home guards of Broughton used to practice their rifle shooting on the field to the left and sometimes the children would go up the bridleway to watch. It is thought that this bridleway gained its unofficial name because of the rifle butts the home guards carried.

Ongoing: The clerk has contacted NCC general enquiries ref: CSC-279694556 to be put in contact with the department that can authorise a name plaque.

Matters arising from 18th November's minutes

19/9182. Reports from members attending meetings of other bodies. (7)

Cllr Scouse attended a webinar, Effective Comms and Engagement in a Post-Lockdown World on Tuesday organised by NCALC. It was mostly about social media but some good ideas came out on general strategy of how to communicate with the village. Members agreed it would help especially with the Unitary Authority coming into force to be able to keep the residents updated. **Action: Clerk to send members the link and handouts. RESOLVED**

19/9184. Report from Community and Traffic Management Sub Committee (11)

Traffic Management

Cllr Shrive reported the SID has now been moved into its new position at the top of Wellingborough Road. A discussion ensued as to where it will be moved to next as there has been a request to place it in the middle of Kettering Road and the site in Northampton Road where the resident did not object is not best suited. The following lamp posts/positions to be added to the Section 50 license.

Northampton Road – L3KHO opposite 43 Northampton Road and Kettering Road - L7KFY opposite 16 Kettering Road

Action: Cllr Scouse to obtain post numbers and clerk to sort license and contact resident opposite. RESOLVED

19/9200. Correspondence. (8)

Invitation to the Christmas catch up with the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – 14th Dec

Cycling Issues 2020 from resident

The Rural Bulletin

Highways services weekly update x 2

Friday mini update from NCALC x 3

Northants CALC update, Nov, Dec 2020

NACRE AGM minutes

19/9201. Dispensation to accept non attendance – S85 of the Local Government Act 1972. (9)

Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 ('Vacation of office by failure to attend meetings') requires that, if a member of a local authority fails to attend any meeting of the authority throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance at a meeting, they shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.

Whilst Regulations made under the Coronavirus Act 2020 have temporarily allowed for meetings to take place remotely, this does not suit all situations and there is a danger of technological and practical failure to attend meetings. Accordingly, as a safeguard, Cllr Shrive proposed that Cllr Baxter is given dispensation to accept non-attendance from council meetings for the period that the relevant provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 are in force bearing in mind his continued contribution throughout lockdown via email reporting on village matters. This was seconded by Cllr Wyeth and a vote of hands were shown, resolving to excuse Cllr Baxter until the elections May 2021. **RESOLVED.**

19/9202. North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority. 10)

The website now has a page dedicated to the Unitary Authority. All relevant information will now be placed there for residents to read.

The draft budget consultation for North Northamptonshire Council (NCC) is now open and has been put on BPC website. The Clerk was sent it by Cllr Scouse. In the primary report, it states that all stake holders will be advised but the clerk is yet to receive any communication as of yet. **Action: Cllr Scouse to remind them that this has not been the case yet.**

The Consultation is open until 29th January 2021 and BPC would like to encourage everyone to look at it and reply as a Parish Council.

The consultation proposes that Council Tax is increased by 4.99%, comprising 1.99% core tax and a 3% adult social care precept, which is the maximum amount permitted.

Cllr Scouse mentioned that she had looked at the draft budget consultation already and had noticed the address was Meadow Road and asked Cllr Hakewill if this was now the North Northant's permanent address.

Response: Sheerness House, Meadow Road was originally bought by the borough council as part of a buy to let scheme to make the council money in 2014 with the intention of converting and renting it out to top up the council tax that was not going up. Cllr Hakewill did not know what the long term arrangement is but can only assume that the senior officers may well use that building as it is sitting empty at the moment. Where the future offices are remains to be seen.

There is a Question & Answer NCALC open session on the 19th January 2021, where Rob Bridge will be answering questions for NNC. An agenda has not been circulated yet. Participants must register first. Cllr Scouse will attend.

19/9203. Report from Community and Traffic Calming Sub Committee (11)

Policing

Cllrs Shrive and Rose attended the Christmas catch-up with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) via Microsoft Teams on 14th December 2020.

Both Darren Dovey and Nick Adderley were present at the meeting.

In the next 10 years Northamptonshire will grow by 58,000 people.

The national average growth is 6.71% Northamptonshire is 34%.

The PFCC has a 4-year budget of £700m.

Having a PFCC has allowed the Fire and Rescue service to work closer with the police and vice versa and has given financial stability.

Since the Grenfell tower disaster, there is a fund that the PFCC can access and with this the FRC are ordering a 42M Aerial appliance, as a comparison, we have 22 high rise buildings compared to London's 6000.

In 2019/20, 32 whole time fire and rescue personal have been taken on including 12 new posts, this is an increase from 242 to 254.

The PFCC is buying 5 new fire engines and 2 water rescue vehicles over the next 2 years, they believe this is cheaper than leasing.

Police only matters

In the year 19-20, the police received the following:

- 999 calls - 121,058,
- 101 calls - 237,955,

62,679 reported crimes lead to 11,006 arrests.

Child concerns were up by 8%

Northamptonshire is a rural force with metropolitan problems due to our links with London and Birmingham.

There is a rising level of domestic abuse accounting for 15% of all crime.

Domestic abuse is up 24% in lockdown.

In the last 3 years 999 calls are up 10%

Under the Unitary Authority there will be two LPA's (Local Policing Area's) so each area will have one senior officer.

Total crimes in Northampton equal Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough put together.

Number of Police officers:

- 2020 = 1294,
- 2021 = 1367
- 2023 hitting 1500

They now have 10 dogs with 3 new handlers being training, 2 finished being trained this week which will give a total of 16 handlers by 2021.

Burglaries are down 31% which they are sure is down to them and not Covid-19.

Her Majesty's Inspector of Police have heaped praise on Northamptonshire police.

95% of people in Northamptonshire are not affected by Crime.

Operation Poetry, organized crime:

140 Arrests

120 Charged

18 county lines broken

205 years of sentencing

250K seized

Operation Lily (Small crimes, including fly tipping etc.), this is going to be expanded to include Kettering.

100 new ANPR cameras to be installed both fixed and mobile, this will make sure most routes are covered, we don't get offered any as they are in secret locations.

Operation Snap (use of Dash cam Footage) has had 200 submissions with a 60% success rate.

Budget up 26 million a year and 76% of people are satisfied generally.

Priorities:

Anti-social behavior including noisy animals and Fly tipping, Knife crime, Domestic Abuse and Drugs.

Traffic Management

Section 50 licence now includes

- Kettering Road – lamppost L7KFY – opposite house no 16.
- Northampton Road - lamppost L3KHO – opposite house no 43.

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was moved to Northampton Road at the beginning of December. It was remarked on how many cars were parked along the section of Northampton Road where the SID was which does in fact act as a traffic calming measure in itself. The data will be collated to see if it reflects on speeding levels.

The SID will be moved again this week and be relocated to Kettering Road.

Cllr Scouse contacted Sarah Barnwell regarding the works being carried out on Kettering Road as works seemed to have stopped and what has been done is appalling. Water is also gathering in the gutters where the road is not straight. Sarah replied that the works had not yet been completed as the team were called away to attend to some urgent works elsewhere but were due back in the New year. They will repatch any areas that are poor.

Cransley Hill footpath – The street cleaner has removed all the leaves and it is looking much better.

Cllr Bull asked if BPC needed to contact Highways with regards to the S106 currently being held for the Traffic Calming project before the Unitary Authority takes over. All agreed to contact to have in writing. **Action: Clerk to contact Ian Boyes.**

Community

The Community Fridge is now up and running at the Village Hall. This is not a food bank but has been set up so food is not wasted and is open to everyone to take as much as they can use. They will close for Christmas and reopen officially in the New Year where the Co-op and Morrison's have agreed to donate fresh food which they cannot sell. Cllr Shrive volunteers on a Friday. It will be open 3 days per week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evening.

19/9204. Report from Pocket Park Management Sub Committee (12)

There has not been much activity at the Pocket Park as the weather has been too bad but as soon as they are able, Castletree will schedule in the tree works in January.

The clerk contacted KBC on 28th October to release the grant that was awarded to BPC earlier in the year. The Clerk chased payment on 08/12/2020 and the response was that the original officer who was dealing with the grant has now left. A new officer has picked it up now and is making enquiries. **Action: Clerk to continue to chase.**

Regarding the ongoing issues of trying to talk to officers at KBC, the clerk will now contact KBC to send over the letter that needs to be signed to release the S106 monies into BPC bank account for the regeneration project. **Action: Clerk to email Dave Lane.**

19/9205. Report from Planning Sub Committee. (13)

The Committee referred to their copy of the Neighbourhood Plan conditions document and the summary of policies when looking at Planning Applications for consideration.

Report from Planning Sub Committee – Cllr Shrive

I have spent some time trying to get through to KBC this morning and finally gave up and called James Wilson at home.

Due to the second lockdown all the staff are back at home and things have slowed up.

KBC are waiting for the final report from their case officer/consultant on Broughton and are chasing the company that is conducting the report on who is and isn't supposed to be on the G+T sites.

I asked what happens if this is not sorted soon in relationship to the Unitary Authority, James Wilson replied stating they still hope for it to go to committee and any appeal would then get dealt with by the Unitary Authority.

Stoke Albany appeal is moving forward but no date set.

Planning Applications for consideration.

KET/2020/0805

LOCATION: Ivydene Barn, Ivydene Terrace, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Two storey front extension.

Note: Cllr Taylor was excluded in commentating on this application due to having an interest.

Comment: Providing that it meets with Policy 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan and that as it is in the conservation area that any stone boundary wall is not removed, there will be no objection.

Planning Decisions.

KET/2020/0686

LOCATION: 20 High Street (land adj) Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full application. 1 no. dwelling and associated parking with access off Bentham Drive

KET/2020/0114 Previous Comment: Over intensifies area, compromises existing properties and adds additional traffic to Bentham Close – **Resubmitted original comment.**

REFUSED

KET/2020/0669

LOCATION: Red Lion Inn, 7 High Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Application: Change of use of outbuilding and alterations to smoking shelter to use as a shop.

Comment. Broughton PC to support this, it has its own parking along with the fact it brings something new to the village and it helps support an established business.

APPROVED

19/9206. Precept. (14)

The precept for £14000.00 for 2021/22 has now been resolved to submit to KBC on the understanding that no unexpected expenses come through before the deadline where in this case an emergency meeting will be called.

Precept 2021/22	
Pocket Park maintenance	£1,200.00
Pocket Park project	£2,000.00
Salary	£4,000.00
Room Hire	£20.00
Homeworking	£144.00
Stationery	£20.00
Poppy wreath	£20.00
Telephone	£138.00
HMRC	£750.00
Bus shelter	£65.00
Christmas lights	£250.00
Bank charges	£24.00
Insurance	£900.00
NACRE	£35.00
Chairman's allowance	£245.00
Unitary contingency	£3,000.00
SSLC membership	£110.00
Zoom	£172.68
CPRE	£36.00
NCALC	£770.00

19/9207. Chairman's allowance. (15)

BPC allocates a Chairman's allowance each year to cover the work done throughout the year. After a discussion on whether or not this award should still apply, members agreed it should and resolved the award of £245.00 to Cllr Scouse.

Cllr Shrive reminded members that they are also entitled to claim any reasonable expenses so they are not out of pocket when carrying out work for BPC.

19/9208. Report from Finance Committee. (16)

December 2020 statements

Savings - £1.41

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,065.21

Community - £27,340.73

Credits to Community account

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Cheques issued from Community account 18th November 2020.

Payee	Cheque number	Amount
A. McDaid wages - mth 9	Bank transfer	£346.25
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£86.40
A. McDaid home working, phone and internet, Zoom HW - £12, Phone - £10.35, Zoom - £14.39, Auditor £27.87	Bank transfer	£64.61
Mrs P. Scouse, chairman's allowance	Bank transfer	£245.00
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79
Bank charges	Automatic	£2.00

19/9209. General interest items. (17)

In the absence of reports from other meetings this month from the agenda, Cllr Scouse attended the Village Hall meeting. It mainly covered general maintenance but back in May the Village Hall Committee wanted to extend the lease to include the football pitches as well as the playing fields and KBC agreed to this as they now have a very successful arrangement with Kettering Football Club but the legal paperwork has not yet been completed by KBC.

The drainage work that was carried out with money from KBC, S106 and the football club has worked very well and drains perfectly.

Not having control over the land yet means that the Village Hall is at a disadvantage when applying for additional grants from the F.A. for further improvements. KBC are now saying that although they have no problem with the lease being extended and they feel that the Unitary Authority will feel the same they do not have the resources to complete as they have no staff.

The Village Hall Committee are now trying to get a letter from KBC which states in writing that the expectation is that they will eventually extend the lease.

The Village Hall Committee have been successful in obtaining the various COVID-19 grants available and are now starting to receive booking for next summer.

Cllr Shrive who attended the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners meeting (see report 19/9203) was seen as very much a back-patting appreciating society exercise to put the services in a much better light than residents actually see them. Cllr Rose who also attended the meeting, agreed and commentated on the expected rise in Northamptonshire versus the rest of the country, was thought to be a huge disparity. Cllr Rose also commentated on the report of burglaries going down being solely down to the police and not because of COVID-19 and people being at home more, was also seen as unlikely by the attendees and was commentated as such.

The increasing amount of ANPR cameras that are either being or already installed across the county was interesting. These are being installed primarily for their role in detecting crime and had proved to be instrumental in a crime which is ongoing at the moment.

Cllr Bull reported that KBC did have a good effect on the house in Carter Avenue. The outside area has now been cleared.

Cllr Scouse mentioned that KBC should be installing the dropped kerb in Carter Avenue which BPC asked for on behalf of the residents.

The clerk attended a meeting run by NCALC titled New Councils Project Briefing which was put on for Parish Clerks regarding the unitary and the fact that the new Town councils will have no reserves in their first year. The allotments and closed churchyards are now being transferred over to parishes. Most of the information given has been repeated tonight but it was stated that if a Parish Council does not want to take on an asset or service, they do not have too. Cllr Hakewill contributed by agreeing, but if the service is not statutory then the unitary authority does not have to deliver it and it would be expected of the parish councils to pick those services up and precept accordingly or lose them altogether and answer to their constituents.

Cllr Scouse advised that as we are now subscribed to NCALC, councillor's should take advantage of any training sessions they are offering. **Action: Clerk to gather a list of sessions and report back in the new year.**

19/9210. Date of next meeting. (18)

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7pm.

19/9211. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (19)

No other matters were considered and after the Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

Signed: *PA Scouse*

Dated: 21/01/2021

