

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 15th November 2023

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr J. Manning

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr C. Taylor

Ward Councillors present:

There were none present

Members of the Public present:

One member of the public was present

112/23. Apologies.

Cllr John Currall

Cllr Jan O'Hara

113/23. Declarations of Interest.

None were received

114/23. Minutes.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th October 2023 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and was authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

115/23. Public right to speak.

No members of the public spoke.

116/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.

No reports were received

117/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk report

81/23 Bus stop – contacted Ian Boyes re decision on bus cage and movement of sign. His thoughts were even if the stop sign was relocated to the lamp column, it would still be in an area where residents park their vehicles.

101/23 Pytchley Crossroads – The clerk asked S. Barnwell to expand on her comment that there are several crossroad junctions she was aware of, around the county with similar vision to Pytchley Crossroads and their accident rate. Reply - Cotterstock, Grafton Underwood, and at Barby and Chapel Brampton in the West of the County, that have had similar amounts of accidents recorded over the last 5 years, however the sudden recent spate of accidents at Pytchley is obviously a concern.

The clerk asked Ian Boyes if our SID could be situated on the Give Way sign for a more detailed reading but he declined the offer as the Police have arranged to obtain a further count on arm “C” of the junction where there was the discrepancy with the classification of the number of vehicles recorded (i.e. motorcycles). The data previously obtained by the Police on the other arms of the junction should suffice for our needs.

Members agreed this action would still not show a true picture of how fast vehicles approach these crossroads.

November 2023 correspondence

- North Northamptonshire - FR – Stakeholders - The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
- NNC Survey - Reviewing the Strategic Town and Parish Council Forums
- Update from the Leader of the Council

118/23. Reports from other meetings

Cllr Scouse, Shrive, Bull and Rose attended a meeting with a journalist from the ET. See 120/23.

119/23. Traffic Calming - update on correspondence with Highways

Members will ask Ian Boyes on Friday for an update on the consultation for Northampton Road.

120/23. Pytchley Crossroads – to discuss potential for improvement to the crossroads

Councillors and a member of the public met with a reporter from the ET this week regarding their calls for action at the Pytchley Crossroads. The article was posted on social media today and it will be on the front page of the Northants Telegraph printed version tomorrow, 16th November.

It was agreed by all that an increase of accidents seem to occur when the A14 is either closed or there has been an accident and traffic is diverted via satnav.

A meeting Ian Boyes and Simon Mills (Head of Road Safety) is due to take place on Friday 17th November with representatives of Pytchley Parish council in attendance.

121/23. Pocket Park – update on works carried out

The maintenance work to the pond commenced today which includes:

1. Cutting reeds back to within 1 metre of the bank and removal of reeds from the pond to be placed on the bank, away from the pond to compost
2. Removal of submerged weed from the pond to be placed on the bank, away from the pond to compost
3. Supply and application of 125kg of aquatic chalk
4. Removal and disposal of site of any litter from the pond

Cllr Scouse spoke to the contractor today who suggested the membrane at the back will probably need a tidy up in summer.

Action: Clerk to ask Castletree to do a health check of the trees and branch tidy up.

122/23. Memorial Garden – update on working parties new plan, plant list and actions to date

Spring bulbs have now been planted.

NNC ground maintenance team visited to prune and tidy up the shrubs.

The working party will now ask the Plant man to draw up a design that will include grasses and fauna.

123/23. Christmas lights – update on findings from electrical points, purchases and installation

The Christmas tree socket has been tested. All is well and the trip works.

A proper key to the box has now been obtained and a timer is now in the dock.

Two sets of battery operated lights have now been purchased and will be placed in the trees outside The Red Lion this year on the 26th November.

124/23. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

None

Planning decisions

NK/2023/0536

LOCATION: 12 Brookhaven, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single storey rear extension

No comment

Approved

NK/2023/0388

LOCATION: 10 Cox's Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Two storey front extension, single storey rear extension to replace conservatory, render and cladding, alterations to and insertions of windows and doors.

No comment

Decision date: 28/08/2023

Approved

NK/2023/0266

LOCATION: 2 Carter Avenue, Broughton, NN14 1LZ

PROPOSAL: Demolition of shed/outbuilding and construction of garden room

No Comment

Target decision date: 11/07/2023

Approved

NK/2023/0591

LOCATION: Broughton Primary School, Cransley Hill, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1 Maple - branches to be trimmed;
T2 Silver Birch – fell

No comment

Target Decision date: 20/11/2023

NK/2023/0500

LOCATION: The Gables, 54 Church Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Listed Building Consent: Replace roof light to orangery and remove external flue. Swap over kitchen and living room including installation of a kitchen with ventilation grille/cowl to north-east elevation and relocation of log-burner. Installation of new waste pipe in hallway floor. Convert utility room to shower room and toilet to cupboard. Convert bedroom to bathroom including installation of bathroom suite. Convert existing bathroom to utility room including alterations to studwork and door. Fit ventilation grilles/cowls to serve bathroom and utility room.

No comment

Target decision date: 19/10/2023 - No decision yet

125/23. Finance Report.

November 2023 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Community - £24,128.35

Credits to Community account

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Credits to Nationwide account

Interest		£0.00
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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
A McDaid wages - mth 8	Bank transfer	£608.93
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£152.20
A McDaid home working, webpage & phone	Bank transfer	£33.13
Poppy Wreath	Bank transfer	£20.00
P Scouse –Xmas lights refund	Bank transfer	£63.69

Broughton Chapel	Bank transfer	£500.00
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Cllr Shrive to authorise payments this month.

It was agreed to look into transferring £10k into the savings account. **Action: Clerk to look at interest rate of current saving account and other savings accounts on offer.**

It was **RESOLVED** that a donation of £500 would be offered to the chapel for ongoing costs related to the non profit making organisation who are running the coffee mornings, currently being hosted by Broughton Chapel. The clerk has investigated the relevant authorising expenditure and it was considered and agreed of benefit to the whole of the community as its open to all residents under Promotion of Wellbeing s2 LGA 2000.

The national unions and the national employers' body have finally reached agreement on local government pay. Spinal Column Points (SCP) 1 to 43 are **increased by £1,925** (prorated for part-time workers), with SCP 44 and above increased by 3.88%. The increase is worth 8.92% at the lowest SCP used for parish and town councils (SCP5) reducing to 3.88% for the highest. The increase is **backdated to 1 April 2023**.

The clerk is currently on LC1 SCP17.

Back pay is £242.76 before tax.

NB: The clerk has entered into a new phone contract with EE for £6 per month.

Resolved to pay in October but not received invoice yet

Room hire October – resolved to pay when received	Bank transfer	£20.00
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126/23. To resolve the precept for 2024/25

It was **RESOLVED** to precept £14k for 2024/25. There will be no increase from last year.

Pocket Park maintenance	£1,500.00
Salary	£5,000.00
Room Hire	£200.00
Homeworking	£144.00
Stationary	£50.00
Sundries/Poppy wreath	£25.00
Telephone	£150.00
Internal audit fee	£30.00
Playground	£3,236.00
Bus shelter	£65.00
xmas lights	£300.00

Bank charges	£24.00
Insurance	£1,000.00
NACRE	£50.00
SSLC membership	£114.00
Website social information	£36.00
Zoom	£0.00
CPRE	£36.00
Elections	£2,000.00
ICO	£40.00
Total	£14,000.00

127/23. To discuss grass mowing grant from NNC under LGA 1972, s136

S136 – LGA 1972 Contributions towards expenditure on concurrent functions.

Two or more local authorities may make arrangements for defraying any expenditure incurred by one of them in exercising any functions exercisable by both or all of them so the clerk investigated the option of BPC carrying out our own verge grass cutting within the village.

Robert Austin from NNC will send out an invitation for consideration when applications open next year.

Members agreed they would not make a decision until NNC decides on how many cuts Broughton will receive next year.

Action - Clerk to put back on the Agenda for Spring.

128/23. Items for consideration at next meeting

High Street play equipment and extra equipment from NNC. Clerk to look into what grants are available – Lottery funding or NNC funding.

129/23. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th December 2023. Clerk to let Lindsay know only this meeting in December

130/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The meeting was closed at 8pm

Signed:

Dated: