

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Gray.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr J. Manning

### **Ward Councillors present:**

Cllr Chris Smith - Haynes

Cllr Jan O'Hara

### **Members of the Public present:**

There were no members of the public present

### **22/130. Apologies. (1)**

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr John Currall (ward)

### **22/131. Declarations of Interest. (2)**

No declarations were made.

### **22/132. Minutes. (3)**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

NCALC – Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

### **22/133. Public right to speak. (4)**

The facility was not used at this meeting.

### **22/134. Reports from NNC Councillors. (5)**

Cllr Smith – Haynes reminded BPC that she could offer help financially via the Empowerment Fund she receives from NNC but this needs to be spent by the end of this financial year. She has looked into the possibility of helping towards replacing the bin in Wellingborough Road.

### 22/135. Report from clerk (6)

**22/16. General interest items** - Yeoman's house, 25 High Street

**Update Oct: Principal Planning Manager, Troy Healy is looking into the site and will possibly be issuing an s215 untidy land notice. Ongoing. Dec – chased Troy for a response. Emailed Iain Smith 14/02/22 to chase Troy. Update Dec: Side of chimney has now gone.**

**22/56. General interest items** - There are large potholes on the slip road coming off Kettering Road and entering into Northampton Road. **Action: Clerk to report. – Ian Boyes contacted as FixMyStreet was not working. Update Oct:** Some repairs have been completed but the holes within the white lines have not. **Update Dec – Cllr Scouse has contacted Ian Boyes**

22/121 - Action: Clerk to pin and embed newsletter to top of Facebook page. The post reach was 175 and post engagement was 52. **Completed.**

22/125 – After discussion with North Northamptonshire Council, the Commission has decided to amend some of the electorate forecasts being used in this electoral review. The revisions, which affect polling districts CRJ & CRK (Corby), and EBL (Wellingborough), are detailed on the Commission's Website.

**The consultation has now been extended another 4 weeks and will now close on 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

**22/126 - Clerk has set up a zoom call for 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to submit comments on:**

- **Boundary Reviews**
- **ORS North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment update and a Pitch Deliverability Assessment**
- **NNC Draft budget**

### **Clerk report**

The clerk was contacted by a resident on 22/12/2022, about a large pothole outside no9 High Street. This was a badly repaired part of the road and large pieces of tarmac were causing obstructions. This was reported to Highways and was repaired that night.

The clerk also responded to a resident regarding ongoing inconsiderate parking in Ivydene Terrace and West Street.

Round 2 of NNC Community Funding is now open. Grants up to £5000.00. The priorities are:

- Active, fulfilled lives – helping people live healthier, more active, independent and fulfilled lives.
- Better, brighter futures – caring for young people, providing them with a high-quality education and opportunities to help them flourish.
- Safe and thriving places – enable a thriving and successful economy that shapes great places to live, learn, work and visit.
- Green, sustainable environment – taking a lead on improving the green environment, making the area more sustainable for generations to come.
- Connected communities – ensuring our communities are connected with one another so they are able to shape their lives and areas where they live.
- Modern public services – providing efficient, effective and affordable services that make a real difference to all our local communities

## 22/136. Correspondence. (7)

January 2023

- North Northamptonshire Consultation Register: North Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2023/24 Consultation
- Update from the Leader of the Council 23/12/22, 13/01/2023
- Friday mini eUpdate - 23/12/22, 06/01/23, 13/01/23
- Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's January Newsletter
- North Northamptonshire Boundary Review update.

## 22/137. Reports from other meetings attended (8)

Village Hall

Cllr Scouse attended the village hall meeting.

They applied for an extension on the lease to include the football fields to enable them to apply for grant funding to improve the sports facilities but NNC decided to create an additional lease for the football fields to run concurrently with the existing lease which covers the land around the hall building.

The Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association are also looking to change of status of the Village Hall and alter from a Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This will allow the charity to, among other things own property which will mean that the Parish Council will no longer have to act as Custodian Trustee for the hall.

**Action: Clerk to look into the implications this would have in the event of the company going into administration**

Cllr Scouse also attended a NCALC meeting which was looking into their long term strategy.

Rural Forum Towns & Asset Mapping Project Villages Meeting

6th December 2022

Report by: Cllr Hilary Bull in attendance.

Presentation by Ben Wright, Keir on the new set up West & Asset Mapping Project; North contract. Shared services are in the design and build stage. They have a 7 year contract with maximum term of 14 years.

In the start up of the contract, they have been working with their maintenance investment programme clearing signs, vegetation, road markings, repairing pot holes and minor schemes and identifying work streams.

Andy Leighton, is Customer and Comms Manager and advised they have had 1300 enquiries in 12 weeks.

Community Liaison officers for us in NNC are Sarah Barnwell and Ian Boyes who hold a small budget themselves for highway improvements that is separate to the main budgets.

Street Doctor is being maintained as first point of call for logging issues.

Kerry Purnell, Community Services Lead confirmed that they are looking to complete their community strategy in 2023 including the devolution of assets policy. I asked for confirmation that no devolution would be exercised without giving the parishes the opportunity to build this in to their budgets. David Howes assured me that nothing mandatory would come through ahead of any budgeting process.

Police Inspector Paul Cash introduced himself as he is new in post to the Rural Area – all the

old issues are still in play re school parking etc, drug misuse – a couple of warrants recently in NN area have resulted in really good results. Very mindful that rural issues are different to town issues and wants to understand these and action more. Sample size for surveys are really low and he is asking for the parishes to push for participation so that the rural area is represented at a greater scale. This is almost the only way to get the Rural Area on any radar. Rothwell and Desborough fire stations are going to be used as bases as the Desborough post is withdrawn. Weldon and the Corby area were praising their local officer who seems to be omnipresent and supplying crime reports.

I have asked for these to be reinstated for Broughton and requested some police presence as we have not had any for years.

Leslie Sambrook Smith – Community Asset Mapping Project will continue as there are over 10k data points with many needing clarification and correct mapping. Land Registry searches are quite an issue in resolving a number of the issues David Howes asked if NNC had a blanket agreement to cover the Land Registry costs in establishing ownership of some assets.

Kerry Purnell advised re refugees, that it is a big commitment for the council. They are recruiting a permanent resettlement team in to the council and are making progress with this. So far 2 full time and a senior resettlement worker plus admin are in place.

Item for the next Agenda is to ask for a Planning Dept Status update following on from lack of staff, input and inability to contact them or receive any responses.

#### **22/138. Traffic Calming update (9)**

Cransley Hill

The Cransley Hill speed reduction – Traffic Orders section have confirmed that the initial statutory consultations for the 40mph limit have recently been undertaken and they confirm they have received no objections to the proposal.

They are now arranging to proceed to the next stage, where a public Consultation will start on the 12<sup>th</sup> January. The public will then have 3 weeks to submit any comments and / or objections.

Should there be no comments or objections from this process, the design team will then arrange for the ordering of the requisite signs which Highways would hope would be implemented by the early summer.

Speed Indicator Device

Cllr Shrive will look around the village for the next location to place the SID. **Action: Clerk to email over existing locations within the licence.**

Traffic calming

Ian Boyes discussed further the Traffic Calming project with Matt yesterday.

He confirmed that the Commercial Team are currently pricing up a priority working, similar to that proposed in Broughton, for another location in the county. This is the first one that has been priced up at under the new contract rates since the implementation of the new Highways contract last September. This will allow them to give BPC a realistic idea of the current costings for priority working which will then enable BPC to determine what features can be implemented from the available budget.

### 22/139. Community & Police report (10)

An email from Quinlan Oliver was received introducing himself as the Kettering Rural Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant and has invited us to make contact with our local police constable should we have any queries relating to policing matters within our parish. He confirmed our local police constable is PC 83 Lou James & PCSO 7191 Chrissy Duggan. The clerk has signed up to the Neighbourhood Alert.

### 22/140. Pocket Park Report. (11)

Cllr Scouse reported that the pond is filling up nicely.

Cllr's Shrive, Gray and Rose were going to clear the pond of dead wood but it was boggy around the perimeter. The Marginal plants are also starting to grow and get established so they did want to disturb them.

At the back end of the pond, the pathway has been compressed by passers by.

A post and rail fence at waist height would fit nicely in the area going from one bank to the other. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Shrive to get quotes.**

A discussion ensued around a new accessible pathway from the bridleway to the pond. Logistically, it would have to go in a diagonal direction and would only be worth doing if it could be guaranteed that wheelchairs and pushchairs could use it with ease.

It is estimated it would need a substantial amount in funds to achieve a high quality path.

A grant could help with the financial side if successful. **Action: clerk to look into finding expert advice and quotes.**

### 22/141. Planning Report. (12)

#### **Planning applications**

NK/2023/0001

LOCATION: 6 Gables Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations: Installation of solar photovoltaic and energy storage systems with associated ancillary equipment

NK/2022/0783

LOCATION: 37 Church Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: G1 Sycamore - cut back by 1m to boundary.

#### **Planning decisions**

NK/2022/0747

LOCATION: 35 Wellingborough Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Construction of 1 detached dwelling with new vehicular access

#### **No Comment**

Target decision date: 06/02/2023

NK/2022/0722

LOCATION: 9a High Street

PROPOSAL: Detached studio/home office to front of dwelling

#### **Refused**

NK/2022/0691

Location: Village Hall, Gate Lane, Broughton

Description: Front, rear and side extensions and remodelling to provide for a pre-school, changing facilities, community room with hospitality areas, additional facilities and extended stage area

**Approved with conditions**

NK/2021/0995

LOCATION: Old Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Section 73A Retrospective Application - Siting of caravans for residential occupation with associated utility buildings

Expiry consultation date: 20/06/2022

**Comment: Objection - Broughton Parish Council object to this application, Report submitted.**

NK/2022/0460 The Cottage – The target decision date showing on the planning portal was 19/09/2022. Members asked Cllr O' Hara if she had heard when a decision would be made but she couldn't advise. It was noted that the delegated officer is Mark Coleman.

#### 22/142. Finance Report. (13)

##### **January 2023 statements**

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,230.13

Community - £19,045.57

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 10	Bank transfer	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom,	Bank transfer	£34.39
Room hire December 2022	Bank transfer	£16.00

Cllr Scouse to sign off and verify online payments.

Amanda Norway emailed the clerk and asked her to submit one last document so she could send Barclays the bank review for approval.

#### 22/143. Chairmans allowance. (14)

It was resolved to keep the chairman's allowance in the BPC bank account but to ring fence the sum of £240.00 for discretionary payments throughout the year.

#### 22/144. Christmas lights. (15)

Cllr Scouse emailed KBC street lighting to ask for clarification on the Christmas lights

maintenance and light switch on for next year.

#### 22/145. Civility and Respect pledge. (16)

BPC reviewed the Civility and Respect pledge and all agreed to support as good practice. It was noted that while BPC was a good employee, unfortunately there is a lot of bullying that takes place in the Sector. **Resolved.**

**Action: Clerk to ask our MP Philip Hollobone to sign EDM 611 on intimidation in community, parish and town councils as well.**

#### 22/146. General interest items. (17)

Cllr Bull commented on the dip in Wellingborough Road which was repaired but is now lifting again. Water is running down from the first field on the right going out of the village which is undermining the road surface. **Action: Clerk to contact highways and ask Ian Boyes to make contact with the landowner.**

The number of cars parked on the junction of Wellingborough Road/Northampton Road is becoming a problem and has been mentioned on social media. There is also an unpleasant smell coming from one of the shops there. **Action: Clerk to contact Environmental services.**

It was noted in the High Street Memorial garden, the plants have still not been removed following a meeting with the officer from NNC. The killing of a patch of grass was also on the list of things to do and has also not been carried out. **Action: Clerk to contact Dave Lane.**

The Plantman has advertised this is now the correct time to plant trees. **Action: Members of the Memorial garden working group will purchase and arrange delivery and planting of tree.**

Cllr Manning was delighted the Streetlights she reported outside 33 Glebe Avenue and 58 Church Street have finally been repaired. There are still 2 more that need fixing outside 37 Church Street and Gate Lane.

Cllr Gray reported an act of vandalism in the High Street park that took place recently. It was evident that several glass bottles had been deliberately smashed near the children's play area. Cllr Gray swept it up and removed the glass.

A discussion ensued to what appears to be a lot of dog excrement in the park as well.

**Action: Clerk to contact the dog warden.**

The Village Playing Fields are also suffering with a lot of littering and dog waste which is a considerable concern for the football teams. **Action: Clerk to put out a reminder to take rubbish home on social media.**

Cllr Shrive reported the signs on the metal pole on the corner of Gate Lane/bridleway have had their day. **Action: Cllr Shrive to take a photo and send to clerk for reporting.**

It was noted that wheel tracks maybe from Trail bikes, have been found in the Pocket Park.

**22/147. Date of next meeting. (18)**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**22/148. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (19)**

The meeting was closed at 8:00pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**