

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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

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Meeting ID: 810 6795 8369 Passcode: 535522

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse.

Cllr R. Shrive. (Chair).

Cllr H. Bull.

Cllr I. Robson.

Cllr M. Rose.

County/Borough Councillor present:

None were present at this meeting.

19/9138. Apologies. (1)

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

19/9139. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

19/9140. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th July 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.

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19/9141. Public right to speak. (4)

This facility was not used.

19/9142. Reports from local County and Borough Councillors. (5)

No Councillor's attended this meeting

19/9143. Matters arising from the minutes. (6)

Matters arising from March 2019 minutes.

19/7986. General Interest Items.

Cllr Baxter raised that he has received a resident complaint about the footpath (GD15) adjacent to Crane Close. Aggregate has washed away exposing large tree roots growing up into the footpath which are now dangerous.

Ref 1787040. State changed to in progress.

Update: 20/03/2020. No change to status. ONGOING

Update: Cllr Smith-Haynes was asked to chase this up as over a year old. 20/05/2020

Update: Reported again. WEB Ref 191936 via KBC

Matters arising from April 2020 minutes

19/9080. General interest items

The metal bin liner from the dog waste bin was reported stolen to KBC. 20/04/2020. Ref: 179661.

Update: KBC attended and put a plastic bag over the litter bin but the liner has still not been replaced.

Action: Clerk to chase up.

Update: Bin has been replaced with a normal bin which can be used as a dog bin. RESOLVED

Matters arising from 17th June 2020 minutes

19/9113 Report from Community and Traffic Calming Committee

Cllr Scouse contacted Ian Boyes to chase up the drawings for the Traffic Calming Project. The majority of the drawings are complete barring Northampton Road, but the project has not been costed yet. Priority has now been given to the Walking and Cycling consultation so the engineers have been redeployed to concentrate on that at the present time.

Cllr Bull raised that BPC cannot be found at fault for not spending the S106 money by the spend by date if the delay is incurred by NCC and all agreed.

Action: Cllr Scouse to ring Ian Boyes to try and get a timeframe of when the Northampton Road drawings will be complete.

Update: Cllr Scouse contacted Ian Boyes but is yet to receive an answer.

Update: 18/09/2020 Ian Boyes replied to say he has chased this up with the design team and has also asked about installing the barrier rails as soon as possible.

19/9118 General Interest Items

Cllr Baxter reported a member of the public has asked for BPC to pursue cutting back the hedge which is over the footpath between the bus shelter and the bypass on Kettering Rd, as its causing pedestrians to walk in the road. **ACTION: Clerk to notify Fix my street. Reported 22/06/2020, Ref: 2167558. RESOLVED**

Matters arising from 15th July 2020 minutes

19/9130. Report from Community and Traffic Calming Committee. (10)

BPC are now in receipt of the grant awarded by the Road Safety Panel.

The Section 50 licence cheque was presented on 14th July 2020. **RESOLVED.**

Upon receipt of the licence, members agreed to purchase a SAM (Smiley Activated Message) device along with 2 batteries, data capture and an additional charger from Messagemaker/Stocksigns Ltd.

Action: Clerk to order when Section 50 license is received.

Update: Ordered with 3 additional back plates ordered. One plate was damaged and has now been replaced. Messagemaker have not asked for the damaged one to be sent back. Total amount including VAT - £3404.40. RESOLVED

19/9135. General interest items. (15)

Cllr Baxter asked the clerk to report the continuous ivy growing up the wall of the High Street recreation ground and once cleared, treat with weed killer. **Action: Clerk to report. Web reference number is 190149 14/09/2020 Partly resolved but not finished yet near the village map.**

It was commented on that Cllr Rose still needs to submit a photo for the website. **Action: Cllr Rose to forward on to the clerk who will then upload. RESOLVED**

19/9144. Correspondence. (7)

ACRE Parish Council network event – July 28th

FourSpires newsletter

Invitation to Kettering Parishes Forum

Unitary Blueprint documents from NCALC

Village Viewpoint Summer Edition

LGR Event from NCALC

NCC Community Flood Resilience Pathfinder Project

Rural Bulletin

Community Health and Wellbeing online survey

Safer Streets Northamptonshire update: Views sought on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Northampton – Published on website

COVID-19 in Northamptonshire - Community Engagement

NALC newsletter – Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Amendment No 4 Regulations 2020

19/9145. Nitrous Oxide (8)

Cllr Scouse contacted the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Mr Mold regarding the ongoing issue with people misusing Nitrous Oxide on the outskirts of the village between the Village Hall recreation field and the cemetery, requesting advice and guidance on how this can be tackled.

19/9146. Dispensation to accept non attendance, Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972

Legislation states if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he 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. The government granted flexibility for councils to meet at different times and using remote methods, partly in order to prevent them from being 'timed out' with this six month rule.

Cllr West last attended on 19th Feb 2020.

Unfortunately, due to BPC not meeting in August, the opportunity was missed to resolve a dispensation to accept Cllr West's non-attendance within the six month rule. Therefore, BPC regrettably has to accept Cllr West has ceased to be a member and the authority have another vacancy.

Action: The Clerk will notify KBC Electoral Services.

Cllr Baxter last attended on 20th March 2020.

The Clerk wrote to Cllr Baxter to explain S85 of the LGA 1972 and as he was still within the six month rule, asked him to submit his apologies as usual and specifically asked for reasons for non-attendance to be accepted by the council.

Cllr Baxter submitted the following statement:

After well over 30 years council service and missing very few actual meetings, I did not expect to find myself in this position. I no longer use a lap top, only a mobile phone and in particular do not feel comfortable, proficient or enjoy using some apps and devices such as zoom so I am unable to attend remote meetings. Please accept my apologies for not attending the September remote meeting on Wednesday night.

Members discussed and agreed to grant a dispensation to accept Cllr Baxter's apologies for the next 3 months only with a view to making alternative arrangements to enable him to attend. **RESOLVED**

Cllr Shrive was extremely disappointed by the lack of attendance and apologies for tonight's meeting and the other members agreed. It was pointed out that as BPC now has three vacancies, it is imperative that all members attend so there is a quorum to make decisions. **Action: Clerk to send a reminder to all councillors that the agenda is an actual summons to attend and any genuine apologies stating the reason, must be sent to the clerk prior to the meeting.**

Clerk to look at all councillors attendance records and report back at the next meeting.

19/9147. Operation Spring Bloom (10)

BPC ordered 200 crocus for outside the High Street bungalows and 200 bluebells for the woodland in Pocket Park. Additionally, 200 daffodils and 200 crocus were ordered on behalf of Friends of Broughton School to plant outside the school entrance.

The daffodils that were planted into the allotment last year will be lifted next year after they have flowered again and then be distributed around the village.

19/9148. NCALC Membership. 11)

With the Unitary Authority coming into force in May 2021, BPC decided to join Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) starting from 1 October 2020.

Members agreed this would prove vital to ensure having a voice with the continued talks and proceedings as the Shadow Unitary Authority are using NCALC as the spokesperson for the parishes.

The full year fee for 2021/22 will be around £770 (subs for 2021/22 to be determined at the AGM on 3rd October 2020).

The fee to join from 1st October – 31st March 2021 is £371.28. **RESOLVED**

Action: Clerk to contact NCALC and arrange payment.

19/9149. Community Assets and provisions for maintenance. 12)

NCALC have asked BPC to produce a list of Assets and Services currently owned/managed by KBC to forecast what responsibilities could be transferred after the authority no longer exist.

Action: Clerk to send list over when compiled.

The Village Hall has a new maintenance person who has reported damage to one of the speed humps in the car park and has highlighted it to the parish council.

Cllr Shrive will assess the damage and report back. Members wondered if the Village

Hall could put a shout out to any of their regular users to see if there is anyone qualified to fix.

19/9150. Report from Community and Traffic Management Sub Committee (13)

The Speed Indicator Device was erected in Kettering Road on 5 September by members. All agreed it was relatively easy to put up and it is working well. The device will be able to produce valuable data of how many vehicles travel along the stretch of road over the speed limit. A discussion was then had about how often the batteries would need changing and which location would be suitable next.

Policing

There was an attempted burglary in Church Street at 5am on 13 September.

Dog fouling

BPC received a complaint about dog fouling in Thoday Close. The complaint was forwarded on to the Dog Warden who visited an address this afternoon.

The Clerk then received a phone call raised by the resident who was visited as the Dog Warden informed them the complaint came from BPC.

As BPC has no powers to deal with dog fouling, it was agreed to refer any future dog fouling complaint raised by resident, to be asked to contact the Dog Warden at KBC directly. This will help reduce any potential malicious calls using BPC resources or mistaken identify.

Speedwatch

Road Safety update for distribution regarding the Speedwatch volunteer programme has been cancelled.

The Police mobile van is still active so have been asked to carry out more speed checks as per

resident's recent complaints.

19/9151. Report from Pocket Park Management Sub Committee (14)

BPC were delighted to receive confirmation of a secured Capital Grant of £2000.00 from KBC for the work towards desilting the pond in the Pocket Park. KBC will deposit grant via bacs payment in due course. The Clerk sent photos of the pond as requested to be used for promotional purposes by KBC.

Members looked at the finances and concluded they were now in a position to at least start the tree work.

Further fundraising will be needed to complete the pond work as it was agreed a composite decking platform would serve longer than a wooden one but is more expensive.

All agreed the Fairy woods have proved very popular.

Action: Cllr Scouse will contact the deputy head at the school and liaise with them on the design and risk assessment of the decking.

19/9152. Report from Planning Sub Committee. (15)

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

Planning applications for consideration.

KET/2020/0362

Mr James

LOCATION: 22 Cransley Hill, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full application: Erection of 1 no. dwelling and conversion of workshop/dwelling to form 3 no. dwellings

Comment: BPC will be disappointed to see the end of an employment site with such a long history and tradition within the village but they are also mindful that the building can no longer support the company's activities.

The business undertakes work of the highest quality and offers opportunities for the craftsmen and women of the future to learn their trade, these skills are vital to maintain our historic and architecturally important buildings. Denying the business the opportunity to expand into more appropriate premises for the commissions they now undertake would risk the business eventually ceasing to trade and the career opportunities being lost.

Whilst BPC will be sad to see the business relocate, the latest proposal both complies with the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan and would appear to be reflecting both the officers advice and the neighbours comments from previous applications.

We therefore support the application.

KET/2020/0513

LOCATION: 54 Glebe Avenue, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations: Replacing existing conservatory roof

No comment

KET/2020/0528

LOCATION: 8 Lime Close, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Householder Permitted Development: Single storey extension to extend beyond the rear wall of the original property by 4.6m, with a maximum height of 2.5m and eaves height of 2.5m.

No comment

KET/2020/0555

LOCATION: Broughton Primary School

PROPOSAL: NCC Own Development: Removal of existing temporary mobile classroom and construct a replacement single storey classroom, new hall store and entrance extension (Northamptonshire County Council, 20/00020/CCDFUL)

No Comment

KET/2020/0460

Mr Stock, 5S Property Limited

LOCATION: 22 Carter Avenue, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Outline application with all matters reserved for 1 dwelling.

Comment: No comment at this stage, we will however be asking that any further full applications be in keeping with the street scene.

KET/2020/0578

LOCATION: The Banks, Little Cransley

PROPOSAL: Full application, Garden Room

Comment: The wall rendering to match existing dwelling in colour and type and that it should not become a separate dwelling.

KET/2020/0608

LOCATION: 15 Church Street

PROPOSAL: T1 Pear – fell, T2 Lawson Cypress – fell, G1 Prostrate conifer & 4xApple – fell, G3 Lilac, Laburnum & Lawson Cypress – fell.

No Comment

Planning Decisions.

NCC.

LOCATION: Broughton Primary School.

Removal of temporary classroom and replace with new single storey classroom, new hall store and entrance extension.

No comment. **No objection**

KET/2020/0318.

Mr. F Doran.

LOCATION: The Old Willows, 10 The Old Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Full, Change of use of part of application site from unused land to use as an extension to a residential caravan site and taken together with the existing site would be for 12 traveller families, each with one caravan/mobile home including laying of hardstanding and construction of retaining wall.

Comment. Propose Objection. **Comment submitted 7th July**

KET/2020/0425

Mrs Spooner

LOCATION: 4 Broughton Road

PROPOSAL: Tree works in a conservation area. 1 tree to be pollard

No Comment **No Objection**

KET/2020/0418

The Red Lion

PROPOSAL: Tree works in a conservation area. 3 trees to be felled

No Comment **No Objection**

Report from the Planning Sub Committee

KET/2020/0318

Members aired their frustration with KBC for not being able to provide any real update on the above application. There is now a new entrance, lighting and other elements of building work continuing. NCC have also failed to produce the specification for the former and circulate. This effects the proposals that cannot be addressed until this is provided. Members agreed this was disappointing for what should be the sort of design used in many places over the county.

An article in the Northamptonshire Telegraph reported the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) commissioned by KBC has found that more than a quarter of the authorised pitches for travellers are being lived on by non traveller families in static homes which is a breach of planning consents.

19/9153. Clerk pay rise and training. (16)

The LGS Salary award 2020-21 was finally agreed for a 2.75% rise to include an additional day's holiday based on a full time 37 hours contract. The backdated amount from April - August will be £41.60 which will be added to September's pay.

The Clerk requested to attend SLCC Virtual National Conference. This is a week-long training event and will include learning sessions and workshops. The cost is £25 exc VAT. **RESOLVED**

19/9154. Report from Finance Committee. (17)

Sept 2020 statements

Savings - £2.41

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,065.21.

Community - £29,054.97

Credits to Community account

Broughton Village Hall - Refund for hall hire	Cheque	£9.22
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Cheques issued from Community account 17th September 2020.

Payee	Cheque number	Amount £
A. McDaid wages - mth 6 plus £41.60 backdated pay	Bank transfer	£282.16
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£70.40
A. McDaid home working, phone and internet, Zoom HW - £12, Phone - £10.35 plus £1, Zoom - £14.39. (Phone charge went up £1 per month in August as discretionary period has now expired.)	Bank transfer	£37.74
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79
SLCC Virtual National Conference	Bank transfer	£30.00
NCALC membership 01/10/2020 – 31/03/2021	Bank transfer	£371.28

19/9155. General interest items. (18)

In August, the Clerk emailed Ian Boyes at NCC to see if it would be possible to put in a dropped kerb opposite the footpath exit in Hutchinson Avenue which runs from Glebe Avenue as it is a well used footpath and some older residents who use scooters are finding it a problem when they enter into Hutchinson Avenue. Ian replied to say he had spoken with the engineering department and they have confirmed there is a small amount of funding left in the budget that should be enough to cover the installation of a simple drop kerb as requested. It will be subject to a design stage but they don't envisage any problems. They would hope to undertake this work around Christmas time when there is an embargo on works on busier roads so is a good opportunity to do smaller works such as this on quiet roads.

Cllr Scouse received a call from a resident in Donaldson Avenue regarding the short stretch of grass adjacent to Podmore Way playground and the residents garden wall which people are using to park cars taking advantage of their dropped kerb. Cllr Scouse emailed KBC to see if short wooden posts could be put around this area as well, similar to the main grass area alongside the footpaths, to deter people parking there.

Cllr Scouse reported the dog bin in Northampton Road had been damaged and requested a replacement on 25th August. The Clerk has also chased this up today and is awaiting a reply

Cllr Bull mentioned the Christmas lights and Poppy wreath.

Action: Clerk to contact KBC re the lights and Cllr Scouse to organise poppy wreath from Royal British Legion.

19/9156. Date of next meeting. (19)

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7pm.

19/91557 Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (20)

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

Signed: *PA Scouse*

Dated: 21/10/2020