

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr. H. Bull.

Cllr M. Gray.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr J. Manning

### **Ward Councillors present:**

Cllr. C. Smith-Haynes

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

There were two members of the public present

### **22/93. Apologies. (1)**

Cllr R. Shrive – work

Cllr J O'Hara

Cllr J Currall

### **22/94. Declarations of Interest. (2)**

No declarations were made.

### **22/95. Minutes. (3)**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### **22/96. Public right to speak. (4)**

There were two members of the public in attendance.

### **22/97. St Andrews Church – proposals for church interior. (5)**

Revd Nicki Hobbs

Update on the re-ordering plan for the church interior works were discussed. The plans started to be considered back in 2017/18 but were postponed by the PCC and have now been picked

up again.

The works would include underfloor heating, a new floor level with one step up to altar. Chandeliers will provide spot heating. Pews will be replaced around the edge of the building and bespoke moveable church chairs will be situated in the middle to provide additional seating.

The back of the church will be rearranged by providing a larger kitchenette on one side and two toilets on the other. The larger kitchenette will enable the church to provide refreshments and produce easy food.

St Andrews want the church to become a flexible space that the cubs and schools can use.

Plans are up on the board outside the church and the first open day was successful.

These works will be funded by sold land and fundraising. 65% of the building funds have been already raised.

Work to commence in 2024 with the church being closed 6 – 10 weeks. Cransley and Mawsley will pick up services while the church is closed.

There has been a boost to the Sunday school which is welcomed.

BPC resolved to support these works and a letter of support will be sent to the Diocese Advisory Committee.

**Action: Clerk to send letter**

#### **22/98. Reports from NNC Councillors. (6)**

Jan O Hara report November 2022 – submitted in writing

We have undertaken several personal cases which cover a range of matters from planning to housing and environmental

We have attended various meetings, but some points of note are

- Climate change environment and growth EAP noted the ongoing review of flood risk across North Northamptonshire
- Report undertaken looking at achieving a commitment in NN to work to net zero
- Street lighting, ongoing program to upgrade to more efficient LED lights
- Voi e-bikes and e-scooters trial will continue until May 2024 but is deemed to be working well
- Trials in some areas to have groceries delivered by small pods thereby taking cars off the roads. Noted they are very energy efficient using the power required to boil a kettle for a cup of tea so reducing our carbon footprint
- Scrutiny committee met and decided due process had been followed and despite voting against the charges, the charges are pushing through via the Executive

Met with Ian Boyes, Cllr Currall and Broughton members to discuss Highway calming measures.

Cllr Bull questioned the Voi e-bikes and e-scooters and would like NNC to explain the logic of the scooters being strewn all over the place and then picked up by vans for battery changes. The scheme has been extended to May 2024.

Chris Smith- Haynes

No report as such but available for questions and to observe meeting

#### **22/99. Report from clerk (7)**

**19/9423. General interest items.** - The Old Cottage on the banks is looking very untidy.

**Update Oct: Principal Planning Manager, Troy Healy is looking into the site and will possibly be issuing an s215 untidy land notice. Ongoing**

**22/16. General interest items - Yeoman's house**

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**22/56. General interest items - Cllr Bull reported that the road sign in Northampton Road is now covered by an overgrown hedge. Action: Cllr Bull to take photo and forward onto clerk to report. Ongoing.**

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. **Action: Clerk to chase.**

**Footpath from Hutchinson Avenue to Glebe Avenue is very overgrown and difficult to traverse in a wheelchair reported – Ref 3773090.**

**Update Oct:** Clerk chased but works have not yet been completed. **Action: Clerk to chase again. Update Nov:** This report has been assessed and a job for repair has been raised. Initial report was raised on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**22/80.** Footpath from the side of 56 Church Street by the Church to the pocket path. It has brambles and briars at eye height and is becoming quite dangerous reported - Ref 3773119. – **Completed**

**22/84.** The police representatives for Broughton are PC83 Louise James and PSCO 7191 Christine Duggan. The clerk now has their contact details. PSCO Kirsty Ellerby remains liaison officer in respect of travellers. **Closed**

There has been some sightings of vehicles parked at the end of the cemetery. The Gate is always open and activity has been sighted there. The clerk has emailed NNC to report but has yet to receive a response. **Update Nov: Cemetery was inspected last week and there are no plans to install a sign on the gate. Closed.**

22/90. The street lighting outside 33 Glebe Avenue is not working and all along Gate lane to St Andrews is also out. **Action: Cllr Shrive to walk around and gather positions for clerk to report. Nov: 33 Glebe Avenue has now been reported by resident.**

There is still a fence down which was caused by the storms in the High Street park. **Action: clerk to chase again.**

Cllr Bull observed that there is a permanent light on outside village hall.

Observation – There is an unacceptable level of bad youth behavior at the moment which are leaving people feeling intimidated. These youths often gather outside the Fish and chip shop in Wellingborough Road and it was questioned whether there was a license in place for these seats. **Action: Cllr Rose to talk to Red Lion as it maybe their table left over from the jubilee celebrations. Ongoing**

### **Clerk report**

The clerk used the SLCC forum to ask fellow clerks who fall under East Northants Council about private contractors operating in competition to ENC green waste contractors and whether they came in cheaper than the £55 the local authority was charging. Sarah Roger, the clerk at Nassington used it but discovered that it worked out at £6.67 per month which worked out the equivalent of £80 per year.

14/11/2022 Reported litter bin in poor condition on Wellingborough Rd/Northampton Rd to waste services asking for it to be replaced. NNC Street Cleansing manager replied Unfortunately due to budget constraints we are unable to replace any litter bins at the moment, if you would like this bin replaced by a new one I am happy to send across a quotation for supply and install, if the parish council would like to pay for this.

**Action: Cllr Smith- Haynes to look into this. Clerk to send email from NNC.**

14/11/2022 – Clerk contacted Dave Lane to ask whether the wall between Best Plaice/War memorial green was the responsibility of NNC or property as the wall is starting to look hazardous. Confirmed that wall belongs to the building

Cllr Scouse submitted a street cleansing report to NNC remarking that leaves and mud from the verges have blocked the drains on Gate Lane. Ref: MK462696665.

### **22/100. Correspondence. (8)**

November 2022

- Friday mini eUpdate - 21/10/22, 04/11/22, 11/11/2022
- AMP NNC Listening Event Invitation - 15 November
- Parish Council Members - October Ebulletin NACRE
- Town and Parish Councillors - Contact Details - Register of Interests and other forms, for completion
- Update from the Leader of the Council 28/10/2022, 11/11/2022
- AGM Northamptonshire Branch
- Northants CALC Training Newsletter - Climate Conference
- Kier- North Northants Investment Plan
- Consultation on school admission arrangements for September 2024 intakes.
- Parish Council Networking Event -'Cost of living support' invitation. 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **22/101. Reports from other meetings attended (9)**

Cllr Robin Shrive and Cllr Rose – NNC listening Event – 15<sup>th</sup> November

The meeting consisted of all councillors/clerks from different areas of Northamptonshire, NNC officers and NCALC.

### **Statement from Cllr David Howes, NNC – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**NNC has yet to develop a strategic approach to devolution of services. It is anticipated this would form part of a committee strategy to be developed during 2023. It has already adopted new Community Asset Transfer and Assets of Community Value policies and is therefore open to having conversations with organisations wishing to take on council assets,**

**Whilst there is no overall strategic and political commitment to wholesale devolution by NNC at present in the current and projected economic climate, the council is**

**committed to working with Towns, Parishes and Voluntary and Community Sector to ensure valuable assets and services can be sustained within our communities.**

There is no laid down procedure to forcing parishes to adopt assets and if assets were transferred, they would be subject to market rates. It should also be noted, the clerk of a parish needs to be CILCA qualified to take on assets.

Asset Mapping and devolution of services are two completely deferent things, I think by the end of the evening (and reiterated by Cllr Rose) every one of the local councils agreed that assets and essential services should be separated, bin collections, grass cutting, street lights etc. should be a central controlled service and not done locally.

It was mentioned in Septembers meeting apparently, that 8 weeks' notice to change anything was acceptable and everyone agreed that you can't just change things, if you have not precepted for these changes.

Not all parishes who are controlling their own services are having a good time of it and a lot of people felt that the service side of things should be cheaper and may be better done by a central Unitary Authority as some were really struggling with contractors, although no details were offered up.

Councils who fall under East Northants couldn't see the problem as they already pay for some essential services so see it as, so should all old boroughs in the North. Cllr Shrive did put to everyone in the room that we need everyone to go back one step and understand that under the old local authorities, we all paid the same council tax, be it some paid more to the borough and some more to precept, but once added together these equalized. Under this new system, there is now a massive problem because everyone is giving NNC the same amount but some residents will be paying more because parishes will be extra precepting for these services if adopted. I think this was taken in.

For bigger councils, they don't see things in the same light as a smaller parish, the only exception to this rule was Corby Town Council saying they would under no circumstances entertain taking on the allotments when £100,000 is needed to bring them up to standard to be leased out. I did try and get over that one shoe can't fit all with all parishes being different sizes and having different needs.

Unlike the new authority already, Kettering Borough Council never had a bad budget and maintained 99% of services. If Community Assets are important enough, parishes will precept for them.

BPC councillors came away stating it was a shambolic meeting.

**22/102. Traffic Calming update 10)**

Cllrs Scouse, Rose, Currall and O'Hara attended a meeting with Highways Ian Boyes and Matt Barrett (engineer of drawings) on traffic calming measures for Broughton.

Highways admitted they are limited on what works they can carry out under regulations. Chicanes need to be lit and cannot hinder drive ways. etc.

Recommendation is a pinch point arrangement in Northampton Road and Kettering Road.

Members discussed that Northampton Road side of Rathmine Court as a possible site.

Matt Barret will cost up the priority working in place and see if there is a street light nearby

that could possibly be tapped into. This will then give a good indication on price and possible insight into any other calming measures that could be installed.

Discussions regarding altering kerb lines, designated parking bays and measurements elsewhere in the village.

All agreed agricultural vehicles would need to be taken into consideration.

Any new road markings would need to be paid for, but as Broughton is earmarked to have Road's resurfaced in the future, it would be wise to wait until these works have been completed so they are not obliterated by the works.

Pychleys crossroads – A passive signpost which will collapse if hit by vehicle has now been installed. Sat Nav's have been blamed for the amount of accidents.

#### 22/103. Community & Police report (11)

The police representatives for Broughton are PC83 Louise James and PSCO 7191 Christine Duggan. The clerk now has their contact details.

PCSO Kirsty Ellerby remains liaison officer in respect of travellers.

**Action: The clerk will contact them to see if they would like to a copy of the PC's minutes every month.**

#### 22/104. Planning Report. (12)

##### **Planning applications**

None to report

##### **Planning decisions**

NK/2022/0383

LOCATION: Broughton Baptist Church

PROPOSAL: Replacement windows (resubmission of NK/2021/0641)

Target decision date: 02/08/2022

**No Comment**

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.**

#### 22/105. Finance Report. (13)

##### **November 2022 statements**

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,230.13

Community - £26,509.88

Payment of £7.00 was made under the Scheme of Delegation to Broughton Playing Fields Association for room hire in November.

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 including back pay	Bank transfer	£581.32
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£145.20
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries	Bank transfer	£39.45
Charles Taylor workshop	Bank transfer	£543.00
Broughton Chapel Hire (Nov)	Bank transfer	£16.00
Poppy Wreath	Bank transfer	£20.00

Cllr Shrive to sign off and verify online payments. **Action: Clerk to chase bank mandate for Cllr Gray**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has been notified by the Local Government Association (LGA) that it has come to an agreement on the 2022/23 pay offer with the unions representing local government employees

The unions met on 1 November 2022 and agreed to accept the offer. The terms of that agreement include the following:

- With effect from 1 April 2022, an increase of £1,925 on all NJC pay points 1 and above.
- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of one day to all employees' annual leave entitlement.

The clerk is currently on LC1 SCP17 which was agreed last year. This will mean an increase in salary of £1 per hour before tax. Back pay is £242.83 before tax.

**22/106. Precept decision. (14)**

The budget was agreed and precept was resolved at £14k. This is a decrease of £1k from last year. Resolved

	Budget 2023/24	Precept 2023/24	Start of year 2023/24
Pocket Park maintenance	£200.00	£1,400.00	£1,600.00
Salary	£1,931.16	£5,000.00	£6,931.16
Room Hire	£62.83	£165.00	£227.83
Homeworking	£6.00	£144.00	£150.00
Post	£15.00		£15.00
Stationary	£18.33		£18.33
Sundries/Poppy wreath		£25.00	£25.00
Telephone		£160.00	£160.00
HMRC		£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Internal audit fee	£7.15	£35.00	£42.15
Playground	£300.00		£300.00
Bus shelter		£65.00	£65.00
xmas lights	£275.00		£275.00

Bank charges		£24.00	£24.00
Printing	£600.00	£600.00	£1,200.00
Insurance	£0.00	£670.00	£670.00
NACRE		£35.00	£35.00
Chairman's fund		£240.00	£240.00
Grit bins	£0.00		£0.00
High Street/Road safety	£3,030.13		£3,030.13
Unitary contingency	£15,000.00		£15,000.00
SSLC membership	£6.00	£112.00	£118.00
Website social information	£180.00		£180.00
Zoom		£173.00	£173.00
CPRE		£36.00	£36.00
NCALC		£850.00	£850.00
BT phone box	£0.00		
Elections	£496.82		£496.82
Training	£339.00		£339.00
Village Hall	£0.00		
Memorial Garden Project	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Warm room		£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Misc projects	£5,000.00		£5,000.00
	<b>£28,467.42</b>	<b>£13,234.00</b>	<b>£41,701.42</b>

### 22/107. Communications. (15)

The clerk had done a mockup of a parish newsletter via canva but did not present at the meeting, instead opting to circulate to the committee members via email. It was decided that a copy would be ready to be circulated before Christmas via social media and a few printed copies in prominent places throughout the village.

### 22/108. General interest items. (16)

Alderman Baxter – A fully laminated map of the cemetery belonging to the PC has been found in archive files which he will bring to the next meeting.

Members agreed to see if it could be made into a digital file, it would be.

Cllr Manning – Phone box Library– A resident has very kindly offered to look after and tidy up the phone box library. It was noted that the floor gets wet and books have been ruined if placed on the ground. Action: Cllr Scouse to source a shower duck board/half pallet to lay.

Cllr Taylor visited the Pocket park yesterday. One owl box has been erected and the others are to follow soon.

Cllr Gray commented on yet another accident that happened on A43 junction. A discussion took place regarding cars using the wrong lane when approaching the junction. **Action: to be raised with Highways.**

Cllr Rose spoke again on the disrepair of the roof at Yeoman's House, 25 High Street. **Action: Clerk to raise a complaint as officer has not got back to her queries.**

**22/109. Date of next meeting. (17)**

Wednesday 21st December 2022.

**22/110. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (18)**

No other matters were discussed and the meeting was closed at 9:05pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**