

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr J. Manning

Cllr C. Taylor

### **Ward Councillors present:**

Cllr Jan O'Hara

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

None were present

### **74/23. Apologies.**

Cllr John Currall

Cllr Chris Smith Haynes

### **75/23. Declarations of Interest.**

None were received

### **76/23. Minutes.**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 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.

### **77/23. Public right to speak.**

No members of the public were present

### **78/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.**

Cllr Jan O'Hara did not submit a report but attended meeting and answered questions when relevant.

### 79/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

**31/23 - Memorial Garden Project** - BPC are still waiting on NNC clearing the shrubs. It was noted that Dave Lane has moved to a different role. It was agreed, the memorial tree needs extra watering now the weather is getting warmer.

**Action May: Clerk to contact Sarah Parr – Unable to contact S. Parr as email address bouncing back. Submitted through central system. Ref MK525125141.**

**Action June: Speak to Liam Faulkner. Chased 22/08/2023**

**See 83/23 below**

**36/23** - Speed indicator device to be located next at KBC3 Cransley Hill and afterwards Gate Lane. Clerk to check s50 license. **Action: Add K101, K115, and K123 to s50 license.** Emailed Erik Drake 05/07/23. **Emailed again and left a voicemail. No reply**

### **Clerk report**

Two more back plates were ordered to house the Speed Indicator Device.

**61/23** – The hedge in Cox's Lane has been cut down to a reasonable level.

**63/23** – The overgrown hedge at 49 Wellingborough Road has now been cut back and no longer overhangs pavement.

### **August/September 2023 correspondence**

- Have your say on the future of sport and leisure in North Northamptonshire
- Update from the Leader of the Council 27/07/2023, 08/09/2023
- Love Food Kettering 3rd September 2023
- Councillor Drop In Event At Rushden Library - Tuesday 15th July and Wellingborough Library Thursday 17th August
- Northamptonshire ACRE AGM – 13<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Councillor Drop In Event At Rothwell Library On Wednesday 6th September and Wollaston Library Tuesday 19th September
- Two consultations: Public Spaces Protection Order for dog control / Environmental Permit: Easimix Concrete and Screen Ltd
- Councillor Drop In Event At Rothwell Library On Tuesday 19th September
- Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's September Newsletter

### 80/23. Reports from other meetings

No other meetings were attended

### 81/23. Traffic Calming Report and Pytchley Crossroads update

The clerk contacted Ian Boyes to relay the councils preferred design for Northampton Road. It was requested to only carry out consultation on the preferred design.

### **Pytchley Crossroads**

The clerk met with the clerk at Pytchley Parish Council to create a coordinated response to NNC Highways in regards to Pytchley Crossroads after the recent spate of accidents.

Matthew O'Connell (Safer Roads Team Manager) was contacted but said as the approach to this junction in all directions is heavily engineered and would be clear to the careful and

competent motorist, his team would not be able to assist directly at this location as their primary delivery is speed enforcement.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that accidents are down to driver error but there also seems to be an underestimated high volume of traffic around the crossroads that is not being recognised by NNC Highways. Drivers are travelling at high speeds and going straight over the crossroads without checking. The majority of accidents seem to be coming from drivers exiting Pytchley towards the A43 and hitting oncoming traffic from Orlingbury – Broughton Road. Visibility is also hindered by a hedge.

**Action: Clerk to ask if the Broughton direction post could be reinstalled and fluorescent signs appointed. Also ask again if a traffic monitor could be installed to measure volume of traffic. Contact Pytchley clerk again to see if they want to borrow Broughton SID and locate it on the give way posts in their parish.**

Cransley Hill

Ian Boyes confirmed he has chased up the order for the 30mph sign for Cransley Hill last month with the maintenance team. The contractor is working through a large backlog of works, but I have asked for this to be given priority as soon as their resources allow.

Bus stop

The clerk was contacted by the senior public transport Officer, Elise Northfield as concerns had been raised regarding regular missed pick-ups due to cars parked in the vicinity of the bus stop at Kettering Road/Gate Lane, Little Cransley, Broughton, whereby the bus driver is unable to see in advance that someone is standing at the stop.

A discussion ensued and as resident properties adjacent do not have off road parking facilities and the road does not accommodate an area where the bus could stop anyway, it was agreed that the clerk would contact the bus company to see if the bus stop sign could be attached to the nearby lamp post instead for better for visibility.

**Action: Clerk to contact First Bus.**

## 82/23. Community & Police Report

Police Report

The chair and clerk were in correspondence with the police over anti-social behaviour that was taking place around the village and in the Pocket Park.

The clerk asked for a greater police presence in Broughton and invited PCSO Christine Duggan 7191 to the monthly meetings but unfortunately she has been ill and is currently office bound at the moment.

The Kettering areas three local priorities from now until 30 November, will be:

1. Road Safety & Road Traffic Offences
2. Burglary
3. Drug Dealing/Misuse

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership launched film to tackle child exploitation on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### 83/23. Pocket Park Report

RD Gardening Solutions and Maintenance finished work on the path, shrubbery, post and fence.

AES Europe Ltd visited the pond to survey its health. They will send a maintenance report.

Cllr Manning retrieved the safety rope which had once again been thrown into the pond.

### 84/23. Memorial Garden Report

The working group will now meet to make a design plan for planting. It was agreed that as there is £1k set aside in the budget for the garden, it will be used to employ a company to do the manual work.

A discussion then took place on double taxation in respect to the poor management of grass verges by NNC and the possibility of BPC paying for additional cuts. It was agreed that the clerk would contact NNC and ask how much is budgeted and paid for by Broughton residents for grass cutting and how many visits are they contracted for per year.

**Action: Clerk to contact Rebecca Jenkins and portfolio holder, Lloyd Bundy.**

### 85/23. Broughton Newsletter Q3

A call for items of interest was put out to councillors. All items to be sent to Cllr Bull by 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### 86/23. Website - To make a decision on new monthly charges

Hugo Fox will no longer provide a free service to Parish Councils and are introducing charges from 4<sup>th</sup> October. They will offer three monthly packages.

Bronze - £9.99 +VAT

Silver - £19.99 +VAT

Gold - £29.99 +VAT

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the bronze package

### 87/23. Christmas lights – To make a decision and agree costs

The clerk acquired quotes from several tree farms. The cheapest one received was for a 25ft Norway Spruce totaling £3960.00 with lights.

The idea to light up the trees in the High Street park was the most popular but it was also recognised that the electrical point in the high street was disconnected by Balfour Beatty.

It was agreed that the phone box may have electricity that could be tapped into.

**Action: Cllr Scouse to check light in phone box is working and contact Western power for a quote**

### 88/23. Planning Report.

#### **Planning applications**

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

### Planning decisions

NK/2021/0995 – **RE-NOTIFICATION**

LOCATION: Old Northampton Road (land to the East) Broughton.

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

**Comment: Reiterate last comment submitted as original app was based on family and now relying on that again**

**Approved with conditions**

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 – No decision yet**

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 – No decision yet**

There is currently one property being investigated for an alleged breach of planning control

### 89/23. Finance Report.

#### September 2023 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Community - £25,778.03

Credits to Community account

VAT reclaim		£4586.12
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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 6	Bank transfer	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A McDaid home working & phone	Bank transfer	£21.15
Castletree August	Bank transfer	£300.00

Room hire Extra meeting June 1 hour x £8.00	Bank transfer	£8.00
Room Hire September 2 hours x £10	Bank transfer	£20.00

Under the scheme of delegation, £257.94 was authorized for the order of back plates to Stocksigns Ltd on 3/08/2023

Cllr Shrive to authorise this month.

**90/23. General interest items – for discussion only, no decisions.**

It was mentioned that someone has been litter picking by the top of Northampton Road. The Yeoman's House roof is still in disarray  
A matter of a sensitive nature was brought to the attention of the council. The clerk will follow up accordingly.

**91/23. Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed to move the next meeting by one week to accommodate the clerks holiday. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**92/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.**

The meeting was closed at 8:40pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**