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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held
Wednesday 16th October 2019, 7.00 pm
at Broughton Village Hall

Councillors Present:

- Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)
- Cllr R. Shrive
- Cllr H. Bull
- Cllr P. Wade
- Cllr R. Baxter
- Cllr M. Rose
- Cllr S. West
- Cllr I. Robson
- Cllr J. Chester

County Councillor present:

- Cllr J Hakewill
- Cllr C Smith-Haynes

19/8069	Apologies (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr O Wyeth	Actions
19/8070	Declarations of Interest (2) No declarations were made	Actions
19/8071	Minutes (3) Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 th September 2019, copies were circulated and then approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair. KBC – Kettering Borough Council NCC – Northamptonshire County Council BPC – Broughton Parish Council	Actions

	<i>This meeting was audio recorded and was agreed by members. The recording will be deleted as soon as the minutes have been signed off. Broughton Parish Council meetings are open to the public but the audio recording is to remain solely as a reference for minuting by the clerk at all times.</i>	
19/8072	Public right to speak (4) The facility was not used at this meeting	Actions
19/8073	<p>Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's (5)</p> <p><u>Cllr Chris Smith-Haynes</u></p> <p>Cllr Smith- Haynes apologised for not being around for the last 2 months as she had been off ill. She thanked Cllr Hakewill for covering in her absence</p> <p>The Unitary Authority is ploughing on ahead. There is a new commissioner for children's services now the Director has left.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Loddington illegal development</u></p> <p>A resident of Broughton had a conversation this morning with KBC to ask what was going on with the illegal site that popped up in Loddington over the last few days and was advised by the officer that if they weren't satisfied with the way KBC is handling it, to involve their MP, Philip Hollobone in which they did.</p> <p>After contacting Philip Hollobone, the MP sent by email a copy of the statement that KBC had released earlier that day and explained the original temporary stop notice that was served by KBC stated that works should stop immediately. The work continued. The permanent stop notice that was served on 15th October takes effect on the 19th October and on this date all of the activity on the land as detailed on the stop notice should have ceased. The reason for a 3 day gap is that the law was designed to give those responsible for illegal development reasonable time to return the land back to its previous state. In serving the notice, KBC has to ensure that any future legal process is not frustrated by any view that might persuade the court that KBC has not been reasonable in its actions. If the owners fail to comply with the stop notice, KBC could move to prosecute under S187 (1) (G) of the Town and Country Planning Act. Not complying with the notices helps to build up a legal case against the development. As with most laws there are appeal rights and if KBC were to act within this time frame then the courts may well decide that KBC were being unreasonable in law.</p> <p>Cllr Scouse also took some advice and it was suggested that KBC are</p>	Actions

challenged on why they have not used their powers of injunction S187B because that could have bought an immediate stop to any more works. A breach of an injunction is punishable by prison whereas a breach of stop notice is punishable by a fine.

Members agreed that KBC will be contacted to ask the question

Cllr Jim Hakewill

Cllr Hakewill asked KBC today to ensure that the right resources were available, human and financial, to defend and return this land to its previous state. Cllr Hakewill also advised KBC to go to the MP and ask for some government central funding to fight this. KBC do have reserves but probably not enough. In the case of Church Lane, Essex, the government gave the local authority £3 million to cover the costs associated with that illegal development.

It was suggested to set up a webpage with frequently asked questions for residents to refer to.

The temporary notice issued said they had to stop work for 28 days and within this time the land owners can appeal. The permanent stop notice gives them until 19th October. Residents and members of the public have sent in numerous photos of lorries going down the wrong side of the road, the mud and state of the road as it has been left, and photos from above looking down on the site.

The land owners do have the right to appeal and the legislation if they do is horrendous through and through.

A nature and conservationist pointed out that HMRC will prosecute anyone who illegally dumps hard matter anywhere other than a legal land fill, because they have not paid the tariff that is charged for land fill and are evading tax. This legislation should be investigated to see if it could over rule KBC planning legislation.

Q: How does the stop notice affect the planning application that has now been submitted?

A: It does not affect the planning application. When an application is submitted, the local planning department have to validate it first before it goes into the public domain by ensuring all documentation is submitted by the applicant.

In the Traveller Policy, there is a section asking where is an appropriate place

	<p>for a traveller community to settle and the document states there should be amenities such as shops, footpaths etc. On the site in question in Loddington, there are no such amenities and with a site this size, it would not be recommended at all as a suitable place for such a development.</p> <p>Broughton have already in the last few days experienced a heavy traffic flow with lorries coming through the village to deliver to this illegal site.</p> <p>The fact remains that all these caravans last week were somewhere else. The question now arises if that is the case, this has been a deliberate and a pre-meditated destruction on what was once uncultivated pasture adjacent to open water will undoubtedly cause extensive ecological damage.</p> <p>There has been a lot of anger on social media from residents in Loddington and the surrounding villages and its beyond anyone's belief on how this has been allowed to happen and not been stopped yet. The Northants Telegraph has also picked up on it.</p> <p>It was decided Broughton PC will issue a statement on the situation in Loddington and also reiterate how KBC's lack of enforcement in Broughton and lack of a transparent robust Gypsy and Traveller Policy has paved the way and encouraged this type of illegal development without any particular standards being set as a model.</p>	
19/8074	<p>Matters arising from the minutes (6)</p> <p><u>Matters arising from March minutes</u></p> <p>19/7986 General Interest Items</p> <p>Cllr Baxter brought up 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. Reported Ref 1605367. 9/06/19 showing as investigating on fixmystreet. Complaint put in 12/09/2019. New report 30/09/19 ref 1787040. Visit has been made and works to be raised for stone to be overlaid over tree roots within the next two months State changed to: Action scheduled</p> <p><u>Matters arising from April minutes</u></p> <p>19/7984 Podmore park</p> <p>KBC received £10k government funding that had given local authorities to</p>	Actions

improve local parks and Podmore Park will benefit from this. There will be a new multi-unit, the black AstroTurf will be reduced but replaced around slide. The swing frames will be painted and be put on the winter works list and there is hope of a roundabout being installed. The bench will be replaced either by KBC or BPC. **UPDATE: Works will be carried out during the summer holidays and the budget is approx £16k. Podmore park update from Dave Lane 23/09/19: Part of the delay is that KBC want to ensure they can put a bit more into this if necessary – so that they do not do half a job. KBC have not done a formal tendering process yet but have provided an images of play equipment**

Matters arising from May minutes

Christmas lights **RESOLVED**

Matters arising from June minutes

19/8028 General interest items

Cllr Wyeth raised that a resident had asked him to mention the bench in Wellingborough Road going towards the Pytchley crossroads has deteriorated significantly. Members agreed to ask KBC to remove.

Ongoing:

25/06/19 KBC confirmed it will be removed asap but the wrong 2 benches were taken in error. The right one was eventually taken. A resident contacted the clerk to say his elderly parents were very much missing the bench. The benches had not been replaced at the time of the meeting.

19/09/19 The clerk spoke to Trevor on the phone and he confirmed they will have order 2 new benches. BPC emailed Dave Lane who was dealing with it.

24/09/19 BPC emailed DL again asking for clarification on return of the benches and cc'd Cllr Hakewill and Cllr Scouse as he was not returning the clerks emails.

16/10/19 After Cllr Hakewill pushed for an update, Dave Lane finally responded by sending over a picture of the benches he will order and install. BPC have agreed them.

Matters arising from July minutes

19/8045 Development Control

It came to light from a member of the public that a rumor is circulating relating to an agricultural building in Kettering Road, that has been fitted out with a kitchen. BPC have looked at planning applications relating to this property and there had previously been 2 applications to change an agricultural building into a private dwelling which have been refused and one application was approved in 2014 for the replacement of an agricultural building. The

	<p>officer's report mentioned BPC were skeptical of the validity of what was proposed at the time but permission was granted with officer's comments stating it shall only be used for agricultural purposes as defined in the Town and country guidelines. The clerk was asked to contact Planning with regards to this matter. Emailed 19/10/2019. Status: Investigating ENFO/2019/00169.</p> <p><u>Matters arising from Sept minutes</u> 19/8066 General interest items Cllr Shrive asked the clerk to contact KBC to ask for an up-to-date village map for the playing fields.</p>	<p>Clerk to contact KBC for map</p>
<p>19/8075</p>	<p>Correspondence (7)</p> <p>The following correspondence were put into circulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advert for Northants Firefighters – to be displayed in noticeboard • Northamptonshire Neighbourhood alert pack • Winter gritting pricelist – independent supplier • Shire Community Services – Volunteer Medical Car Service • KBC Planning Enforcement Policy <p>Now the new website is up and running, clerk will post correspondence of interest for residents.</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>19/8076</p>	<p>Reports of Members attending meetings or other bodies (8)</p> <p>Cllr Shrive attended the investiture welcoming the new minister of the Baptist church on behalf of BPC. There was a brilliant turn out and a spread was laid on afterwards.</p> <p>Cllr Bull attended the Rural Forum meeting.</p> <p>1. Police Report: Sgt Rob Offord presented the crime figures for the rural area, highlighting Broughton for Slade. ASB incidents relate in large part to one family which has been identified through CCTV which is now being dealt with. Parking issues are high on the agenda across the Borough. A traffic warden is being taken out to the rural areas to pursue enforcement incl. Broughton/Geddington. Parking tickets are now issued via the post and not left on windscreens. A new Facebook Page for the Borough is being launched in response to criticism that they were mainly using Twitter as a communication platform. A new newsletter is being produced every 6 weeks – we can apply to be on the circulation list. Richard Hillsborough is arriving as a</p>	<p>Actions</p>

new police officer for the Rural Area and Sgt Offord is now back permanently attached to the rural area. Dennis Murray is the new Superintendent and Adam Ward is the Chief Inspector. HB challenged the crime figures for Slade that were circulated in the meeting 188 theft offences with a clear up rate of 4 and Violence against the person of 99 with a clear up of 8. The challenge on clear up was openly acknowledged as being exceedingly poor however the new CC is implementing a new structure going back to basics of community policing which they hope will start to turn the ship around. Sgt Sam Dobbs then gave a lengthy account of the Rural Crime on Stock issue "Operation Stock" which is being treated as a major crime by the Force. He went on to say that Operation Stock has highlighted in the Force the complete lack of rural coverage. ANPR is significantly missing in this area and might be something they look to communities to support for mutual benefit/aid. If we need signage for Operation Stock, Rob Offord can provide.

2. Hospital Car Scheme/Community Bus: Cllr Graham Norman advised that the scheme had started in 1973 to assist with elderly social isolation. The Hospital Car Scheme is an official NHS contract operated by volunteers and is available in the Kettering Borough area. All drivers are NHS insured and DBS checked. Anyone who has a medical appointment at any hospital (Kettering/Northampton/Glenfield/London) can book with 24 hours notice. There is a £10 joining fee and journeys cost 45p per mile which roughly equates to half of a taxi fare. The driver will wait and then cover return journey. Time is not charged. They did 16500 trips last year. Carers travel for free. They also operate the Welly Bus which is available to Broughton residents and can be hired for trips and is free for those with a bus pass. They can also consider operating a service i.e. a school run but would need some funding support for that.

3. Kettering Health & Wellbeing Festival: Hazel Webb reported that there had been 650 visitors/45 exhibitors on Day 1 and 350 visitors on Day 2. They admit that they have failed to engage in the Rural area and are agreeing that their 2020 planning needs to start much earlier.

4. Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation: Simon Richardson (KBC) advised that the GTAA is looking at the period 2018-2033 and has found that there are 24 pitches that meet the definition and that there is a further requirement for 24 pitches that don't. KBC are looking to respond to this situation by way of :

1. Site intensification 2. Site Extensions although they don't understand as yet how big you go (!) 3. Sites with permissions that are not being made available – how do they release these pitches 4. New sites 5. Strategic working under the new Unitary Authority – Kettering has the highest level of need can that be

	<p>spread over a wider area than Kettering Borough. 6. Regularising sites of non-qualifiers 7. Greater depth interviews to be conducted 8. KBC are using external consultants to conduct much of the work – ORS which is a national company, widely experienced in this line of work 9. Policy enforcement – a new officer is now appointed. HB asked whether KBC were starting the exercise on the basis of what does good look like i.e. are they driving their evaluation on delivering good quality sites or being driven by responding to a number by any which way. KBC didn't have an answer. HB requested that ORS should also consult with communities that have existing G&T sites to help inform the exercise which was taken on board – we will need to pursue this if it isn't forthcoming. Richard Barnwell advised that Cambridge University are currently doing an amazing piece of work on G&T communities which would be very relevant to KBC. Stoke Albany have an illegal site and queried KBC on how successful they believe they are being in removing illegal sites. KBC are apparently challenging this in the courts quite strongly. Simon also advised that the question of land ownership is quite critical as parcels of land are being plotted and sold on multiple times making traceability very difficult.</p> <p>5. Public Sector Reform: Brendan Coleman updated the Forum advising that the legislation would be going through Parliament soonest and it would take 8 weeks. The full update presentation and letter to Secretary of State will be emailed through to Parishes. Full alignment will undoubtedly take some time with Adult Social Care and Children being the major issues to resolve for the Unitary Process.</p>	
19/8077	<p>Policing (9)</p> <p>There have been door-to-door salesmen around the Broughton and surrounding villages claiming to have disabilities, recently out of prison trying to pick their lives up, selling cleaning products etc. This type of activity is associated with spats of burglaries tend to follow shortly after. Pytchley and Little Harrowden have already had visitors at 4am over the last 2 nights. A neighbourhood alert has been circulated via facebook and request to everyone to pass this information on to people who are not on social media. Residents are being asked to be more aware of locking their doors and not to answer the door.</p> <p>Residents are also being advised not to leave their keys in the locks, especially if they have a Mortice lock. There is a new device that can grip the end of a key from the outside so burglars can turn the key to open the door. More information will be sent over to the clerk to add to the website.</p> <p><i>Residents are requested to report all non-urgent crime and anti-social behaviour to the police by either calling 101 or filling an online form</i></p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Cllr Robson to send over info for the website</p>

	<p>www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting <i>For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately</i></p>	
19/8078	<p>Traffic Calming (10)</p> <p>NCC have come back with prices for guardrails that could be erected on one side along the zig-zags by the crossing in the High Street, Kettering Road end. These will be 16 metres long and are estimated at £2220.00 + VAT. A long discussion was had and other options were considered. Cllr Scouse will ask if anything can be done on the Co op side of the road and the layby.</p> <p>Cllrs Scouse, Rose and West had a good meeting with Ian Boyes and his colleague from the Design Team. A full discussion was had about Wellingborough Road, chicanes in Kettering Road and in Northampton Road. NCC felt that if the priorities were changed in Wellingborough Road, it would make very little difference to the speed in Kettering Road. Members agreed to not consider this option now.</p> <p>Members also agreed chicanes in Kettering Road and Northampton Road were a good idea.</p> <p>Several decisions were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap the Wellingborough Rd priority change • Go ahead with priority workings of some kind in Kettering Rd and Northampton Rd. The number and placement of these we leave to NCC as we know there are limitations. • Go ahead with the bus boarding opposite the High St park with the objective of giving as much space for parking in the layby as possible. <p>In addition to the above works, BPC would want to discuss the possible excavation of the old layby to insert marked parking bays at an angle, move the crossing, if possible, to a more suitable place and erect railings outside the co-op for safety reasons. This was considered a safer option than the guardrails and could provide better visibility.</p> <p>Cllr Scouse will take these suggestions back to NCC along with the potential of an ANPR camera which lists the speed in which Ian Boyes had already sent over a quote. BPC has a percentage of money already allocated for this. Match funding could be sourced if necessary and the clerk will source 2 other quotes before next month's meeting.</p> <p>NCC have confirmed it would be possible to release some S106 money to pay for the initial design work and then the rest of the money will be spent on</p>	Actions

	<p>works.</p> <p>Speed is not enforceable in the village at the moment as the sign is out in Northampton Road, vegetation has grown over in Wellingborough Road and the speed limit sign not very visible on Kettering Road. The gateway sign on Northampton Road was damaged recently and has been taken away by NCC to be repaired. Clerk will report via streetdoctor to KBC.</p>	<p>Clerk to report via streetdoctor</p>
<p>19/8079</p>	<p>Pytchley Crossroads (11)</p> <p>It has been suggested by NCC speed limit panel to decrease the speed limit at Pytchley crossroads to 40mph. While members had no intrinsic issue with reducing the speed limit, the question was raised as to why it was felt useful as there is no enforcement mechanism. It was also raised about introducing a "stop" rather than a "give way" on the approaches to the Crossroads from Pytchley and A43 arms and additionally would it be possible to introduce reflective material on the opposing fence line to alert drivers of the position of the junction. Cllr Scouse agreed to contact to ask NCC for their rational before a decision is made.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Cllr Scouse to contact NCC</p>
<p>19/8080</p>	<p><u>Development Control (12)</u></p> <p><i>Members were reminded to refer to their copy of the Neighbourhood Plan conditions document and the summary of policies when looking at Planning applications for consideration.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning applications for consideration</u></p> <p>KET/2019/0455 Mr Lipczak 132 Northampton Road Full: Demolish and rebuild single storey outbuilding No comment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>KET/2019/0483 Mr Dixon 79 Carter Avenue Full: Detached garage APPROVED</p>	<p>Actions</p>

19/8081	<p>Finance (13)</p> <p>Sept statement - Savings £11,473.10 Sept statement - Community £28,295.35</p> <p>Credits to Community account</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="297 384 1149 428"> <tr> <td></td> <td>£0.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cheques issued from Community account 16th Oct 2019</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="297 512 1149 772"> <tr> <td>Zen internet DD closes 2nd Nov 19</td> <td>3.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRT PF & VH Ass SO</td> <td>7.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. McDaid wages 1898</td> <td>221.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC income tax 1899</td> <td>48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. McDaid home working 1900</td> <td>22.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BPC Nationwide Saver 1901</td> <td>5000.00</td> </tr> </table>		£0.00	Zen internet DD closes 2 nd Nov 19	3.86	BRT PF & VH Ass SO	7.79	A. McDaid wages 1898	221.79	HMRC income tax 1899	48.00	A. McDaid home working 1900	22.00	BPC Nationwide Saver 1901	5000.00	Actions
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19/8082	<p>General interest items (14)</p> <p>Cllr West was approached by a resident in Chapel View who would like a Private Road sign erected. BPC confirmed if the road is adopted by the local council then no but if not, then the resident could erect one themselves but must make sure it is not erected on the public highway.</p> <p>Cllr Bull reported after the heavy rain experienced this week the drains in Northampton Road at the far end did not cope well which wasn't helped by the amount of leaves that have dropped. Action: Clerk to report Cllr Bull reported the temporary traffic lights through Streetdoctor.</p> <p>Cllr Baxter reported the drains by the bus shelter through Streetdoctor.</p> <p>Cllr Shrive reported the wood that was blocking the footpath in the Pocket Park had now been cleared away.</p>	Actions														
19/8083	<p>Date of next meeting (15)</p> <p>Wednesday 20th November 2019</p>															
19/8084	<p>Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent (16)</p> <p>No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 9.05pm</p>	Actions														

Signed:

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