

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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

#### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr H. Bull

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr I. Robson.

Cllr J. Chester.

Cllr C. Smith Haynes – NNC arrived 8pm after attending another meeting.

#### **19/9407. Apologies. (1)**

Cllr J. Manning

Cllr J. Currall – Holiday - NNC

Cllr J. O'Hara – Personal - NNC

#### **19/9408. Declarations of Interest. (2)**

No declarations were made.

#### **19/9409. Minutes. (3)**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, copies were circulated, approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

Draft minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, copies were circulated, 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.

#### **19/9410. Public right to speak. (4)**

This facility was not used.

#### **19/9411. Co-option of new councillor. (5)**

Mr Mark Gray emailed the clerk in January to register his interest in joining the parish council. He was asked to submit a brief personal summary to introduce himself prior to tonight's meeting which was circulated.

Members voted and it was resolved to co-opt Mr Gray into BPC.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, Code of Conduct form and Register of Interests forms were signed and then were all countersigned by the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Gray.

**Action: Clerk to send forms over to NNC and forward on a copy of the training courses available.**

#### 19/9412. Reports from NNC Councillors. (6)

There were no reports submitted this month.

#### 19/9413. Report from clerk (7)

**19/9362. Communications Strategy and Policy.** The website is still showing as insecure.

**Action: Cllr Bull to contact Hugo Fox and Clerk to put back on Nov agenda. Update Nov/Feb: Ongoing. Access Go Daddy. Still not secure.**

**19/9372. Report from clerk.** -The Clerk reported a street light which is out in Glebe Avenue and in Kettering Road / opp Silver Street. The job was forwarded to EON via Kettering Street lighting Team, who will rectify. Update: Kettering Road/Silver Street has been rectified.

**Update Dec: Glebe Avenue was not so Cllr Shrive has reported.**

**Update Feb: Most of the reported streetlights have now been fixed but some have now also failed. This is probably due to their age. Cllr Shrive is reporting as need be.**

**Action: Clerk to put a reminder of contact details for residents on website to enable them to also report streetlights. Share on social media.**

**19/9397 Planning Report** -With regards to planning application KET/2020/0318, which was refused on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, members agreed that now is the time to ask the senior Planning Officer for an update, was an appeal ever logged and if so, what was the result.

**Action: Clerk to contact Richard Marlow.**

**Update Feb: Clerk has made various attempts to contact officer and emailed several times. There has been no acknowledgement or response from NNC planning or enforcement department.**

**Action: Clerk to forward complaint to Cllr O'Hara to chase up and Cllr Smith – Haynes to have another conversation with Cllr David Howes and Cllr Graham Lawman.**

**19/9400. General interest items** - The grit bins at the corner of Glebe Avenue/Church Street and Cox's Lane are full of water. It was questioned whether or not the bins should be retained. The bins by Gate Lane are fine. These are looked after by NNC.

**Action: Cllr Shrive will drill some holes in the bins to release the water.**

**Update Feb: Cllr Shrive inspected the bins and reported that the contents were beyond use.**

**Action: After an inspection, it is now obvious that drilling holes would not be the answer, the decision was made to scrap the grit bin on the corner of Glebe Avenue/Church Street and contact Environmental Health to dispose of the contents safely.**

Cllr Taylor – The big lights on the Christmas tree in the high street rec are not working.

These are fed by a redundant street light. **Action: Clerk to contact street lighting/EON to rectify. Update: Will investigate to make sure they are working next year.**

### **19/9414. Correspondence. (8)**

January 2022

Asset Mapping in Your Parish – NCALC

Update from the Leader of the Council 14,15,16, 17

December Newsletter from Northamptonshire OPFCC

NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 17/12/21, 24/12/2021, 07/01/2021, 14/01/22, 21/01/22

The Rural Bulletin - 5 January 2022

January Newsletter from Northamptonshire OPFCC

Email from resident – Herbal planter

North Northamptonshire Council HELAA: Call for Sites

NACRE Village Viewpoint

New affordable payroll service for smaller councils

Asset Mapping Project - Introduction from Helen Fudge

Confirmation of AMP Grant

Commissioner's precept intentions and a copy of the Parish Council Precept presentation from last week

Post Office re-opening

Northants CALC eUpdate - Jan/Feb 2022

Email from resident regarding Traditional Chip Shop building works – Have sent complaint onto planning enforcement

February 2022

North Northamptonshire Enhanced Partnership under the Bus Services Act

NNC Parish Forum Agenda Item Request

Friday mini eUpdate - 04/02/22, 11/02/22

CPRE Planning update - Winter 2022

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - February 2022 Newsletter

Email from resident regarding the Fly tipping over the boundary fence at Old Willows/A43

### **19/9415. Reports from other meetings attended. (9)**

Cllr Scouse and the Clerk attended the Asset Mapping Project (AMP) meeting hosted by NCALC.

There is no suggestion yet of the devolution of services but all other unitary councils have gone down this route.

The meeting consisted of a Q&A session. See 19/9421 Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project. (15)

### **19/9416. Police and Community Matters report. (10)**

Report from Cllr Robson – Police Matters

The Police Liaison Representative or the Street Watch volunteer are not a replacement for 101 or Crimestoppers.

On several occasions, reports or complaints from residents regarding speeding, witnessed account of offences or general intel has been received by the representative and volunteer that should have been reported to the police directly. This is not the appropriate channel to pass on information.

Any matter that requires police action must be reported by the witness or person who

has the relevant intel.

Only Northants police can instruct a Street Watch volunteer to get involved in public liaison should it be deemed necessary.

The Support volunteers main role is to patrol the local area and report any suspicious activity they have witnessed themselves and point the victim in the right direction to report online.

Street Watch does not have the means to log an incident to the police control room database.

**Action: Clerk to update information on website and share through social media.**

#### **19/9417. Pocket Park Pond Regeneration update. (11)**

The dipping platform and benches have now been ordered and installation works are scheduled for the Spring.

A discussion on what type of plants would be most suitable for around the pond because of the varied water levels ensued and it was decided more research is needed.

The red netting fencing will be taken down soon as it was only erected to let ground settle and it was thought low hedging would be suitable here and daffodils at the back of the tree line.

Deep water signs should be erected by the pond along with a life saving device.

**Action: Cllr Rose to research planting and low hedging options.**

**Clerk to contact NNC regarding the water signs and equipment.**

The Clerk submitted a grant application for nest boxes to NNC Community Fund for £998.00. NNC have accepted the application and a decision will be made in March 2022.

#### **19/9418. Traffic calming report. (12)**

The SID will be moved to the top of Cransley Hill for the next 6 weeks.

The SID will then be removed and all the data collected over the last couple of years will be analysed to decide where traffic calming is most needed within the village.

#### **19/9419. Planning Report. (13)**

**Planning Applications for consideration.**

NK/2021/1006

LOCATION: Manor House, Gate Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1 Horse Chestnut - remove large lateral limb overhanging the footpath and road back to the main stem, tidy up storm damage and prune back; T2 Sycamore - crown raise lower branches to approx 5m over footpath and property

Target date: 07/03/2022

NK/2021/1027

LOCATION: 23 Thoday Close, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Two storey side and single storey rear extensions – **No comment**

Target date: 18/02/2022

NK/2021/1030

LOCATION: 25 Cransley Hill, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single and two storey rear extension to replace sun room and outside toilet, - **Renotification. – No Comment**

Target date: 04/03/2022

NK/2021/1032

LOCATION: 1 Hutchinson Avenue

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single storey carport to side elevation – **No comment**

Target date: 14/03/2022

### Planning Decisions.

None

It was noted the Old Willows site has now expanded towards the cycling Lane and a digger is posed. Two plots are now bounded by fencing.

NNC have been informed and clerk contacted Richard Marlow again for an update as this application was refused on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### 19/9420. Finance Report. (14)

#### January 2022

Payments for January 2022 were made under the Scheme of Delegation.

Credits to Community account

		£0.00
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Credits to Nationwide account

		£0.00
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Payments issued from Community account

Payee	Cheque number	Amount
A. McDaid wages - mth 10	Bank transfer	£353.08
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£88.20
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries.	Bank transfer	£58.41
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79
Mr & Mrs Bedford – Bus shelter rent	101935	£65.00
Chairman's allowance	Bank transfer	£245.00

#### February 2022 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,149.38

Community - £24,227.30

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HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£88.20
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries.	Bank transfer	£36.74
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79
Baptist Church – Room hire Dec	Bank transfer	£16.00
Chagos Consulting Ltd – parish online training	Bank transfer	£10.00
NNC Election - officer charge	Bank transfer	£103.18

### **19/9421. Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project. (15)**

A working group for the Asset Mapping Project (AMP) comprising of the clerk and Cllr's Shrive, Rose and Scouse were formed and approved.

The Clerk sent over BPC asset list to Cllrs Shrive and Rose who have already completed a walk around of the village, recording and photographing each asset. – also using what3words.

1. Assets owned by NNC
2. Services provided by NNC
3. Registered Assets of Community Value (ACV's)
4. Unregistered potential AVC's

Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

A grant of £367.76 based on the number of electorates of Broughton has been allocated to BPC to carry out the project which comes from a government grant awarded to NCALC under the UK Community Renewal Fund. This will be used to pay for additional work hours that will ensue.

The clerk has already started to upload this information onto Parish online which will include mapping the whole parish including bridleways, footpaths, highway signs, grass verges, play equipment etc.

**Action: Cllr Scouse to send over an article on double taxation to the clerk.**

### **19/9422. Street lighting on unadopted roads. (16)**

There are a number of street lights around the Redrow Estate which were erected when the houses were built. These roads were not adopted by KBC. The question arose as to who currently maintains these. **Action: Members to try and find someone who lives there and ask if the lights are paid for under an already established scheme.**

The street lights on West Street which is also unadopted and Ivydene Terrace which is an unadopted footpath, also have street lights but KBC have maintained these over the years.

### **19/9423. General interest items. (17)**

The Old Cottage on the banks is looking very untidy.

**Action: Cllr Shrive to make contact with the owner.**

Flytipping - Rubbish has been disposed of on the grass verge, over the fence from the Old Willows / A43.

This was first reported to NNC on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. NNC responded via email on 31<sup>st</sup> January to advise they had visited the site and found no evidence relating to the offenders of this fly tip. The job was added to their flymapper system which should ensure the refuge would be removed within the week.

BPC responded asking as there is also a wheelie bin with the number 3 painted on it

discarded, could the NNC Environmental Warden to take up the issue of whether there are sufficient waste bins at the Old Willows site as well.

The flytipping has still not been removed to date. BPC chased NNC on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> February but have still not had a response. A resident also emailed NNC, the ward councillors and BPC providing photo evidence.

**Action: Cllr Smith – Haynes to pick this up with Cllr David Howes and Graeme Kane.**

The Village hall reported at their last meeting that there has been a significant hike in their electricity prices. Cllr Scouse asked whether or not BPC could think about either supporting them in future via precept or a grant. Members agreed that if they were to precept, this would have to be put to the villagers first.

Solar panels have been considered and grants are available to change over to LED lighting. Cllr Smith – Haynes said there may be a ward initiative she could tap into too.

**Action: Clerk to find out about the legalities of BPC supporting them via a grant for running costs.**

Cllr Robson asked if there was a date yet for the scheduled works on Cransley Hill. The clerk confirmed she had not yet received one although they initially said spring 2022.

Northampton Road will be closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February for 3 days to carry out work by Anglian Water.

Cllr Bull observed that the repairs that took place in Wellingborough Road going towards Orlingbury look like they are starting to disintegrate.

A serious incident occurred on Monday which was of a very sensitive nature. Members were advised that NNC were contacted regarding the matter and several departments are now involved. **Action: Cllr Smith – Haynes to contact person in charge of vulnerable persons.**

**19/9424. Date of next meeting. (18)**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**19/9425. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (19)**

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 9pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**