

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 21st February 2024

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Gray

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr J O' Hara

Members of the Public present:

Two members of the public were present.

160/23. Apologies.

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr J Currall

161/23. Declarations of Interest.

None were received

162/23. Minutes.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th January 2024 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and was authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

163/23. Public right to speak.

None.

164/23. High Street Play Equipment – presentation for play equipment by Dominic Meylan-Stevenson from Playdale.

A quote for the following was presented:

Jungle climber and 4 smaller play items, grasslock surfacing, re-turfing, installation and delivery. £34,556.20 net.

Price rises happen in December. Estimated between 3 – 6%

Dominic will be meeting with Lloyd from NNC so will relay estimate and equipment.

165/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.

Cllr Jan O'Hara

It was confirmed that West Northants have purchased the pothole machine. It is hoped that it will be able to be trialed in North Northants.

Cllr Jan O'Hara gave the clerk the application form for the Members Empowerment Fund to fill in and return.

BPC to decide next meeting if this should go towards the funding of plants or the High Street Play equipment instead.

166/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

149/23

- The clerk contacted NNC in regards to dog fouling around the village and asked for dog bins to be emptied more frequently Ref DOG573689059. **Resolved**
- The chair reported blocked drains in Gate Lane after flooding issues. Ref: MK573941453. **Still needs resolving**
- Cllr Shrive reported 30mph speed limit sign is down in Wellingborough Road. Ref: 5367562. – **Still needs action**
- A resident and the Chair reported an abandoned touring caravan in Kettering Road. ELVIS and Police informed - **Removed**
- The two vans that have been parked in Northampton Road for several months have been reported to the police. The owners have now been traced and have promised to move them on. **Resolved.**

172/23 Action: Clerk to write to owners of the old school house to express gratitude and Cllr Rose to deliver. **To do**

Clerk Report

The monitoring form for the NNC grant we received in June 2022 for the bird boxes and installation has now been submitted and file closed.

The chair reported some branches had fallen and were snagged in the trees in the Pocket Park to NNC Dawn Hughes, Arboricultural Development Officer.

The chair wrote to Highways after a road was closed to fix some potholes but the bus company were not notified and a bus was forced to do a U-turn in the village.

February 2024 correspondence

- Northamptonshire Talking
- Leaders update 26/01/2024, 09/02/2024
- Coronation Community Orchards - Free Grafting Workshop
- Parish Councillor Network Event - 13th March 2024 (10:30 - 12:30) – Cllrs Rose, Bull and Scouse to attend.
- NACRE e-bulletin - February 2024

167/23. High Street Play Equipment – update on correspondence with NNC

The chair has been in correspondence with Dave Lane NNC. As NNC own the land, they would have to bid for funding to provide BPC with a £50k project.

BPC would then have to contribute 15 - 20% match funding.

NNC approve of Playdale products.

Action: Clerk to look into other grant schemes and report back.

168/23. Notice board – to agree to purchase replacement notice board next to co-op

The clerk investigated and presented her findings regarding a replacement notice board for the wall by the chip shop. It was **RESOLVED** to go with a 6 x A4 slimlok outdoor notice board from Red17 priced £156.00 exc VAT plus delivery.

169/23. Memorial Garden – to agree purchase of plants

It was **resolved** to order the plants agreed next month.

Grass removal quotes were deemed too expensive so members will hire a machine.

Cllr Shrive agreed to use his rotavator.

170/23. Pytchley Crossroads – accident report

It was noted there was another accident at the crossroads this month.

NNC in an official statement said “We are now in the process of introducing highways safety measures at the junction. We are hopeful that these works will be completed in early spring and ask that drivers watch out for the new signage and changes to road markings to help keep everyone safe”

171/23. Christmas lights and electrical update

It was agreed to take the Christmas lights down this weekend.

The electrical socket is missing from the High Street Park, so Cllr Shrive will contact Western Power to quote for a replacement.

172/23. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

NK/2024/0034

LOCATION: 22 Cransley Hill, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1 Eucalyptus - crown reduction and crown lift by up to one third

Planning Decisions

NK/2023/0591

LOCATION: Broughton Primary School, Cransley Hill, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1 Maple - branches to be trimmed; T2 Silver Birch – fell

Approved

173/23. Finance Report including Section 137 expenditure limit 2024

February 2024 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,000.00

Community - £15,572.69

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account

Interest		£0.00
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account

Transfer		£5,000.00
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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 11	Bank transfer	£414.77
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£103.60
A McDaid home working, webpage, phone	Bank transfer	£29.99
Red17 – Notice Board	Bank transfer	£198.60
Broughton Chapel room hire	Bank transfer	£20.00

Cllr Scouse to authorise payments this month.

The current interest rate on your Business 35 Day Saver Issue 3 - Annual account number 1384 is 3.10% AER¹/ 3.10% gross p.a.² (variable).

From 25th January 2024, the interest rate will be 3.35% AER/ 3.35% gross p.a. (variable) payable.

Cllr Gray signed the mandate for Nationwide, witnessed and countersigned by the clerk, chair and vice chair which included a covering letter.

Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2024/25

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) confirmed last week that the amount that parish and town councils can spend under **Section 137 for 2024/25 is £10.81 per elector**. This figure is calculated by increasing the amount of £9.93 for 2023/24 by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2022 and September 2023, in accordance with Schedule 12B to the Local Government Act 1972. Section 137 is the power to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised.

EE Ltd - From 31 March 2024, the phone tariff will increase by £0.47 a month. This increase is linked to inflation in line with the terms and conditions.

174/23. Items for consideration at next meeting

Reports from external meetings
Traffic calming
Newsletter - Parking

175/23. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March 2024

176/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm

Signed:

Dated: