

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 20th April 2022

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr H. Bull

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr J. Manning.

Cllr I. Robson

Cllr. M. Gray

Ward Councillors Present:

Cllr J. Currell

Cllr C. Smith-Haynes

Members of the Public resent:

2 members of the public

19/9444. Apologies. (1)

Cllr J O'Hara

19/9445. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

19/9446. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 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.

19/9447. Public right to speak. (4)

This facility was not used.

19/9448. Village Hall update (5)

Clive Gresham addressed the meeting to update BPC on village hall & Playing Field works and seek BPC funding.

Plans were on show at an open day, some support along with some comments. The Sports bar got the most attention.

There are now revised plans showing the exit of the hall, approach from car park, introduction of community room and for events only bar.

The changing rooms catering for yr. 3 up to the ladies team are being funded by the FA in Partnership with Kettering Football Club.

There will be a dedicated nursery space for Broughton under 5's – Ofsted recommends the space is not sustainable anymore so needs updating.

The Community Hub will service different activities.

Funding for sport, educational and the arts (new stage) will be able to approach lottery soon.

The whole project could be as much as half a million pound – maybe more

Village hall has a Development fund which at the moment has £50k

There is also £58k from s106.

The increase in electricity bills, etc. is equating to around £6k per year. The committee have spoken to key users but hire costs will go up to 15 – 20%. They have just locked in energy costs for the next 3 years.

The committee have applied to NNC Community Grant for outdoor gym under Health and wellbeing criteria. There was consultation at village fete which was positive.

Total costs will be £9k, plus £780 installation and will need tarmacking in. Grant app was £5k but yet to hear outcome. Cllr Bull offered to raise at next Rural Forum meeting and Cllr Currall offered to help. Cllr Smith – Haynes passed on Helen Howell's number who is the Portfolio Howell for sports

The question was raised if BPC could provide additional funding for the outdoor gym.

ACTION: Clerk to look into LGA 1972, s137 limits for 2022/23.

19/9449. Reports from NNC Councillors. (6)

Cllr John Currall

Attended the Scrutiny Commission Committee this month. Two items that were on the agenda which may interest Broughton was to inform the commission of how major highways capital works are prioritised for implementation within existing budgets. From Sept Highways will there go separate ways. Funding for Highways is £25M per annum. £3.75M on potholes, maintenance £3.73 million

A discussion took place regarding the amount of potholes and the poor workmanship that highways carried out recently.

Also, the scrutiny commission established a scrutiny panel to consider the councils assets and ensure these are being utilised appropriately.

Cllr Currall has been asked to go on this panel.

The panel will be looking at what can be moved on from NNC. Cllr Shrive questioned the loyalties of ward councillors on this panel and pointed out that our ward councillors should be looking out for parishes interests.

A discussion ensued regarding the garden waste consultation and it was requested that BPC

be added to the list that Cllr Currall acts on our behalf.

Cllr Chris Smith – Haynes

Attended Full council

There has been work on electoral review – looking at all boundaries which will be done in 3 year's time.

There has been consultations but BPC have not yet been notified. Members pointed out that smaller rural villages are being tagged onto larger Towns so their voice could be lost.

Cllr Smith – Haynes also attended a presentation from NHS / integrated care systems.

Accommodation concern are driving on with interviews

Cllr Smith – Haynes forwarded on an email to Graham Lawman re the A43 junction

19/9450. Report from clerk (7)

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.

Update April: NNC will remove the bin in the summer. The clerk has put this on the website and shared via social media.

19/9435. Pocket Park Pond Regeneration update –

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

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

Update April Emailed Dave Lane on the 28/03/2022. There has been no reply so still ongoing.

19/9422. Street lighting on unadopted roads – Action: Members to try and find someone who lives on The Redrow Estate and ask if the lights are paid for under an already established scheme.

Update March: Cllr Taylor reported the residents have an agreement to pay a sum each year which goes towards the upkeep of shared spaces, the trees and the hedges but there is no mention of street lights as there has never been an issue with the lighting. General census is as half of the streets are tarmac, the residents believe that the highways department have the responsibility, whether or not the roads are adopted, but half of the streets are block paving. The clerk is waiting for an up to date map of the streetlights from NNC.

Update April: A map of all the adopted street lights in Broughton was sent through to the clerk. This map clearly shows that the street lights on the Redrow Estate are not adopted and are the responsibility of the residents/owners.

It was noticed that the 9 streetlights in and around Grange Road were not on the map though. In 2015, following a request via the Rural Forum held on 27th November 2015, Jim McNally sent a map of the street lights in Broughton to be checked and updated

accordingly and following a village tour by Cllr Shrive, these lights were requested to be added onto the original map. 12/04/2022 - The clerk has emailed Streetlighting on this matter. Ongoing

19/9423. General interest items. - The Old Cottage on the banks is looking very untidy.
Action: Cllr Shrive to make contact with the owner. **Update March:** Cllr Shrive, O'Hara, Smith – Haynes and officers have all been in regular contact with the owner regarding advice on how to apply for change of use before planning permission can be accepted. The clerk will contact Environmental if the site is not cleared up.
Update April: The site remains the same. **Action:** Clerk to now contact environmental

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. **Update March:** emailed Highways 28/02/2022. **Update April:** emailed Ian Boyes 29/03/2022.

Update April from Ian Boyes: I have chased this up with our Engineering Team who will be implementing the new speed limit.

As we receive a significant number of requests each year for new or amended speed limits throughout the county, the most efficient and practical way of assessing these is to collate these into twice yearly reviews. The legal costs are the same for one change or dozens of changes, so there is logic in completing one Traffic Regulation Amendment Order (TRO) for multiple speed limit locations. The downside of this is the length of time it takes from agreeing a request, to starting the legal / consultation process.

I understand that the consultation notice for Broughton, has been forwarded over to you and other consultees today. Subject to any delays caused by major objections that have to be resolved the consultation / legal process generally takes about 3 months to complete. Once this has been completed an order will be sent to the signing contractor for the works to implement the signing which hopefully by late summer / early autumn time.

19/9440. Her Majesty Platinum Jubilee.

Update April Community event to be held at St Andrews Church for the Jubilee on Friday 3rd June, 11am-2pm

Action: Clerk to contact Dave Lane and ask for the old shrubs to be cleared out and a date to be confirmed for the work to the wall and the ramp as this is now a health & safety issue.

Update April: Emailed Dave 28/03/2022. Ongoing.

Action: Clerk to contact the resident to see if they would like to donate a tree or planting instead.

Update April: The resident thanked the clerk for the update on what is happening with the Old Memorial Garden and was pleased to hear that it will be used again in the purpose that it was originally made for. The resident very kindly offered to donate the tree, something like an ornamental flowering cherry tree with beautiful pink blossom.

The resident wanted it noted that originally the he had wanted to donate a bench but that was deemed not appropriate so putting benches in the Pocket Park will be a target for vandalism like what has happened down at the healing well by Pytchley Brook.

19/9451. Correspondence. (8)

- NCALC Friday mini eUpdate – 18/03/2022, 14/04/2022
- Update from the Leader of the Council 20, 21, 22
- North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Scope and Issues Consultation / Council workshop invitation – Thursday 28th April
- March 2022 E-Bulletin from NACRE
- Northants CALC eUpdate - Mar/Apr 2022
- M1 junction 14 to 15 Northbound Closure - Saturday 9 April 2022
- AMP Listening Event invitation – 24th May, Thrapston 7pm
- April E-Bulletin from NACRE

19/9452. Reports from other meetings attended. (9)

Cllr Shrive attended Parish Path warden training. There is now a team's group set now which will see info exchanged.

On this subject, Gate lane/Butts lane pathway is now been reduced to earth. Members were not sure who owns this piece of land.

Action: Cllr Shrive to take photo and report via street doctor.

Update: Reported via FixMyStreet Def276586 - In progress (lead time up to 26 weeks)

19/9453. Police and Community Matters report. (10)

Police Matters

There was a virtual Parish council meeting with the Commissioner, Chief Constable & Chief Fire Officer. Monday 11th April 6pm - 7:30pm. Topic - Violence against women and girls

Commissioners meeting police performance recognised there is room for improvement. North Northamptonshire Police want to strive to become the best in country.

There are still issues with human excrement in and around the fields in Broughton. This takes at least a year to biodegrade and is harmful to animals and humans alike.

The question was asked if this was the result of mokadi rules, which in accordance with the traveller community culture, it is deemed unclean to use any toilet facilities inside sleeping quarters

Members discussed asking NNC if they should be providing mobile toilet facilities as they would also have a duty of care to workers. **Action: Clerk to contact Environmental.**

19/9454. Pocket Park Pond Regeneration update. (11)

Cllr Rose reported the dipping platform and 2 benches are now in situ.

Cllr Scouse has contacted Froglife about making good around benches and posts.

There is now a boggy area in front of the platform. They have been asked to quote to make an extension to the deck.

Cllr Taylor voiced her concern regarding the lack of fencing around the platform. Other members thoughts were as an obvious risk, there is no need for fencing and could encourage children to climb on it.

In regards to the deep water equipment, BPC to purchase a throw in line for safety measures.
Action: Gather expert advice and statement regarding safety on the dipping platform.
Order pole and safety equipment.
Order planting for delivery on 26th May. No Yellow iris as invasive.

19/9455. Traffic calming report. (12)

The clerk emailed Ian Boyes/Highways regarding the junction of Kettering Road/A43 and the inability to exit at certain times is becoming even more problematic than usual and asked whether or not the lights at Cransley Furnace could be changed to a 3 way level to give a break in the traffic which would enable traffic to exit Broughton safely and if a feasibility study could be carried out at rush hours. **Emailed Ian 29/03/2022**

Reply: I've run this past our section who look after Traffic Signals for comment.
Whist understanding the nature of the request they have concerns that at peak times, holding back traffic at the Cransley Park signals for extended periods would lead to logging up of the A14 roundabout and tailbacks on the exit slip roads.

A fine balance has always to be achieved at signalled junctions at peak times and holding lights on red when no traffic is waiting at a side road junction would probably lead to driver frustration and reports of faulty signals.

As more traffic is generated from Cransley Park over time there will be increased times when the A43 signals will be at red which will create longer gaps in flows of traffic heading towards Broughton

It was also pointed out that as a considerable amount of traffic on the A43 consists of HGV's, which often hold up traffic as they climb the hill towards Broughton, this creates natural breaks in the traffic flow at the Broughton junction.

I'm sorry that I cannot give a more positive response but I hope that this explains the situation.

Action: Cllr Currall to take up with NNC Highways. Traffic coming from Northampton Road is also a problem as well as traffic coming from Kettering.

Preliminary Consultation Annual Parking review 21-22

Request submitted by resident of 126 High Street to Parking & TRO Team, NNC Highways. The removal of double yellow lines and Keep Clear to allow for unobstructed visibility for local residents and less parking issues, as property has changed from public house to residential

To ensure that the review remains relevant we must ask that all responses are returned no later than the 22nd April 2022.

Comment: The issue seems to be that although the "Keep Clear" is a bit surplus to requirements, the double yellow lines are there to maintain visibility when turning out of Cox's Lane. The permission for the change of use and the construction of the second property, required parking to the rear to prevent parking on the road.

19/9456. Planning Report. (13)

Planning applications

NK/2022/0188

LOCATION: 23 High Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1-T2 Poplar - reduce by 20%, reshape and remove overhang from public footpath; T3-T4 Oak - remove limbs overhanging public playing field

No Comment

Target decision date: 28/04/2022

NK/2022/0211

LOCATION: 1 West Street

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear side extension

No comment

Target decision date: 27/05/2022

NK/2022/0214

LOCATION: 11 Cransley Hill

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Conversion of workshop into 1 no. dwellinghouse with single storey side extension and insertion of 6 no. rooflights with demolition to side
Positive comment see Pat.

Target decision date: 30/05/2022

NK/2022/0235

LOCATION: 11 Cransley Hill

PROPOSAL: Application for Relevant Demolition in a Conservation Area: Demolition of single storey element to side of property

NK/2022/0246

LOCATION: 17 Riggall Close

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Replacement garage to side

No comment

Target decision date:

Planning decisions

NK/2022/0126

LOCATION: St Andrews Church, Church Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T29 Cedrus - Crown lift eastern canopy to a height of approx 5m and crown reduce south eastern canopy by a maximum of 2m lateral reduction

Target decision date: 15/04/2022

Approved

NK/2022/0140

LOCATION: 2 Podmore Way

PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension

Consultation end date: 31/03/2022

Target decision date: 21/04/2022

Approved

NK/2022/0141

LOCATION: 51 Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Two storey front and single storey rear extensions and associated works
Consultation end date: 31/03/2022
Target decision date: 26/04/2022

NK/2022/0159

LOCATION: 52 Church Street

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single storey side extension to replace outbuilding with insertion of double doors to side of main dwelling.

Consultation end date: 04/04/2022

Target decision date: 02/05/2022

19/9457. Finance Report. (14)

April 2022 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,230.13

Community - £20,044.75

April - £8.00 was made under the scheme of delegation for the room hire at Broughton Chapel

Credits to Community account

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Credits to Nationwide account

Interest		£80.75
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Payments issued from Community account

Payee	Cheque number	Amount
A McDaid wages - mth 1	Bank transfer	£359.20
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£89.80
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries.	Bank transfer	£36.87
Bank charges	Bank transfer	£2.00
Northamptonshire ACRE - subscription	Bank transfer	£35.00
Baptist Church – Room hire April	Bank transfer	£16.00

Cllr Shrive to sign off and verify online payments.

The clerk received a letter from NNC confirming the precept of £15k will be paid in one installment on 30th April 2022.

The clerk reported the Agar is now complete for auditing purposes.

19/9458. Consultations – Garden Waste / North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Scope and Issues. (15)

BPC completed and submitted their views online for the Garden Waste consultation.

Members agreed to attend 2 zoom sessions to complete online the Strategic Plan Scope & Issues to be held on 28th April at 7pm and on 4th May at 7pm on behalf of BPC. **Action: Clerk to set up sessions and circulate.**

19/9459. General interest items. (16)

The road surface outside no 1 Podmore Way is disintegrating and needs looking at. **Action: Clerk to report**

There is now new legislation for local authorities in regards to listed buildings. **Action: Clerk to contact NNC in regards to Yeoman's House**

Members agreed that being able to refer to the Neighbourhood Plan in regards to the Rural Area Policies is a good thing.

19/9460. Date of next meeting. (17)

Wednesday 18th May 2022.

19/9461. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (18)

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 9:15pm.

Signed:

Dated: