

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 16th March 2022

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr H. Bull

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr J. Manning

Ward Councillors Present:

Cllr J. O'Hara

Cllr C. Smith-Haynes

Members of the Public resent:

Rev Alistair Jones

19/9426. Apologies. (1)

Cllr M. Gray – away on business

Cllr J. Chester – personal

Cllr J. Currall – family issue

19/9427. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

19/9428. Minutes. (3)

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

19/9429. Public right to speak. (4)

This facility was not used.

19/9430. Reports from NNC Councillors. (5)

Cllr O' Hara

A discussion took place regarding the latest consultation on green waste collection

which presently is included in council tax for Kettering and Corby. (Cllr O'Hara to send over notes for all) This will be discussed at the executive meeting in June.

Members agreed it is a hot topic within the village. Members were encouraged to fill in the online consultation individually and also as a Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to set up a zoom meeting after slides from a meeting Cllr O Hara attended on the subject have been received.

NNC have budgeted £1 million for environmental changes over the next 3 years. With this in mind, a discussion regarding the bin collections incurred. NNC are looking into the possibility of electric bin lorries. Cllr O'Hara confirmed that the new bin lorries on the road at the moment are hired.

Cllr Smith - Haynes

Update on a sensitive matter previously discussed.

19/9431. Report from clerk (6)

19/9339. Plant a Tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

In November, Cllr's Bull, Taylor & Rose met with Dave Lane and discussed creating an all year round bulb garden in the space and bring the area back to being a lovely corner of the park. Introducing spindleberry hedging as it gives a glorious show just when everything else is fading or holly hedge with a variegated leaf.

A central tree (ornamental cherry) for the Queens Green Canopy will be a wonderful feature as the light in that corner is lovely and there are already a couple of nicely shaped trees at that end of the park to accompany a specimen "display" tree - scale does remain key to respect the neighbouring properties but the area itself makes for a good framework to show it off.

The idea of the ramp instead of steps would makes total sense and Dave confirmed that NNC would repair the wall. **Update: See 19/9440**

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.

Update March: This has now been completed and showing as secure. It was noted that as BPC website is held with Hugo Fox, the usual fee of £70 was waived under their umbrella scheme.

19/9372. Report from clerk. –Street lights. Action: Clerk to put a reminder of contact details for residents on website to enable them to also report streetlights. Share on social media. Completed.

19/9397 Planning Report -With regards to planning application KET/2020/0318, which was refused on 17th 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.
Update March 2022: Cllr O Hara will talk to George Candler / planning tomorrow for an update.

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.

19/9411. Co-option of new councillor. - The Chair welcomed Councillor Gray.

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

19/9416. Police and Community Matters report - **Action: Clerk to update information on website and share through social media. Completed.**

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

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.

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.

Flytipping - Rubbish has been disposed of on the grass verge, over the fence from the Old Willows / A43. **Action: Cllr Smith – Haynes to pick this up with Cllr David Howes and Graeme Kane to be resolved. This has now been completed.**

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

Update March: Under Local Government Act 1972, Section 137, Parish Council Powers, a donation may be given to a village hall towards the general running costs without being specific about what it is spent on where as a grant would be given towards the cost of a specific project such as the installation of outside gym equipment. See 19/9438.

Members felt that it would be preferable if approached to award a grant towards a project that would benefit the whole community that would contribute to wellbeing and be free to residents rather than 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. **Update March: emailed Sarah Barnwell & Highways 28/02/2022**

Report

The Clerk received an email regarding the number of accidents that have occurred this year alone at Pytchley Crossroads. The Clerk contacted the Pytchley Clerk as the crossroads are in BPC boundary. It was an agenda item on their agenda this month.

The Clerk contacted the Village Hall and cancelled the long term hall booking. BPC thanked them for keeping the space available for the last couple of years. The standing order has now been cancelled.

19/9432. Correspondence. (7)

- Email from resident – Herbal planter
- NCALC Friday mini eUpdate – 18/02/2022, 25/02/22, 04/03/22, 11/03/22
- Update from the Leader of the Council 18
- 56 Hour Closure - M1 junction 13 to 16 upgrade
- Parish Council Network Event: How to Green Your Community
- Strategic Town & Parish Forum invitation- Corby & Kettering
- Invite from NCALC - The Code of Conduct in Practice -14 March 2022, 19:00-21:00

19/9433. Reports from other meetings attended. (8)

Strategic Town & Parish Forum - 10th March 2022 – Attended by Cllr Bull

Chair: Cllr David Howes (NNC)

David Watts (NNC Exec Director for Adults, Commuties & Wellbeing) gave a Strategic update on behalf of George Candler, this included:

- Notification of a Levelling Up Communities consultation to be issued imminently which will be resourced with a UK Prosperity Fund (Capital & Revenue).
- Imminent consultation on Garden Waste Management to be issued and the outcome of this consultation will feed in to an Executive paper in July 22
- Currently working on several strategic policies on Assets Value & Transfers/Pollinator Strategy/Trees Strategy – these will feed in to Executive papers scheduled for April/May. HB asked if NNC were aware of the current exercise being conducted re parish asset mapping and David confirmed that he had become aware of this.

- Currently been allocated 10 Afghan families to find homes for – they have found for 3 families and are asking parishes if there are any further properties that could be proposed.
- They are in the early stages of planning for the Ukrainian crisis.

Lesley Sambrook Smith from NCALC then presented on the Parish Mapping exercise and confirmed that take-up was excellent with all bar 2 parishes currently involved/discussing it. They have already issued over 30 grants and have 80 parishes signed up to the Asset Mapping online service. Lesley went to great lengths to stress how important it is to consider/map what is important to us as an asset and why it is there but also to consider what assets could be of community value and importance in the future and include them.

Kerry Purnell, NNC Communities Lead advised that they are working on several strategic lines as priority:

- Healthy/Active/Lifestyle strategy including facilities
- Community Safety Plan
- Community Strategy which will define and embed how NNC will strengthen volunteer and community sectors to deliver. Devolution will be captured within this strategy.

Kerry also confirmed that the Discretionary Grant Scheme was performing well (2 levels - up to £2.5k/up to £5k), the first round having seen 43 applications with 18 funded to a total of £70k. They have already received 99 applications in round 2 which is open until end of March. This scheme will continue through 22-23. The Members' Empowerment Fund was also launched w/c 7th March with £2k allocated per member. It is possible for members to combine their grants to support a project. The Strategic and Voluntary Sector Grants will continue for another 2 years (this scheme funds larger community projects eg Community Transport)

Cllr Helen Howell (NNC) updated on the plans for the Platinum Jubilee and advised that there will be a big picnic lunch arranged at Wicksteed Park for the celebration.

Cllr David Howes acknowledged the issues with Fix my Street and his advice was to put everything through to the Ward Councillors.

Village Hall Meeting attended by Cllr Scouse

The committee are scaling back plans on the development of the hall but are still progressing on a smaller scale. The costs of electricity are rising and they are considering charging users up to 15%.

19/9434. Police and Community Matters report. (9)

Police Matters

In the absence of Cllr Robson, it was noted the village will be losing Broughton beat PC this weekend but they are seeking to replace when they can. Until a confirmed posting has been made, PCSO Duggan will be the contact.

Police Beat Bus is provisionally booked for the Village Hall show 10th September in Broughton. Cllr Robson is liaising with the Village Hall and the police re the event.

At the present time, it is not reasonable to expect the police to come to parish meetings.

19/9435. Pocket Park Pond Regeneration update. (10)

Cllr Rose reported that he had been in contact with the contractor and work on the dipping platform and benches are now imminent.

In regards to planting, Cllr Rose contacted about 10 companies – Coir rolls supplied and fitted will cost around £1.5k

One firm who replied were Habitat Aid. They specialize in wildlife ponds and offered advice on coir roll planting. On their advice, it was decided this may not be the best solution for the pond area as the water levels vary so much. An alternative would be to buy packs of varied plants which will include oxygenating plants. A rough estimate for purchasing 3 packs and also some mixed seeds for the back of the pond area would be around £400 including VAT. It was noted that Iris are very invasive. Members resolved to ask for an official quote.

19/9436. Traffic calming report. (11)

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) is currently situated just inside the village at Cransley Hill. Cllr Shrive was asked by a member of the public about traffic calming in Kettering Road. BPC are now at the tail end of collecting the data from the SID which will help and inform and direct BPC decision on all the traffic calming within the village. .

The Junction of Kettering Road/A43 and the inability to exit at certain times is becoming even more problematic than usual. A discussion ensued regarding 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. Action: The clerk to contact Ian Boyes/Highways to see if a feasibility study could be carried out at rush hours.

19/9437. Planning Report. (12)

Planning Applications for consideration.

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

NK/2022/0140

LOCATION: 2 Podmore Way

PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension

Consultation end date: 31/03/2022

Target decision date: 21/04/2022

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

Planning decisions

NK/2022/0007

LOCATION: Little Cransley Cottage

PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension, conversion of existing outbuilding into habitable room and render to rear lean to

Comment: After taking into account the principle of preserving the architectural hierarchy of the site and the need to conform to Policy 3 of the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan, it is our position that the materials used must be sympathetic to the immediate vicinity in order to preserve the character of the site and its immediate neighbours. We object to the use of materials with a modern appearance which would be at odds with the street scene and request that materials be approved by the Planning Authority prior to commencement should the application be approved. Approved.

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

Approved.

NK/2021/1027

LOCATION: 23 Thoday Close, Broughton

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

Target decision date: 18/02/2022

Approved.

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

Approved.

NK/2021/1032

LOCATION: 1 Hutchinson Avenue

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

Target date: 14/03/2022

Approved.

19/9438. Finance Report. (13)

March 2022 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,149.38

Community - £23,987.86

Credits to Community account

NCALC – AMP grant payment		£367.76
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Credits to Nationwide account

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Payments issued from Community account

Payee	Cheque number	Amount
A McDaid wages - mth 12 plus £83.72 back pay & AMP hours	Bank transfer	£695.73
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£186.64
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries.	Bank transfer	£36.74
Baptist Church – Room hire Feb	Bank transfer	£16.00

Cllr Scouse to sign off and verify online payments.

It was finally announced that a pay award of 1.75% has been agreed by the unions for local government employees and will be backdated from April 2021. The clerk will receive £83.72 this month.

The Village Hall has made a £5k application to NNC for outdoor gym equipment. They have been quoted £9k plus installation. If successful, Clive Gresham will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the project.

19/9439. Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project. (14)

The AMP working group has now completed this project. The clerk has billed BPC for 27 hours in total. This will be paid in with this month's salary and amounted to an additional £349.65. A grant from NCALC was awarded for £367.76 which covered these additional hours. There is a balance of £18.11 left which will be held in case of any minor additions that need to be made after submission.

19/9440. Her Majesty Platinum Jubilee. (15)

The clerk contacted various groups and asked on social media if anyone was holding a street party within the village to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

The 2nd Broughton Scouts have decided they are not going to do anything specific, but may well organise a scout camp and theme it Platinum celebrations.

Broughton Baptist Church came back with no planned events.

Broughton School have been paired with the Royal Palaces to take part in 'Superbloom'. This is a project that will see the moat of the Tower of London transformed into a flower meadow. Year 2 will have the honour of visiting the Tower in June and seeing the flowers for themselves. They are working with the Royal Gardeners to transform the area of ground behind the hall into a 'Queen's Wellbeing Garden' and are also planning an Archway into the garden which the children are designing.

St Andrews Church - There is going to be a special service at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday 3rd June which they hope to stream in the church and will encourage people to join them to sing along to the hymns, whilst enjoying a drink and some cake, with crafts/activities for children. The details and timings of the service haven't yet been published, so more details once they have been confirmed so there will be an event at the church on Friday 3rd June at some point during the day.

Cllr Manning will be organising a street party in Church Street.

As discussed in 19/9339, in November, Cllr's Bull, Taylor & Rose met with NNC officer Dave Lane and discussed creating an all year round bulb garden in the space and bring the area back to being a lovely corner of the park.

A central tree (ornamental cherry) for the Queens Green Canopy was discussed and decided would make a wonderful feature.

The clerk spoke to Dave Lane who said that the ramp will be installed after April but may not be in time for the weekend.

Trees have been planted in the village hall playing fields by NNC as part as the Queens Green Canopy, and as we are at the end of the tree planting season, it is unlikely that NNC will place a tree at the old memorial site now.

As for the bulb garden, it is likely that Operation Spring Bloom may be a casualty of the budget cuts that are due to be set so BPC would need to purchase their own bulbs.

It was agreed for the paving slabs to remain now.

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.

A while ago, a resident asked if they could donate a seat in memory of the victims of covid at the old memorial site.

Although all agreed at the time, this was a lovely idea, due to previous anti-social behavior at that location the previous seat had to be removed as it was causing distress to the older residents in the bungalows that back onto the area, it was decided to decline the offer.

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

19/9441. General interest items. (16)

The daffodils bulbs have survived in Podmore Way and are looking lovely.

Bulbs were also planted out by Cllr Shrive and Rose in Cox's lane and by the village signs.

There are still more bulbs to plant out which will be carried out in due course.

19/9442. Date of next meeting. (17)

Wednesday 20th April 2022.

19/9443. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (18)

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

Signed:

Dated: