

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr J. Manning

### **Ward Councillors present:**

There were none present

### **Members of the Public present:**

Two members of the public were present

### **93/23. Apologies.**

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr John Currall

Cllr Jan O'Hara

### **94/23. Declarations of Interest.**

None were received

### **95/23. Minutes.**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members after an amendment to September minutes 83/23, which stated AES Europe LTD had quoted for pond maintenance instead of AquaServe. This was authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

### **96/23. Public right to speak.**

A resident approached the council to see if they could help rally the public to help get something done about the Pytchley crossroads after 2 members of her family have historically been involved in accidents. Please see below 101/23.

### **97/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.**

No reports were received

### 98/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

#### **Clerk report**

81/23 – Cransley Hill - The clerk from Great Cransley enquired whether or not BPC had received an update on the 30mph sign between the villages. The clerk forwarded on the latest correspondence she received from Ian Boyes.

Bus stop – Clerk contacted First Bus but has not received a reply

#### **October 2023 correspondence**

- Councillor and Parish Council Drop In Event At Raunds Library On Thursday 5th October
- North Northamptonshire Council - Leader's Update
- New consultations: What do you think of your local polling station? and Northamptonshire Children's Trust short breaks service
- Update from the Leader of the Council
- Councillor and Parish Council Drop In Event At Earls Barton Library On Thursday 2nd November
- Kettering Urban LAP Meeting

### 99/23. Reports from other meetings

No other meetings were attended

### 100/23. Traffic Calming - update on correspondence with Highways

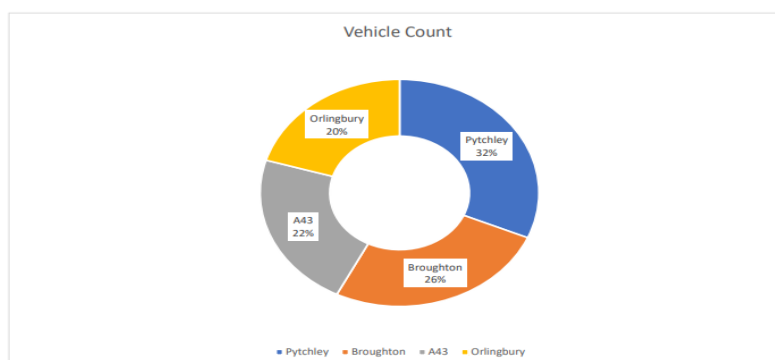
The clerk was in correspondence with a resident who enquired about the traffic calming plans for Kettering Road. It was explained that Northampton Road would be our priority but at a later date, we would investigate all possibilities once we have a definitive cost for Northampton Road.

**Action: Clerk to contact Ian Boyes for an update on the consultation.**

### 101/23. Pytchley Crossroads – to discuss potential for improvement to the crossroads

A traffic survey was conducted in the last week of August 2023 and was forwarded from NNC. Members commentated that as this was conducted in the school holidays, it will not be a true reading of everyday usage.

From	Count	Over 40	%	Over 45	%	Crossing	
Pytchley	13099	3740	29%	1203	9%	22359	
Broughton	10809	6343	59%	3080	28%	Pytchley	59%
A43	9260	3545	38%	1560	17%	A43	41%
Orlingbury	8471	2767	33%	1045	12%		
Total	41639	16395	39%	6888	17%		
Per day	5948	2342		984			



BPC are now pushing to upgrade the Give Way signs to Stop Signs but NNC informed BPC the junction does not currently meet the criteria to get it changed.

BPC are now notifying NNC Highways on every occasion when an accident occurs. This information includes which direction the vehicles are travelling.

All agreed there is a real lack of visibility because of the hedges and BPC have continually asked for them to be trimmed back. Latest correspondence with Sarah Barnwell was that apart from land ownership, it could encourage some drivers to proceed sooner/more quickly so that potentially the severity of collisions might increase. She will send on our request to the Road Safety Team for their information and consideration.

All agreed more evidence is needed so a resident offered to ask residents via social media to contact her for any dash-cam footage with near misses or accidents to keep with a view of sharing at a later date.

**Action – Clerk to ask Ian Boyes if BPC SID could be situated on the Give Way sign for a more detailed reading and information on other crossroads with the same amount of accidents.**

#### 102/23. Pocket Park – to look at estimates for pond maintenance and agree contractor

After looking at the specialized quote by AquaServe and as Froglife were unable to quote, it was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the works at a price of £822.31.

#### 103/23. Memorial Garden – update on NNC and working parties actions to date

Response from Liam Faulkner, NNC Grounds Services Manager after clerk chased work update.

“I have looked at this site previously with works discussed some time ago including the removal of shrubs from borders. Having assessed this recently I feel that the removal of shrubbery will detrimentally and directly affect the biodiversity of the area and impact the stability of the wall. My preference here will be to prune the shrubs and maintain them as such, using the ample space in the area for bulb planting should the local community wish to undertake this”.

In light of this turn around from NNC, the working party will revisit the site and review a new plan and plant list. A weekend will be put aside for planting bulbs.

#### 104/23. Christmas lights – update on Western Power, electricians report and agree costs

The Grey electrical box situated near the original Christmas lights, was due to be inspected but the door was locked. Cllr Shrive will investigate.

5 different electricians were approached but none were able to provide a quote as they only deal with domestic properties.

Western Power were happy to quote but needed to know the Kilo-volt-amperes (KVA's). The chair will contact them with the relevant information and Cllr Rose will contact a separate electrician to tender.

A plan B was agreed on, to light up the tree outside Red Lion and the tree on the corner of Wellingborough Road for this year. It was **RESOLVED** to get 2 sets of battery operated fairy lights and a battery charger for the interim.

High Street Rec – The chair investigated and there does seem to be power in the Phone Box library

#### 105/23. Development control / Planning Report.

##### **Planning applications**

NK/2023/0536

LOCATION: 12 Brookhaven, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single storey rear extension

**No comment**

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

**No comment**

##### **Planning decisions**

NK/2023/0500

LOCATION: The Gables, 54 Church Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Listed Building Consent: Replace roof light to orangery and remove external flue. Swap over kitchen and living room including installation of a kitchen with ventilation grille/cowl to north-east elevation and relocation of log-burner. Installation of new waste pipe in hallway floor. Convert utility room to shower room and toilet to cupboard. Convert bedroom to bathroom including installation of bathroom suite. Convert existing bathroom to utility room including alterations to studwork and door. Fit ventilation grilles/cowls to serve bathroom and utility room.

No comment

**Target decision date: 19/10/2023**

NK/2023/0388

LOCATION: 10 Cox's Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Two storey front extension, single storey rear extension to replace conservatory, render and cladding, alterations to and insertions of windows and doors.

**No comment**

**Decision date: 28/08/2023 – No decision yet**

NK/2023/0266

LOCATION: 2 Carter Avenue, Broughton, NN14 1LZ

PROPOSAL: Demolition of shed/outbuilding and construction of garden room

**No Comment**

**Target decision date: 11/07/2023 – No decision yet**

### 106/23. Finance Report.

#### **October 2023 statements**

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Community - £24,945.19

Credits to Community account

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Credits to Nationwide account

Interest		£0.00
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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
A McDaid wages - mth 7	Bank transfer	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A McDaid home working, webpage & phone	Bank transfer	£33.15
Castletree October – resolved to pay when received	Bank transfer	£300.00
Room hire October – resolved to pay when received	Bank transfer	£20.00

Cllr Scouse to authorise this month.

NB: Plusnet are folding and EE are taking over the phone contract. The phone will run on 2G from January. There is an option to pay an additional charge of £6 per month for a 4G simm card. **Action: Clerk to look into other providers**

### 107/23. To set a budget for 2024-25 and move unspent funds.

The following budget was set to commence 2024/25

Pocket Park maintenance	£1,900.00
Salary	£7,221.73
Room Hire	£200.00
Homeworking	£150.00
Post	£0.00
Stationary	£50.00
Sundries/Poppy wreath	£25.00
Telephone	£150.00
Website hosting	£0.00
Internal audit fee	£37.15
Playground	£3,536.00
Bus shelter	£65.00

Christmas lights	£1,000.00
Bank charges	£24.00
Insurance	£0.00
NACRE	£1,000.00
Chairman's allowance	£50.00
High Street/Road safety	£240.00
Unitary contingency	£2,772.19
SSLC membership	£15,000.00
Website social information	£120.00
Zoom	£144.00
CPRE	£0.00
BT phone box	£36.00
Elections	£2,500.00
Training	£172.20
Garden Memorial	£1,000.00
Chapel Foodbank	£1,500.00
Misc projects	£5,000.00
ICO	£40.00
	£43,933.27

**108/23. To agree the purchase of a poppy wreath for Armistice Day**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a wreath for Armistice Day.

**109/23. Items for consideration at next meeting**

There were no items for consideration.

**110/23. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**111/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.**

The meeting was closed at 8:55pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

