

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 17th May 2023

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse
Cllr R. Shrive
Cllr M. Rose.
Cllr. H. Bull
Cllr M. Gray
Cllr J. Manning

Ward Councillors present:

None

Members of the Public present:

One member of the public present.

20/23. Apologies.

Cllr C. Taylor – accepted
Cllr Chris Haynes-Smith
Cllr John Currall

21/23. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for ensuing year.

Chair - Cllr Scouse. Proposed by Cllr Bull, seconded by Cllr Shrive. All agreed.

Vice Chair – Cllr Shrive – Proposed by Cllr Rose, seconded by Cllr Manning. All agreed

22/23. Declarations of Interest.

None were received

23/23. Minutes.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th April 2023 and copies were circulated. The minutes were 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.

24/23. Public right to speak.

A resident commented on how the grass verges are in desperate need of cutting – A discussion also took place about the poor visibility at Pytchley Crossroads. It was suggested that it could be because of “No mow May”

Cllr Scouse has already contacted NNC about the verges in Broughton but is waiting on a reply.

25/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.

None received. **Action: Clerk to write and ask if at least one ward councilor could attend Broughton meetings in future.**

26/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk report

22/146. General interest items – 30/03/2023 Emailed owner of field where water is running off the field onto Wellingborough Road to rectify. **No response**

22/157 Pocket Park Report. Castletree to meet Cllr Scouse for onsite meeting for path quote. See 31/23

22/160 Kings Coronation and Big Help Out. Sticks and bags to be returned to NNC

May 2023 correspondence

- Friday mini eUpdate - 21/04/23, 28/04/23, 05/05/23
- Update from the Leader of the Council 21/04/23, 05/05/23
- Sense of place information for Councillors
- Town & Parish Forums - Hold the Dates
- Two new consultations: Home to School Transport Policy Review and Non-immediate Article 4 Direction: Kingswood, Corby
- Parish Council Network Programme 2023 from NACRE
- Responding to Planning Applications 19 May 2023 NCALC training
- Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's May Newsletter
- Parish Council Network Meeting- New date and time for Health & wellbeing initiatives and funding opportunities -

27/23. Appointments to outside bodies and committees

Members were allocated to the following sub committees:

Finance Advisory Committee – Cllr's Scouse, Shrive & Gray.

Pocket Park Advisory Committee – Cllr's Scouse, Shrive, Taylor & Rose.

Policing – Cllr's Scouse & Shrive

Village Hall representative - Cllr Scouse.

Memorial Garden Committee – Cllrs Manning, Taylor, Bull & Rose.

Communications Committee – Cllrs Manning, Rose, Bull & Gray.

Bentham Charities – Cllrs Bull, Rose, Shrive & Gray

28/23. Review of policies

The following policies were reviewed:

- Standing Orders – No changes
- Data Protection Policy – Add ICO number

- Scheme of delegation – No changes
- Equality & Diversity Policy – No changes
- Safeguarding Policy – No changes
- Social media Policy – No changes

The Financial Regulations are due for review by NALC so advice would be to wait until the revised version has been released and then adopt

29/23. Time capsule

The meeting noted the countdown for retrieval of the time capsule BPC planted and discussed the steps taken to ensure the location of this was not lost track of.

Note: This is not the same time capsule that Broughton School planted.

30/23. Insurance Renewal

BHIB have provided a quote of £676.66 plus tax and £25 admin fee.

A three year deal was agreed in 2021, and base price is the same as the last two previous years. Deal will come to an end next year.

31/23. Project Reports

Traffic Calming Project

As BPC have still not had a quotes or response from NNC Highways, it was noted BPC could technically employ an independent consultant and contractor but this action could result in additional costs swallowing up s106 funds.

It was agreed Cllr Scouse would contact Cllr John Currall to set up a face to face meeting with Graeme Kane and Phillip Beecroft. If there is no response or lack of satisfactory outcome, BPC will complain to the ombudsman.

Memorial Garden Project

BPC are still waiting on NNC clearing the shrubs. It was noted that Dave Lane has moved to a different role. It was agreed, the memorial tree needs extra watering now the weather is getting warmer. **Action: Clerk to contact Sarah Parr**

Pocket Park

Cllr Scouse had an onsite meeting with Castletree to quote for the new gravel pathway and rail at the back of the pond. They adopted a different approach and suggested digging up and having a raised path instead of lowering the ground and filling. Quote yet to be received.

It was noted by Cllr Rose that the other contractor who quoted, was concerned that if you raised the path, it will disperse quicker.

Cllr Scouse contacted Pondlife for some advice on planting, but waiting on a reply. Wildlife Trust will also be contacted.

As the throw rope near the pond was stolen this month, it is estimated to cost around £32 to replace. **Action: Clerk to order and share on FB, how much it has cost the community.**

32/23. Planning Report. (11)

Planning applications

None

Planning decisions

NK/2023/0188

LOCATION: St Andrews Church, Church Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1-T4 Fir and T5 Holly - 2m height Reduction.

Refused

NK/2023/0069

Location: 5 Donaldson Avenue, Broughton

Proposal: s.73A Retrospective Application: Erection of shed adjacent to existing shed at the rear of the site.

No comment

Approved

NK/2023/0001

LOCATION: 6 Gables Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations: Installation of solar photovoltaic and energy storage systems with associated ancillary equipment

Target decision date –27/04/2023

NK/2021/0995

LOCATION: Old Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Section 73A Retrospective Application - Siting of caravans for residential occupation with associated utility buildings

Expiry consultation date: 20/06/2022

Comment: Objection - Broughton Parish Council object to this application. Report submitted.

16/23. Finance Report.

May 2023 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Community - £30,498.94

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 2	Bank transfer	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A. McDaid home working & phone.	Bank transfer	£21.15
SLCC membership	Bank transfer	£112.00

BHIB Insurance	Bank transfer	£711.07
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Room hire at Broughton Chapel will increase its hourly fee to £10 per hour from September 2023 to help cover the extra cost of heating.

34/23. Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR).

2022/23 audit has now been carried out by external auditor Tino La Torre.

The AGAR was signed off by the chair and RFO and will now be submitted to PK Littlejohn and posted on website.

35/23. Exercise of Public Rights

This year's period for the Exercise of public rights will run from Monday 5th June to Friday 14th July 2022.

36/23. General interest items – for discussion only, no decisions.

Cllr Manning – The vegetation along the verges are now at an unacceptable level.

Cllr Gray – Cransley Hospice are looking for volunteers. There is an open day next month. The clerk agreed to share the event on the website / social media and a poster will be put in the Notice boards

Cllr Shrive attended the Town and Parish forum

It is now deemed no longer suitable for Broughton as mainly focusses on the Towns and not rural issues. Has requested for highways to be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Speed indicator device to be located next at KBC3 Cransley Hill and afterwards Gate Lane.
Clerk to check s50 license.

Cllr Scouse highlighted the recent flooding in Gate Lane. A discussion ensued and all agreed that this is not unusual but the rain was exceptional this time. There was concern that the culvert which should take the water from the brook behind Brookhaven, under Gate Lane and discharge in the other brook on the other side of the road, might be blocked or congested. Cllr Scouse and Shrive will investigate and contact Anglian water.

37/23. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 21st June 2023.

38/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The meeting was closed at 7:55pm

Signed:

Dated:

