

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 19th October 2022

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr. H. Bull.

Cllr M. Gray.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr J. Manning

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr J. Currall

Cllr J O'Hara

Members of the Public present:

There were two members of the public present

22/74. Apologies. (1)

Cllr. C. Smith-Haynes – unwell

22/75. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

22/76. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2022 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members after the clerk was informed of the misspelling of Cllr Currall's surname. This was amended and authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

NCALC – Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

22/77. Public right to speak. (4)

Revd. Nicki Hobbs join in the discussion below 22/78. The Rector confirmed she will stay on as a trustee for the Bentham Charities.

Alderman Baxter joined in the discussion below 22/78 as he was the chair of Bentham charities for 24 years.

22/78. Bentham Charities. (5)

The Joseph Bentham Charity is an amalgamation of five very old legacies whose objective is to give assistance to the needy in Broughton.

The Charity has four Trustees who are appointed by the Parish Council and one Ex-officio Trustee who must always be the vicar.

The Charity owns parcels of land which are rented out to provide an income for the charity and capital, the interest from which also provides an income.

The parcel of land adjacent to the Traveller site has been rented to the Hoyland family for some years and the family have requested to buy the land. The charity have refused to sell despite being offered what the land agent (Berry's) consider to be more than the true value of the land.

There has been an issue with fly-tipping on the land and the tenancy agreement with the Hoyland family dictates that the charity are responsible for the clearance of the land. The tenancy agreement expires in January and the charity have decided not to renew it.

The distress and anxiety all this has caused has resulted in the decision of all four trustees and the clerk to resign their position in the New Year after the Christmas distribution of funds.

There seemed to have been an assumption on the part of the Trustees that the Parish Council would somehow become responsible for the Charity once they resigned but this is not the case. I spoke to the Charity Commission who advised me that the Trustees have a legal obligation to administer the charity or, if there are insufficient people to do this they must wind up the charity according to the rules set out by the Charity Commission.

I have advised the clerk of this situation. The Parish Council can assist in seeking new Trustees but we have no further obligation as far as I can see and we have no rights over the land or funds.

There is nothing to prevent Parish Councillors from becoming Trustees if they so wish.

It should be noted that when Trustees make decisions it should always be in the best interest of the Charity. When considering whether or not to sell the land the judgement must be whether income from renting the land exceeds the potential income from investing the proceeds from the sale of it. If refusing to sell could be judged as not acting in the best interests of the charity this decision could be challenged under charity law.

Cllrs Bull, Shrive, Rose and Scouse will meet with the charity independently to help with advertising for 4 new trustees and a clerk. Revd. Nicki Hobbs will stay on as a trustee.

22/79. Reports from NNC Councillors. (6)

Cllr John Curral

Kier Highways contract started on the 12th of September.

NNC will be investing 1.5 Million this year to all the 109 Town and parish councils. The money will be spent on potholes/ vegetation clearing/ sign cleaning/ Road marking etc.

A consultation is taking place on the LCWIP. Local Cycling and walking infrastructure plan.

The executive approved the green waste proposal to charge for this service from April 2023

November.

Make a splash at our free under 18yrs swim sessions this October half term/ Northampton
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/make-18yrs-swim-sessions-October-half-term>

A Survey is taking place regarding Electric Charging Points for 21 on street locations. The resident engagement period will run until 9 November and will be supported with additional communications via the social media sites, local press, the NNC website, and the Smart Move website www.smartmovenorthamptonshire.net

Cllr Jan O Hara

Cllr O Hara was made aware in the week of the very unfortunate incident that occurred in Carter Ave yesterday, which involved a pack of what were presumed to be Foxhounds ending up chasing a Muntjac deer into the residential area where they proceeded to tear it to pieces in front of some very shocked onlookers.

The bystanders managed to get the dogs off the deer which eventually died and the dogs then ran back in the direction they came from – the back of the garages and into the field where a gap to access the field has been made.

The police were informed and video footage was submitted.

A sincere apology was received from a representative of the Pytchley & Woodside Hunt to the council and confirmation that extra measures have been put in to be sure this type of accident will not happen again and will avoid laying pre-laid scent trails close to the village again.

22/80. Report from clerk (7)

19/9423. General interest items. - The Old Cottage on the banks is looking very untidy.

Update Oct: Principal Planning Manager, Troy Healy is looking into the site and will possibly be issuing an s215 untidy land notice.

22/16. General interest items - Yeoman's house

Update Oct: Principal Planning Manager, Troy Healy is looking into the site and will possibly be issuing an s215 untidy land notice.

22/56. General interest items - Cllr Bull reported that the road sign in Northampton Road is now covered by an overgrown hedge. **Action: Cllr Bull to take photo and forward onto clerk to report. Ongoing**

There are large potholes on the slip road coming off Kettering Road and entering into Northampton Road. **Action: Clerk to report. – Ian Boyes contacted as FixMyStreet was not working.**

Update Oct: Some repairs have been completed but the holes within the white lines have not.
Action: Clerk to chase.

22/71. General interest items - The upright posts surrounding the small children's play area in Podmore Way have rotted. **Completed.**

Cllr Bull remarked on how the children were enjoying playing on the tree in the high street playing fields and all agreed it was a brilliant reuse of the tree. **Dave Lane has confirmed it will remain until it starts to rot.**

Clerk report

Email correspondence with management agent Greenbelt in regards to removing the kissing Gate – **Update: Greenbelt management Agency has now agreed to remove.**

Footpath from Hutchinson Avenue to Glebe Avenue is very overgrown and difficult to traverse in a wheelchair reported – Ref 3773090.

Update Oct: Clerk chased but works have not yet been completed. **Action: Clerk to chase again.**

Footpath from the side of 56 Church Street by the Church to the pocket path. It has brambles and briars at eye height and is becoming quite dangerous reported - Ref 3773119. - Action scheduled

22/54. Village Hall – Outdoor play equipment. A discussion ensued regarding the purchasing and outdoor gym equipment £4k proposed to Clive - all agreed. **Gym equipment has now been installed.**

Clerk Report

Clerk has been in contact with Heather Brunson, Neighbourhood Manager for Kettering area regarding a willow tree overhanging from a property on Wellingborough Road onto a property on Lime Road. The Grounds Maintenance Surveyor has already been out and has assessed the safety of the tree and has confirmed that although the tree is extremely tall, it is not dangerous in any way. Because of this it does unfortunately mean that from Housing's point of view we are not in a position to enforce the tenancy by insisting that the tenants have to cut the tree down. We can only enforce the tenancy at the point that the tree becomes dangerous or is dead or diseased.

22/81. Correspondence. (8)

August 2022

- FW: Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) consultation survey
- Isham Bypass Scheme – consultation
- 75th Annual Conference Invitation
- 2nd Broughton Scouts Community Challenge
- NACRE July 2022 E-Bulletin
- NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 22/07/22, 05/08/2022, 12/08/22, 19/08/22
- Update from the Leader of the Council 22/07/2022, 05/08/2022, 19/08/22
- Parish Council Members - August E bulletin
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Newsletter August 2022
- Mature Drivers Roadshow - helping to keep mature drivers driving safer for longer.

September 2022

- Friday mini eUpdate - 02/09/22, 16/09/22, 23/09/22
- Local Crime and Policing Priorities for Kettering Rural

- Update from the Leader of the Council 02/09/2022, 30/09/2022
- Launch of the Ise Valley Strategic Plan
- Northants ACRE Village Viewpoint magazine
- Leader's Update - Commemorative Edition
- Session on Electric Vehicle Charging Points - 12/10/22
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Newsletter September 2022
- CPRE Actual Planning Roadshows return – 13th October, Wadenhoe Village Hall
- Northants CALC eUpdate - Sep/Oct 2022

October 2022

- CPRE invitation to champagne reception
- Northants CALC Training Newsletter - October 2022
- NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 07/10/22, 14/10/22
- Update from the Leader of the Council 14/10/2022
- EVCP session and survey
- North Northamptonshire Council Leisure Centre's - Customer Feedback Surveys

22/82. Reports from other meetings attended (9)

CIlr Pat Scouse report– Electric vehicle charging points

I attended a Zoom conference hosted by NCALC and heard a presentation from Electric Places (formerly Electric Corby CIC) who are helping NNC formulate a strategy to achieve their Net Zero target by 2050 – NN2NZ (North Northants to Net Zero). The meeting was attended by approx. 30 Parish & Town councils.

Peter Stevens and Nick Bolton delivered the presentation which gave an overview of the task and identified the elements of life which are the principle emitters of CO2 in this area – transport and domestic use were top of the list.

The presentation briefly spoke about the potential for reducing CO2 emissions in general but the focus of the meeting was how to reduce the impact of transport, particularly car use.

There were discussions about car sharing schemes and the need for a more comprehensive public transport network throughout the rural areas.

The subject of car charging points was discussed at some length and the variety of solutions available for those without off street parking was explored.

It was agreed that there was sufficient interest among the participants to create an opportunity for further discussion and to gain further knowledge on the subject. NCALC will facilitate this.

A questionnaire will be circulated shortly, hopefully before the next PC meeting to gauge the level of interest among Parishes.

CIlr Robin Shrive report – NCALC AGM 1st October

During the morning session on the cost of living which I attended, the other being the police. A lot of ideas were put forward which included discussions about warm rooms, community kitchens and hubs

- NCALC subs to raise by 8.8%.
- 23-24 precept needs to be carefully thought about. It was suggested not to precept for things that are not essential or help in the current situation.
- There is no charter drawn up yet on how to devolve/sort services in the old boroughs.

Danny Moody given his 15-year award and a 75th anniversary cake was cut.

Danny made a presentation on Northants CALC Past, Present, & Future looking back over the 75-year history of the Association. This had been updated by Eric Franklin from the 2012 edition that he had done.

Jeffery Greenwell presented council of the year to Moulton PC.

The afternoon started with the North and West separating. Mike Scott chaired the panel for North Northamptonshire, the panel comprised of Jonathan Owen CEO of NALC, David Watts Executive Director at NNC, and Chief Superintendent Adam Ward from Northamptonshire Police.

I was able to ask about Highways but got very poor feedback with everything coming back to money. Discussions did then go off in various directions, mainly about the lack of money and the fact that 90 million from NNC's budget is spent on 1% of the population when it comes to Adult Social Care.

It was suggested we should just keep on complaining for new road surfaces.

Other areas like Corby Swimming Pool had gone up in cost three times since the budget was set.

The day was ended with a very good talk on climate change by Ed Gemmell, who is also a Parish councillor on Hazlemere Parish Council. He said that all parish councils should be setting Zero Carbon goals not just for themselves but also their parishes and look at getting solar and wind schemes set up within the parishes.

In summary, I think NALC are not so much a way of getting change for parish councils but certainly a way of finding things out.

Police been told there is no more money for extra officers.

Village Hall Meeting

Village Hall will submit a planning application for minor alterations to the changing rooms.

There was £6-7k profit from village show.

Need new volunteers. Bringing cleaning contractors in.

[22/83. Traffic Calming update 10\)](#)

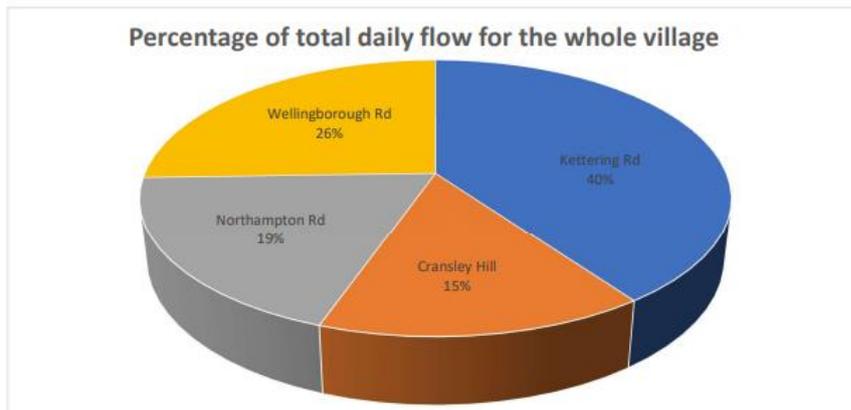
Report produced by Cllr Martin Rose

Broughton PC have been monitoring the speed of vehicle in the village for over a year now and the following is an analysis of the results of this monitoring.

Having looked at the data, we have taken the view that we should ignore anything under 35 as we don't want to skew the figures with people who may be travelling at 31 or 32 etc.

We also consider that 35 and above is the point at which speed is becoming a problem that warrants where possible, some form of attention/intervention.

The following pie chart shows the percentage of vehicles exceeding this limit in relation to those checked during the period we have been monitoring, for each of the roads we have checked.



The problem areas are not only clear to see, but exceed the other areas by a considerable margin and as such, are the areas that we feel require prioritisation. The worst area is Cransley Hill in, followed by Northampton Road in and Northampton Road out.

The proposed reduction in the speed limit on the road from Cransley is likely to impact the Cransley Hill issue leaving, what we have always suspected would be the main concern, Northampton Road. We would hope that any measure put there would solve the “in” and the “out” at the same time. In addition the total number of vehicles travelling into the village via this route is very low.

Whilst Kettering Road out is the 4th highest and has a higher number of vehicles per day, it is going out of the village and slowing down will naturally occur shortly after the speed camera due to the sharp bend before exiting to the A43.

This leaves Northampton Road with the highest number of vehicles exceeding 35 and with the highest speeds of all.

The two areas requiring attention are Northampton Road followed by Kettering Road and the main consideration is what impact we can have with the limited funds we currently have. Some of the measures used in other place look to be more in keeping with what would like and look to be cheaper options than those that have been put forward to date.



Traffic volumes:

Road	Daily Traffic	Days	Vehicle count	Road	Count/day	
Kettering Rd IN	55667	52	1071	Kettering Rd	2048	40%
Kettering Rd OUT	74826	77	977	Cransley Hill	774	15%
Cransley Hill IN	8206	43	192	Northampton Rd	977	19%
Cransley Hill OUT	10856	19	582	Wellingborough Rd	1300	26%
Northampton Rd IN	33234	65	508			
Northampton Rd OUT	41945	90	468			
Wellingborough Rd IN	24937	51	491			
Wellingborough Rd OUT	13225	16	810			

Speeds:

	% over 35	Total	Over 35
Kettering Rd IN	6.46%	55667	3595
Kettering Rd OUT	14.48%	74826	10837
Cransley Hill IN	54.94%	16988	9333
Cransley Hill OUT	19.41%	10856	2107
Northampton Rd IN	23.09%	33234	7673
Northampton Rd OUT	21.70%	41945	9100
Wellingborough Rd IN	12.69%	24937	3165
Wellingborough Rd OUT	11.66%	13225	1542

Cllrs Scouse, Rose, Gray and ward councilor Currall will meet with Ian Boyes from Highways to discuss the report and future traffic calming measures on 3rd November.

A discussion took place which included the fact that resurfacing has not been carried out for years. Alderman Baxter joined in the discussion who advised of his correspondence with an NNC officer because of the fact that Kettering Road has had no works carried out since 1984.

22/84. Community & Police report (11)

For the rural area, the three local priorities from now until 31 December 2022, will be:

1. Road Safety
2. Drug Dealing & Misuse
3. Burglary

There has been some sightings of vehicles parked at the end of the cemetery. The Gate is always open and activity has been sighted there. The clerk has emailed NNC to report but has yet to receive a response.

Action: Clerk to look into pre-made sign which ask people to close the gate

22/85. Old Memorial Gardens (12)

NNC have now installed the ramp in place of the broken steps.

NNC will clear plants/shrubs but are unable to install a power point and water supply.

Operation Spring bloom has been discontinued.

A resident has kindly donated £100 in memory of Malcom Darlow and they have agreed to the money going towards the central tree and planting.

Cllr Shrive has paid the money into the bank account and clerk had verified payment.

The crab apple tree which was chosen was a variety called admiration. The clerk investigated different suppliers online for quotes but it was decided that Cllr Bull will contact Bosworth garden centre as larger specimen is required.

Cllrs Bull, Taylor, Rose and Manning met onsite with NNC Officer Dave Lane to discuss their initial thoughts with what they would like to see onsite.

- Agreed shrubs and plants to be removed.
- In addition to the tree, boulders may be relocated and placed as a feature.
- Controlled mowing which would reduce visits leaving longer grass by the banks in the High street park. NNC are going to speak to the residents in the bungalows to clarify intentions.

22/86. Planning Report. (13)

Planning applications

None to report

Planning decisions

NK/2022/0356

LOCATION: 30 Church Street

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single storey rear extension

No Comment

Approved

NK/2022/0299

LOCATION: 9 Silver Street

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension

No comment

Approved with conditions

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

Comment: Broughton Parish Council are supportive of the project to sympathetically restore the property which will improve the street scene and contribute to the Conservation Area.

Approved

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

Withdrawn

NK/2022/0383

LOCATION: Broughton Baptist Church

PROPOSAL: Replacement windows (resubmission of NK/2021/0641)

Target decision date: 02/08/2022

No Comment

NK/2022/0428

LOCATION: 54 Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension

Comment: Objection - Adding this further side extension would be over development of the plot. Policy 3a of the Neighbourhood Plan requires development Policy to relate to the immediate surroundings.

Approved with conditions

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 wish to object to this application, Report submitted.

22/87. Finance Report. (14)

October 2022 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,230.13

Community - £22,222.28

The Following payments were made under the Scheme of Delegation in July, August & September

Payee	Method	Amount
A McDaid wages - mth 6	Bank transfer	£359.20
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£89.80
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries x 2	Bank transfer	£46.92
Go Daddy website hosting – 3 years (H. Bull)	Bank transfer	£43.16
RD Gardening Solutions	Bank transfer	£550.00
Castletree	Bank transfer	£300.00

Credits to Community account

Resident donation towards Old memorial gardens		£100.00
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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	£359.20
HMRC income tax x 2	Bank transfer	£89.80

A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries	Bank transfer	£44.40
Broughton Chapel Hire	Bank transfer	£16.00

Cllr Scouse to sign off and verify online payments. **Action: Clerk to chase bank mandate for Cllr Gray**

22/88. Precept – estimates for coming year. (15)

The budget was agreed in principal and precept was discussed. Both to be resolved at next meeting.

The Chapel are going to provide a Warm room for residents which will open on 1st November.

22/89. Armistice Day & poppy wreath. (16)

In progress

22/90. General interest items. (17)

Cllr Taylor reported that access in a wheelchair to the pond in the pocket park is not easy. Various options and remedies were discussed as to how this could be rectified.

Cllr Manning – Church Reordering project - St Andrews church have project plans so Revd. Nicki Hobbs will be attending Novembers meeting. Cllr Manning is up to date with the plans if anyone would like to discuss with her prior to the meeting.

The street lighting outside 33 Glebe Avenue is not working and all along Gate lane to St Andrews is also out. **Action: Cllr Shrive to walk around and gather positions for clerk to report.**

There is still a fence down which was caused by the storms in the High Street park. **Action: clerk to chase again.**

Cllr Bull observed that there is a permanent light on outside village hall.

Observation – There is an unacceptable level of bad youth behavior at the moment which are leaving people feeling intimidated. These youths often gather outside the Fish and chip shop in Wellingborough Road and it was questioned whether there was a license in place for these seats. **Action: Cllr Rose to talk to Red Lion as it maybe their table left over from the jubilee celebrations.**

All agreed the need to know who the police representative for Broughton is and need their contact details. Also need a police patrol in the area?

Cllr Shrive commented on how popular pond dipping has become in the pocket park.

22/91. Date of next meeting. (18)

Wednesday 16th November 2022.

22/92. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (19)

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

Signed:

Dated:

