

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held
Wednesday 18th Sept 2019, 7.00 pm
at Broughton Village Hall

Councillors Present:

- Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)
- Cllr R. Shrive
- Cllr H. Bull
- Cllr P. Wade
- Cllr R. Baxter
- Cllr M. Rose
- Cllr S. West
- Cllr O. Wyeth
- Cllr J. Chester

County Councillor present: Cllr J Hakewill

19/8052	Apologies (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr I Robson	Actions
19/8053	Declarations of Interest (2) No declarations were made	Actions
19/8054	Minutes (3) Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 th July 2019, copies were circulated and then approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair. KBC – Kettering Borough Council NCC – Northamptonshire County Council BPC – Broughton Parish Council Amendment: A row of conifers were removed.	Actions

	<i>This meeting was audio recorded and was agreed by members. The recording will be deleted as soon as the minutes have been signed off. Broughton Parish Council meetings are open to the public but the audio recording is to remain solely as a reference for minuting by the clerk at all times.</i>	
19/8055	<p>Public right to speak (4)</p> <p>The Reverend Alistair Jones, the new minister for Broughton Baptist Church introduced himself</p>	Actions
19/8056	<p>Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's (5)</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Hakewill</u></p> <p>The ongoing problems from the Old Willows site continued with the removal of existing hedges removed from the verge and a wall and fence erected without any planning consent.</p> <p>This was reported immediately to the Borough Council. The Parish Council were all in agreement that a few residents of this site have no regard for the law and seem to do be allowed to do what they like without any repercussions from Kettering Borough Council planning department and this has been proven over the years.</p> <p>There were a lot of comments about the recent activities with the wall and the fence by residents on social media, but members were disappointed that no members of the public had come to the meeting tonight.</p> <p>It was also noted the lack of attendance by Kettering officers as well.</p> <p>Cllr Hakewill compared the situation being similar to that of Mawsley.</p> <p>The situation as it stands it that Northamptonshire County Council have issued enforcement on the traveller family who encroached onto the verge. Kettering Council has said the fence does need planning permission but at the moment they are sitting back.</p> <p>It was discussed to hold a public meeting as Broughton residents are having to put up with so much at the moment, egg throwing, anti-social behaviour, vandalism but members were not sure how much this would achieve as KBC do not act or even acknowledge when problems arise. The lack of social acceptance causes frustration with many as there is a real sense of different rules for the gypsy and travellers' community. This then attributes to people making assumptions rightly or wrongly, that all ASB comes from the site but it is not proved it is or it isn't because the police and KBC officers do not visit the site.</p> <p>Cllr Hakewill did write to the leader of KBC a few weeks ago and stated that he would really like him to visit Broughton because of recent activities. There was no response. Cllr Bull described her frustration as KBC lack of response to anything reported. It was mentioned that the Clerk had written to planning</p>	Actions

and environmental departments recently with concerns for the lack of washroom/sanitary facilities and the wellbeing of the residents on the site which openly advertises the caravans commercially after human excrement was all over the public right of way, but the clerk's emails have never been acknowledged, let alone answered. Cllr Scouse has spoken to Mr Wilkinson from Countrywide about concerns with vulnerable people living on the site, he agreed and had put his concerns forward to the Police.

Cllr Hakewill pointed out that the charter within the borough has been a response within 10 days for many years now. Cllr Hakewill will now be cc'd into every email to KBC and NCC by the clerk or members.

Members and residents are frustrated because the Old Willows site has been allowed to open this commercial caravan site with no regulatory framework applied and KBC have not applied the same regulations they would if it were Billing Aquadrome or anywhere else. There has been a total failure by KBC to enforce at all, even though the site has not adhered to planning conditions from the most recent and prior application they set and a promise to enact after 3 months.

Members agreed to try and have another meeting with James Wilson, interim Head of planning.

Cllr Hakewill will try and insist on an item being put onto the agenda at the next planning meeting

There is now a new gypsy and traveller policy being written and it is hoped that proper policies will be enforced but it was also mentioned that there have been policies in the past that have not been adhered to.

After reading through the policy as it is, the data and analyst was quite clear but not sure if it gave any solutions. There was no consultation for parish councils or the 4 borough councillors even though the report stated there had been community engagement which was ongoing. The report will be completed by December 2019.

Question by Cllr Scouse: When we get these elections in May, who are we actually voting for?

In May next year in North Northants, 78 unitary councillors of which there will be 3 in Burton/Broughton and will sit from May 2020 – May 2021 as a shadow authority. The existing borough council will continue for an additional year with planning license as they cannot be transferred from one authority to another. The Unitary Authority will then take over in 2021.

Desborough are increasing their CCTV coverage. Cllr Hakewill will raise the issue with KBC and ask them to invest in traffic calming measures.

	<p>The recent Funday in the Village was excellent with the sun shining. The Village Hall confirmed they raised a record amount of money this year.</p>	
19/8057	<p>Matters arising from the minutes (6)</p> <p><u>Matters arising from March minutes</u></p> <p>19/7986 General Interest Items</p> <p>Cllr Baxter bought up that he has received a resident complaint about the footpath (GD15) adjacent to Crane Close. Aggregate has washed away exposing large tree roots growing up into the footpath which are now dangerous. Reported Ref 1605367. 9/06/19 showing as investigating on fixmystreet. Complaint put in 12/09/2019</p> <p><u>Matters arising from April minutes</u></p> <p>19/7984 Podmore park</p> <p>KBC received £10k government funding that had given local authorities to improve local parks and Podmore Park and Podmore Park will benefit from this.</p> <p>There will be a new multi-unit, the black AstroTurf will be reduced but replaced around slide. The swing frames will be painted and be put on the winter works list and there is hope of a roundabout being installed. The bench will be replaced either by KBC or BPC. UPDATE: Works will be carried out during the summer holidays and the budget is approx £16k.</p> <p><u>Matters arising from May minutes</u></p> <p>The Clerk announced that KBC has taken on a new Officer called Kanji Chudasama, who has replaced Michael Chester. The clerk will contact him regarding the issues that have been outstanding for many months in the absence of an officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakehouse Lane – light to be reinstalled RESOLVED • Podmore Park Opp 25 Donaldson Avenue RESOLVED 23/07/19 • Christmas lights ORDER IN FOR COMPLETION SEPT <p>Grange Road, LED upgrade 19/7986 –RESOLVED</p> <p>At the time of the meeting, none of the above had been resolved despite promises being made by KBC officer that at least 2 of the lights would be dealt with immediately.</p> <p>Members have asked on numerous occasions to have an onsite meeting but</p>	Actions

KBC have not honored this request. **RESOLVED**

Matters arising from June minutes

19/8028 General interest items

Cllr Wyeth raised that a resident had asked him to mention the bench in Wellingborough Road going towards the Pytchley crossroads has deteriorated significantly. Members agreed to have it removed. **Ongoing: KBC confirmed it will be removed asap 25.06.19 but the wrong 2 benches were taken in error. The right one was eventually taken. Resident Mr Owen contacted the clerk to say his elderly parents were very much missing the bench.**

The bushes outside the fish and chip shop are now very high. Members were not sure who owned it but concerned as it potentially could be used to hide things within. **RESOLVED**

Cllr Baxter asked for a letter from BPC to be written addressed to the Landlord/agent of 1 Grange Road, to cut back a row of overgrown conifers in their property, which is overhanging and obstructing the public footpath. **RESOLVED**

Matters arising from July minutes

19/8043 Broughton News (13)

Cllr Shrive circulated a copy of the Broughton news for approval. Members agreed to change the front photograph, scrap the home security tips, include the Heritage/History project and operation spring bloom which this year will take place on the corner of Cox's Lane/Cransley Hill. Distribute before September. **RESOLVED**

19/8044 Asset of Community Value (14)

The Parish Council could apply to have the Red Lion listed as an Asset of Community Value to give the community a little breathing space to move forward with a proposal. Members agreed to apply as it is now the last pub in Broughton. If successful, BPC will then inform the villagers that this has been done solely for the sake of the village and not for the Parish Council, to protect it, if it was to be put up for sale as anything other than a pub.

Submitted application 25/06/2019. Ref 154633. Decision 20th August 2019.

Decision – DENIED 16/08/19

19/8045 Development Control

It has come to light from a member of the public, a rumour is circulating relating to an agricultural building in Kettering Road, that has been fitted

	<p>out with a kitchen. BPC have looked at planning applications relating to this property and there had previously been 2 applications to change an agricultural building into a private dwelling which have been refused and one application was approved in 2014 for the replacement of an agricultural building. The officer's report mentioned BPC were skeptical of the validity of what was proposed at the time but permission was granted with officer's comments stating it shall only be used for agricultural purposes as defined in the Town and country guidelines. The clerk was asked to contact Planning with regards to this matter.</p> <p>REPORTED, no response</p> <p>19/8047 Finance (7) It was noted that a letter was sent to Barclays last month to change the standing order to BRT PF & VH Ass from £10.20 to £7.79. Barclays have failed to carry out this action. New letter sent 13/09/19 RESOLVED</p> <p>Cllr Scouse and the clerk will get together to apply for the Nationwide Building Society Saver account. Members agreed to open 125 Day saver 1.25% AER/gross p.a (fixed) with £5k. RESOLVED</p> <p>19/8049 General Interest (8) The pavement in the same area, Wellingborough Road corner of Northampton Road outside the shop, is falling apart due to the works carried out. Clerk will report via Street Doctor. Ref: 1704845 22/07/19 RESOLVED</p> <p>Cllr Wade bought up that Glebe Avenue needs to be sprayed with weed killer. This is usually done in June/July but BPC asked NCC Highways if they could do an extra spray at cost in April and this was carried out. It was noted that BPC has not received the bill for this yet. Clerk to contact Brendan at KBC. Emailed Brendan 22/07/19. Baker Ave, Glebe Ave been done. Carter Avenue has not.</p> <p>19/8066 General interest items (19) The grass by the Old War Memorial site has not recovered since works were carried out last November. Cllr Scouse has taken photographs and sent them to Triio in an email also asking when will the barriers be taken away. Triio at the time said they would reseed and if that didn't work, would re turf. RESOLVED, Barriers now taken down, grass has been mowed and is now recovering</p>	
19/8058	<p>Correspondence (7) The following correspondence were put into circulation: Email from Lorraine KBC updating data Letter from Highways England, M1 closures</p>	Actions

	KBC consultation on Town Council for Kettering Lloyds bank booklet on current accounts	
19/8059	<p>Reports of Members attending meetings or other bodies (8)</p> <p>Cllrs Scouse and Bull attended a planning policy committee meeting which focused on the new Gypsy and Traveller Policy. It was an interesting meeting but KBC do not seem to be very robust at the moment. Both councillors will continue to attend these meetings for clarity and robustness of policy. Only 3 councillors attended.</p>	Actions
19/8060	<p>Policing (9)</p> <p>An email was circulated from Cllr Robson regarding the recent egg throwing that had taken place in Broughton which Northants Police were cc'd in.</p> <p>The calves were taken away from their mothers and there was loud wailing which caused some concern.</p> <p><i>Residents are requested to report all non urgent crime and anti social behaviour to the police by either calling 101 or filling an online form www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting</i></p> <p><i>For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately</i></p>	Actions
19/8061	Speeding signs and CCTV (10)	Actions
19/8062	<p>Traffic Calming (11)</p> <p>A meeting with Iain Boyes has been set up for the 4th Oct 2019 and will discuss the S106 money, Pychley Crossroads and potholes throughout the village.</p> <p>Cllr Hakewill will ask the KBC for any investment in traffic calming. Clerk to look to see what other funding is available</p>	Actions
19/8063	<p><u>Development Control (12)</u></p> <p><i>Members were reminded to refer to their copy of the Neighbourhood Plan conditions document and the summary of policies when looking at Planning applications for consideration.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning applications for consideration</u></p> <p>KET/2019/0483 Mr Dixon 79 Carter Avenue Full: Detached garage</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>KET/2019/0436</p>	Actions

	Mr & Mrs Rimmer Ivydene Barn Full: Single storey rear extension No comment APPROVED																					
19/8064	<p>Finance (13)</p> <p>August statement - Savings £11,468.38 August statement - Community £28,323.74</p> <p>Credits to Community account</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>£0.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cheques issued from Community account 2019</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Zen internet DD</td> <td>5.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRT PF & VH Ass SO</td> <td>10.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H.Bull web domain 101819</td> <td>17.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Baines 101820</td> <td>300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. McDaid wages 101893</td> <td>250.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC income tax 101894</td> <td>19.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. McDaid 101895</td> <td>22.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Baines 101896</td> <td>300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poppy print 101897</td> <td>130.00</td> </tr> </table>		£0.00	Zen internet DD	5.99	BRT PF & VH Ass SO	10.20	H.Bull web domain 101819	17.96	M. Baines 101820	300.00	A. McDaid wages 101893	250.76	HMRC income tax 101894	19.00	A. McDaid 101895	22.00	M. Baines 101896	300.00	Poppy print 101897	130.00	Actions
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19/8065	<p>Old Willows Site (14) See Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's 19/8056</p>	Actions																				
19/8066	<p>General interest items (15) A branch came down in Pocket Park blocking a path. Contractor has been asked to remove. Members agreed the paths are looking good since M. Baines was contracted to look after the park.</p> <p>There was an act of vandalism in Podmore Park in which oil was poured down the slide. Cllr Scouse is to contact Dave Lane re new equipment which was promised to be installed in the summer holidays</p> <p>The new website is now up and running. broughtonpc.co.uk. Cllr Bull asked for all those who had not yet submitted their photos, when you joined BPC and contact details for the Who are we page, to do so asap. We have</p>	Actions																				

	<p>changed host providers so are now paying £17.96 for 3 years which is a significant saving. As soon as all minutes have been retrieved, the old website will be closed. Minutes will now be posted on the new website.</p> <p>Cllr Wade met with Sherry and she offered help to upload any information she has gathered. She has also identified some more houses that may be of interest for the Heritage trail.</p> <p>Cllr Wyeth mentioned that a resident had been in contact as there are some overgrown hedgerows hanging over footpaths in Glebe Avenue and Wellingborough Road making it difficult for her elderly mother to pass. It was mentioned that the advice from RSPB is not to cut hedgerows during certain months as birds have nests in them. The best time to cut back would be September.</p> <p>Cllr Rose mentioned there was yet another accident at the Pytchley crossroads today. The signs are overgrown. Cllr Scouse will talk to Ian again but at their last meeting, it was suggested some fluorescent signs be put up on the approach to the junction.</p> <p>Cllr Scouse cleaned the phone box. She reported back that it “needs rub down” and a coat of paint now. Grateful thanks to Strands Hairdressers and the co-op for providing the multiple buckets of hot water.</p> <p>Cllr Scouse has been in touch with the British Legion to put an order for this year’s poppy wreath. The wreath will be delivered to Cllr Wade’s address. The clerk mentioned that the cheque for last year was not presented.</p> <p>Cllr Baxter reported the sign on the playing field needs replacing as it is very faded now. A new map will need to be provided. David James will be contacted. Cllr Shrive to check if he still has the details.</p>	
19/8067	<p>Date of next meeting (16) Wednesday 16th October 2019</p>	
19/8068	<p>Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent (17) No further matters were raised and the meeting was closed at 8.35pm</p>	Actions

Signed:

Dated:

