

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr J. Manning

Cllr M. Gray

### **Ward Councillors present:**

There were none present

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

No members of the public were present.

### **131/23. Apologies.**

There were no apologies.

### **132/23. Declarations of Interest.**

None were received

### **133/23. Minutes.**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and was authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

### **134/23. Public right to speak.**

Not applicable.

### **135/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.**

No reports were received.

### **136/23. Report from clerk & correspondence**

**Clerk report**

120/23 Pytchley Crossroads - Ian Boyes is now in contact with a victim who contacted the clerk after reading about the crossroads in the E.T.

NNC have now confirmed that the following measures will be put in place at the crossroads:

- Re-instating the rumble strips
- Re-paint the white lines
- Paint speed limit on actual road
- Replace GIVE WAY signs for STOP signs

121/23 - Pocket Park – Castletree carried out a visual inspection of the trees in the pocket park. There are a couple of branches that have failed and are hanging in the trees which could cause a risk to the public and has been reported to NNC.

Dawn Hughes confirmed a visual inspection is carried out on an annual basis and is managed as a low target area for the purposes of amenity and wildlife value. A full inspection will be carried out in due course with the trees plotted onto their Arbortrack system. All work recommended for the site will be in accordance with their Tree Management and Care Policy

The Chair reported some fly- tipping under the bridge which has since been removed and Bakehouse Lane was reported as it has become slippery with decaying leaves and debris from grass cutting in the park. This has been passed onto the Street Cleaning team. Ref MK569026998.

#### **December 2023 correspondence**

- Update from the Leader of the Council – 18/11/2023, 01/12/2023, 15/12/2023
- Northamptonshire VCSE Assembly Ltd
- NACRE November E-Bulletin
- NCALC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and S106 5 December 2023
- Beat Bus Crime Prevention Event
- NACRE December 2023 Bulletin

Upcoming Police Campaigns - Safety and Driving.

The Drink, Drug driving campaign will be running from December 1st through to January 2nd 2024.

The three local priorities from 1<sup>st</sup> December until the end of March will be:

- Road Safety and Road Traffic Offences
- Drug Dealing/Misuse
- Burglary

#### **137/23. Traffic Calming - update on consultation and Cransley Hill**

The consultation about the traffic calming in Northampton Rd has been done - there were 4 objections which are being addressed by Highways.

Broughton Hill (between Broughton and Great Cransley)– The speed limit has now been reduced to 40 mph.

### 138/23. Parish Newsletter – call for articles and discuss timeframe

It was decided that the parish newsletter will be published 3 times per year.

Spring - Feb

Summer - June

Late Autumn- Oct

It was noted that more printed versions should be available and placed in the post office as well as the phone box library and St Andrews Court.

News items will be collected and highlighted in the minutes for easy reference.

**Action: Clerk to look into a larger replacement for the notice board which is currently located on the chip shop wall.**

### 139/23. Development control / Planning Report.

#### **Planning applications**

None

#### **Planning Decisions**

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**

**Target Decision date: 20/11/2023**

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 - No decision yet**

### 140/23. Finance Report – to include interest rates on Nationwide Savings accounts

#### **December 2023 statements**

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Community - £22,730.13

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 9	Bank transfer	£414.77
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£103.60
A McDaid home working, webpage, phone. Auditor Gratuity (chairman's allowance)	Bank transfer	£53.94
Aquaserve Maintenance Ltd	Bank transfer	£986.77
Broughton Chapel room hire x 2 Nov & Dec	Bank transfer	£40.00

NB: The invoice was received and paid for October's room hire on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

The clerk received a credit to her account of £3.05 from plusnet which she has taken off this month's payment.

Cllr Scouse to authorise payments this month.

At the last meeting, it was agreed to look into transferring £10k into the savings account. The clerk looked at other savings accounts on the market and it was resolved to open two new Nationwide Savers accounts and place £5k in each  
35 business day saver at 3.10% AER/gross p.a. (variable) - £5k  
6 month Saver at 4.50% AER/gross p.a. (Fixed) - £5k

The current interest rate for the existing 125 business day saver is currently 3.85%.

#### 141/23. Items for consideration at next meeting

Memorial garden update  
High Street play equipment  
Pot-hole reporting

#### 142/23. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### 143/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The chair thanked the clerk for her work throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and New Year. The meeting was closed at 7:40pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**