

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held Wednesday 19th February 2020, 7.00 pm at Broughton Village Hall.

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair).

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr H. Bull.

Cllr R. Baxter.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr S. West.

Cllr J. Chester.

County/Borough Councillor present:

None.

19/9034. Apologies. (1)

Cllr I Robson, Cllr P. Wade, Cllr O. Wyeth, Cllr J Hakewill and Cllr C Smith-Haynes.

19/9035. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

19/9036. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2020, copies were circulated and then approved by members and authorised for signature by the chair with one amendment.

19/9014 The fence referred to in the minutes is the fence adjacent to the A43.

KBC – Kettering Borough Council.

NCC – Northamptonshire County Council.

BPC – Broughton Parish Council.

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19/9037. Public right to speak. (4)

The facility was not used at this meeting.

19/9038. Reports of Local County and Borough Councillor's. (5)

No councillors were available for reports.

19/9039. Matters arising from the minutes. (6)

Matters arising from March 2019 minutes.

19/7986. General Interest Items.

Cllr Baxter raised 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.

Ref 1787040. State changed to in progress. 19/02/2020.

Matters arising from June 2019 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 ask KBC to remove. **RESOLVED.**

Matters arising from September minutes.

19/8066. General Interest Items.

Cllr Shrive has been working on the replacement of the village map. A DWG/CAD drawing is required as previous map sourced was not suitable. Andrew Needham from KBC who sourced the maps for the Neighbourhood plan, is now helping with this matter. The casing was covered in moss but has now been cleaned. **Update. The DWG drawing should be with Andrew in the next 2 weeks but he will have to seek permission to send over to BPC and if not, he will do his own drawing.**

Matters arising from November 2019 minutes.

19/8098. General interest items.

Cllr Smith-Haynes – reminded the clerk that Darren from the fire service would like to visit BPC, it was arranged back in Jan/Feb 19 but was cancelled last minute. **Ongoing - Clerk to still rearrange when convenient for all parties.**

Matters arising from December minutes.

19/9012. Development Control.

KBC planning submitted another statement regarding the unauthorised development off Cransley Lane, Loddington on the Enforcement appeal. A copy is attached to the end of the minutes and will be put on the website.

BPC will comment on the appeal by 19th January 2020. **See 19/9027 Representation to the Planning Inspectorate – Loddington below. Update: A full application has now been submitted KET/2019/0711. FULL: Change of use from agricultural land to 8 pitch residential caravan site with 2 caravans per pitch including 8 utility buildings with hardstanding and access, which will be heard on 25th February 2020.**

19/9014. General interest items.

On Podmore way, one of the bungalows is making quite a mess of the verge by taking vehicles over it. He has added some lattice on part of the property but as it is not a dropped kerb, the verge is getting ruined. **Clerk contacted the KBC Neighbourhood Manager. KBC did go to the mentioned property and knocked the door, but there was no answer. A card was left asking the residents to give KBC a call to discuss the situation. Update. A couple of rows of gravel have now been laid and a brick where the kerb is.**

Matters arising from January 2020 minutes.

19/9020. Right to speak.

Steve Barber will forward onto BPC a list of more companies. Things to look out for are how long their maintenance agreements are for, what the initial cost is, will they install free of charge and what do they charge for training. **Action. Clerk to chase Steve on list of companies.**

19/9024. Reports of Members attending meetings or other bodies.

Cllr Scouse met with Aquatic Solutions company to discuss the works to the pond in the pocket park. He agreed the access through the field would be ok if BPC get permission to enter via the field and give a ball park figure of what could be achieved. They would only be able to erect a wooden decking pontoon rather than a composite one.

Cllr Scouse will be meeting with another company on Friday.

Cllr Shrive met with the farmer of the field who has no qualms at all to letting BPC have access but BPC will also ask the agent who acts on behalf of the land owner. **Action Clerk to contact agent.**

Agent did not see a problem as BPC and the owner have worked on previous projects before. Clerk to contact agent again when works are scheduled to start. RESOLVED.

19/9026. 2020 Elections.

Members were asked to complete a survey by Northants County Association of Local Councils regarding the elections to take place in May 2020. **Update: Members asked if the clerk had received nomination papers yet and clerk confirmed she had not. The Clerk attended election training through Society of Local Council Clerks and confirmed papers will need to be submitted by 4pm, Wednesday 8th April in person at Municipal Offices. The Clerk has now received the Electoral register in digital form.**

Action: Clerk to contact elections to see when papers will be going out to parish councils.

19/9028. Old Willows.

A long section of the fence and hedge along the field boundary at the end of the site has been removed and a JCB has excavated the ground into the field and beyond the original end fence line. Two trees have also been cut down and works are continuing daily. This now equals 2 encroachments, one into the field and the other adjacent to the A43. **Update. KBC will follow up with NCC to see who owns the land which is being encroached on.**

19/9031. General interest items.

The Clerk was asked to contact KBC regarding the bench at the Bridleway opposite the village hall as the back is broken after a tree fell on it and asked for it to be replaced if possible with a composite one or if not, a wooden one situated in a nearby spot. **Clerk reported to KBC 02/01/2020.**

Action Clerk to chase.

The Clerk was asked to contact KBC re extra weed spraying for next year. **02/01/2020 emailed KBC.**

Action Clerk to chase.

Cllr Baxter has reported the footpath at the Redrow side of Cransley Hill near the bridge where the soil has washed away down the side of the bank onto the path making the footpath very narrow and slippery. **Clerk reported to KBC.**

Cllr Shrive raised the problem of parking by the shop near the war memorial in Northampton Road. People are parking their vehicles on the verge and churning up the grass which is making the area look very messy. This will be a problem when KBC come to cut the grass as they will not be able to access the area fully. **Clerk to contacted KBC and asked for some small posts to be installed.**

Action Clerk to chase.

Weldon Stone use an area in Kettering Road to pick up workers in a mini bus and workers leave their vehicles for the day. Clerk to email Weldon to ask for workers to be aware of the verges when parking. **Action. Clerk to contact Weldon Stone to ask workers to be aware of the verge there. RESOLVED.**

19/9040. Correspondence. (7)

The following correspondence were put into circulation:

- South Northamptonshire Part 2 Local Plan – modifications consultation.
- Moving together leaflet advertising over 55's dance class.
- Polling District and place review 2019/20 report.
- CPRE Northamptonshire – Awards for litter heroes.
- Invite to ACRE Parish Councillors Network coffee morning – lessening the impact of climate change on your village.
- Councillor training presentation and leaflets from Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils.
- Surveillance Camera Code of Practice x 2, Home Office and Guide to Councillors.

- Mr Hollobone's debate in central parliament, Gypsy and Travellers and the Planning System.
- CCTV – Automatic Number Plate Recognition information.

19/9041. Reports of Members attending meetings or other bodies. (8)

Cllrs Scouse, Shrive and Rose asked for a meeting representing BPC with James Wilson who is the Interim Head of Development Services at KBC and another officer, to discuss the ongoing issues at the Old Willows site.

Items discussed were community relations, enforcement, regulation and how the situation can be improved going forward.

Officers confirmed they have attended the site 3 times in the last few weeks without the police. A list of Q&A's will be published which were discussed at the meeting in due course.

Cllr Shrive attended the Rural Forum Meeting on 30th January 2020.

- Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment. KBC has confirmed that parish councils with Gypsy & Traveller sites will be part of the consultation being undertaken by Opinion Research Services.
- Sgt Ken Brown gave a 20 minute update on the importance of keeping your doors locked even when you are at home. Crimes are under reported by 20% so please report. In February a new drink and drive campaign starts along with driving under the influence of drugs. Police will be taking a hard stance on drug dealers. PM Boris Johnson's 20,000 extra PC's will come out at about £60 per year over 3 years but we have to remember that people will also leave and retire etc.
- Kettering health and wellbeing. 33% of year 6 kids and 66% of adults are overweight. 16% of residents smoke which is down from 19% last year. The 2019 wellbeing event had 640 visitors on the Saturday on the Northampton road recreation field and 300 attended on the Sunday at Boughton House. The 2020 event will take place on 13th & 14th June.
- Kettering Town Council will be formed using option 3 which takes in extra land next to Barton Seagrave.
- The shadow Authority must meet within 14 days after the May the 7th Election.

Cllr Shrive asked the Rural Forum if they could invite an expert with knowledge of the legalities on Automatic Number Plate Recognition for Parish Councils to attend the next meeting.

Cllr Shrive also attended the Budget Consultation meeting 2020-2021.

- Not recommending a Council tax rise.
- Unitary authority should be passed in law within the next 1-2 months.
- The 1.9 million that has to be put in to the new Unitary Authority will come out of reserves so will not be in this budget.
- 115.3 million in total draft budget.
- 3600 council houses 15.4 million in the housing revenue account, all the money taken in rent is ring fenced and spent on housing.
- Council house rent to increase by 2.7%. As it's a 52 week year this will mean no real increase until next year when its back to a 53 week year.
- Business rates, council gets to keep only 8%.

- Increased demand in homelessness has meant that the council has to find £100,000k whereas this was almost nothing a few years ago.
- 63% of homeless are now housed in KBC owned property as per 36% in 2015, most of the rest are pay per night which is the most expensive way to do it.
- Garages plus traveller's rent goes up CPI + 1%.
- New homes bonus is dropping from 4yrs to 1 yrs in 2023.
- 39.2 million in the Capital program for Maintenance etc.

Cllrs Scouse, Shrive and Robson met up with Steve Barber from NCC Highways on 31st January and walked around the village to identify possible locations for Speed Indicative Devices (SIDs) and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. 8 suitable posts were identified around the village including 2 with electricity already installed in Northampton Road and Kettering Road. NCC recommended the owners will probably give BPC permission to use. Members agreed that these 2 posts would be most suitable as the facility of electricity is already there. These would then become permanent fixtures. The SID's or ANPR cameras would not be able to be moved around the village and the initial cost would be around £4k each.

Action Clerk to contact other parish councils who own SIDs or ANPRs and the Police Crime Commissioner on funding streams.

19/9042. Policing. (9)

There were 2 burglaries in Cransley Street, Redrow Estate within a 2 week period. Both crimes were carried out during day or early evening. It appears that each house was targeted indicating a possible offender with local knowledge. Advice to all residents to remain vigilant especially those with routines involving school runs or walking their dogs.

SGT Ken Brown is going to brief his team to step up patrols with regards to drug paraphernalia found in the village.

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 For emergencies or serious crime, call 999 immediately.

19/9043. 2020 Website Review. (10)

In September 2020, Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1) will come into force for all public sector websites to ensure web content is more accessible to people with disabilities.

The website sub-committee are currently looking into these guidelines to ensure the parish website complies by this date and also look into the option of having an accessibility widget installed.

Discussions were had that there may be an override which states that if the cost of the necessary work is considered onerous for the establishment, BPC may be exempt but all agreed that the parish website should be assessible to all anyway.

An Accessibility Statement is in progress and minutes will now be delivered in a new format and checked for accessibility before being published.

Action. Website sub-committee to contact Hugo Fox and look into an accessibility widget and also check that the format is correct to view on all screen sizes.

19/9044. Traffic calming. (11)

Please refer to 19/9041 for notes from meeting on possible locations which could be used for SIDs and ANPR cameras around the village.

Clerk confirmed there is still no news from NCC Highways regarding the design work for the high street and proposed chicanes.

19/9045. Old Willows. (12)

Please refer to 19/9041 for notes from meeting held with KBC Development control.

Action. Clerk to email the environmental protection team to seek clarification they are investigating the welfare concerns which BPC have, relating to the residents of the site and the effects on villagers alike.

19/9046. Development Control. (13)

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.

Planning applications for consideration.

KET/2020/0019.

Mr Allen.

43 Northampton Road.

Full: Single and two storey rear extension.

KET/2019/0711.

Mr Delaney.

Cransley Road.

FULL: Change of use from agricultural land to 8 pitch residential caravan site with 2 caravans per pitch including 8 utility buildings with hardstanding and access.

Planning Decisions.

KET/2019/0749.

Mr Bland.

5 Cox's Lane.

Full: Single story side extension.

Approved - the decision notice does not constitute an approval under any other statutory provision and, in particular, **is not an approval under Building Regulations.**

KET.2019/0849.

Mrs C Kidd.

1 Lime Close.

Single storey side extension to create annex.

Approved.

19/9047. Finance. (14)

January 2020 statements - Savings £4.41.

125 day saver £16000.00.

Community £20,479.64.

Credits to Community account - £17.10 RBL Poppy Appeal.

Cheques issued from Community account 19th February 2020.

Payee	Cheque number	Amount £
A. McDaid wages	101919	£285.90
HMRC income tax	101920	£64.20
A. McDaid home working and SLCC training	101921	£50.40
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79

19/9048. General interest items. (15)

With regards to MP Hollobone's debate in parliament regarding Gypsy and Travellers, in which a copy of the debate was circulated 19/9040, A minister will be visiting Northamptonshire.

Cllr Scouse will be writing to MP Hollobone to invite the minister to visit Broughton.

Cllr Scouse received quote from Tom Hodson for the pond works in the Pocket Park and a detailed report from Aqua-serve detailing phased works including tree works.

Actions. To gather another 2 quotes for tree works, one from KBC and another from Castle tree Maintenance. Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting to include more detailed report and to look into grant streams.

Cllr Bull saw the footpath warden who informed her of works recently carried out by volunteers in Great Cransley who got together and cleared the footpath towards the bridge. Members agreed it would be good if Broughton could also do the same.

Actions. Cllr Bull to put a call out for volunteers on Facebook with the aim to do the same in Broughton.

Cllr Baxter commentated on the overgrown hedge in the High Street outside Yeoman House.

Action. Clerk to report to KBC conservation Officer as Yeoman House as it is a listed building.

A curator of curiosities in and around Northants contacted BPC as she was doing a piece on Broughton

and on the Tin Can Band. She wanted to know what NTBG on the village sign stood for. The answer was "Not the Broughton Gala" and goes back to when a predecessor of the Village Show was first created. The school fete was known as the Broughton Gala and Not the 9 o'clock News was very popular at the time on the TV so the new show was called Not the Broughton Gala NTBG.

19/9049. Date of next meeting. (16)

Wednesday 18th March 2020.

19/9050. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (17)

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

Signed.

Dated.

