

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 20th October 2021

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse.

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr H. Bull.

Cllr I. Robson

19/9346. Apologies. (1)

Cllr J. Chester – accepted.

19/9347. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

19/9348. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th September 2021, copies were circulated and 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.

19/9349. Public right to speak. (4)

The owners of The Cottage on the banks introduced themselves to request information and advice regarding a planning application they submitted but have now withdrawn. The application was to erect a porch to side, replacement rear single storey extension, dormer to roof with rooflights to side elevations.

The property was left abandoned many years ago (1978) but there is electricity and water. It is deemed to be possible that a sewage connection could service the cottage but uncertain if there is one there currently.

Planning have advised the cottage is not a dwelling as no council tax has ever been paid. Cllr O' Hara will talk to Mark Coleman to see what advice can be had.

Action: To send over app number to Cllr O' Hara.

Mrs Janet Manning introduced herself and her interest to join the Parish Council. Mrs Manning had previously served on the council for a number of years. Cllr Bull proposed to accept and Cllr Shrive seconded. All members agreed and Mrs Manning was co-opted onto BPC.

Cllr Manning signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Code of Conduct and Register of Interests forms. The Chair welcomed her to BPC.

Action: Clerk to send forms over to NNC and a copy of the training courses available.

19/9350. Reports from NNC Councillors. (5)

Cllr John Currall

- Attended full council
- Attended a Scrutiny Conference

Concerning Broughton, emailed Ian Boyes regarding the final Drawings which pleased to say have finally arrived.

Emailed Dave Lane for a cost code for the pocket park which also has moved forward. The Clerk spoke to Dave Lane who has referred the problem to NNC finance helpdesk which is located at Angel Square. As the original s106 agreement was broadly written, there is still a good period left before spend by date. Dave Lane confirmed work can commence before funds are received. BPC has not yet received the money but it is now in hand.

Cllr Currall spoke with Cllr David Howes concerning the services for the future. He assured him that there is no plans at the moment and if there was any financial changes, it would have to go through due process and a consultation.

Cllr Currall emailed Sarah Barnwell regarding the work on the Kettering Road but as yet, has had no response.

Cllr O' Hara

- Attended EAP Climate Change Environment & Growth. – meeting was well attended but there were no members of the public present. This meeting was held online.

(NNC have got rid of planning policy now which was the way to make legislation and NNC have instead set up an EAP Climate change, Environment & Growth Exec Advisory Committee which will cover environmental issues as well. As this is an advisory committee, no decisions can be made)

The subjects which were discussed at this meeting were air quality, consultation on bus timetables and the need to agree representation from NNC on the Destination Nene Valley (DNV) board.

Cllr O' Hara voiced her concerns over protecting open spaces and all new housing estates now being classed as private estates.

Dealing with a couple of cases.

Cllr Chris Smith - Haynes

Since the last Parish Council meeting, I have attended:-

- Briefings on Transformation, Homelessness, and services provided to the Council by Keir.
- Several meetings with Accommodation Concern; in face, via Zoom and via telephone
- Full Council
- Health, Wellbeing and Vulnerable Persons Executive Advisory Panel
- Visited Family Support Link, a charity that supports children and other family members of people who misuse alcohol or other substances.
- Attended the SACRE AGM (who oversee religious education in schools)

Cllr Smith-Haynes admitted she has been frustrated with the process so far, ie: public health now have to interact with other bodies, things are not connecting properly.

Cllr Smith-Haynes does not have any open casework for people living in Broughton.

Cllr Scouse asked what the implications will there be for NNC's decision to trial move council meetings, in which the elected ward members usually attend, from the evening to 2pm in the afternoons if that ward member cannot attend due to work commitments as this will have an effect on the parishes being represented?

Cllr Currall expressed his outrage and declared that he voted against the decision. As he works during the day so is a disaster for him as it would be difficult to attend meetings held at this time. He will probably be unable to attend Full Council at the moment.

Cllr O'Hara agreed and also expressed her anger as is also against this decision but was unable to vote as she was working away at the time. She described the action as disrespectful to councillors and residents alike because if NNC want to encourage younger councillors, they must be mindful that the younger generation work during the daytime.

Cllr Smith – Haynes declared that she voted for the decision and felt unable to make a decision without trialing it.

This period will cover three Full Council meetings.

Formally, Northants County Council (NCC) always used to meet in the daytime to leave the evenings free for Borough and District Councils/Twin hatters under the old system, to attend district meetings.

The majority of the people who voted for this decision at the Task and Finish group

are former county councillors. The last meeting which was held in the evening attracted 50 out of 78 members.

BPC members all agreed with Cllr Shrive that the single biggest issue will be if new ward members were not able to attend Full Council to represent parishes/residents. The real concern is the same former ward members and portfolio holders who have come from County, made bad decisions before and will be making the decisions again. The fear being the new authority will end up being run as before. All agreed nobody wants to see another failing council.

19/9351. Report from clerk (6)

Matters arising from 17th May 2021

Roy Baxter needs to be taken off the bank signatory list but all decided this should not be done until the payments for this month have gone through. **Action: Clerk to contact bank. RESOLVED.**

Update Sept: Cllr Chester's signature was added onto the mandate and Roy Baxter, Pam Wade and Shelagh West were taken off.

Action: Clerk to send back mandate and Cllr Chester to contact bank for verification.

Matters arising from 15th September 2021.

19/9331. Reports from other meetings attended. (8)

As the BPC are custodian trustees of the Village Hall, we need to find out what implications and liabilities are for these plans in the unlikely event of the hall falling into administration. **Action: Clerk to find Trust deeds. RESOLVED AND CIRCULATED.**

19/9339. Plant a Tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. (15)

Previous discussions included the preferred site for a tree would be the old memorial gardens. Works would need to include NNC lifting the current old slabs and planting a tree in the middle. Cllr Taylor suggested an ornamental cherry tree called "The Bride" would make a lovely addition. **Action: Cllr Scouse to contact Dave Lane.**

19/9343. General interest items. (19)

Cllr Taylor asked about the painted walls under the bridge where the graffiti was. NNC painted over the graffiti initially at BPC's request to remove but done a really shoddy job so it looks ugly and makes the approach to the village from Cransley look run down.

Action: Clerk to ask highways if there can be anything that can be done.

Emailed Rob/Highways 11/10/2021.

Reply from NNC/Highways:

The process of graffiti removal by jet washing / cleansing the structure is not straight forward and subject to environmental constraints, using high pressure water to cleanse the walls, we have a duty of care to ensure the contaminated water does not pollute the surrounding watercourses and/or drainage networks. Similarly, in order for our operatives to undertake the cleansing

tasks, we would have to employ temporary footpath and carriageway restrictions to provide safe working areas.

These logistical challenges mean that there will also be significant cost attributed to the work activity.

As the graffiti we are dealing with is offensive, the logistics outlined above cannot be actioned at short notice, therefore the approach to cover the graffiti with white paint is the preferred mitigation. Locations where there is persistent offensive graffiti, removal by jet washing could ultimately cause damage to the structure.

As there is no risk to public safety, this cleansing activity will not feature on our future programme of works.

Cllr Bull has contacted a Community Officer who worked with an award winning artist to see if a solution can be found. Cllr Bull will take the lead and meet with the officer.

Cllr Bull has noticed the village signs are in real need of a good clean.

Action: Cllr's Shrive and Rose will rectify. RESOLVED.

The signs are falling down and Cllr Scouse has reported.

Cllr Shrive asked where the SID should be moved to next and it was decided to place at the top of Northampton Road facing out of the village.

Action: Clerk to order 2 more back plates and 4 more small brackets. RESOLVED.

The Statutory power has now expired for the right to appeal on the Old Willows site. The Licensing department at NNC confirmed they were due to visit and information has been shared with Environmental Health colleagues at the Kettering Office in advance of the forthcoming inspection and further response in relation to the individual matters raised will be provided following the site inspection and review of the current licensing requirements.

There has been human excrement found in the field again.

High performance cars and camper vans are being advertised online.

Reply from George Candler - Executive Director of Place & Economy (Deputy Chief Executive)

- **All sites must first have planning permission – that planning permission should have a clear red line boundary of the area included, the number of pitches the permission allows and any other relevant planning conditions**
- **Site licences can only be applied for if a planning permission is in place**
- **Site licences look to condition basic elements such as fire safety, distance between caravan/mobile homes, access around the site, and provision of services (utilities, waste collection etc.)**
- **Traveller sites that are not owned and/or managed by a local authority are therefore private sites. They may have spare pitches on their sites and allow other travellers to use those pitches. How they do this and**

manage this is entirely up to the sites. They simply must adhere to the terms of their licence and planning permission(s).

- Most traveller sites that have spaces are used by other travellers passing through the area but this is not always the case. Some travellers will choose not to use spaces on sites or haven't been giving permission by site owner(s) for whatever reason, so will utilise whatever open space is available.
- We have no way of controlling where or how or if a private site advertises any spaces. It is not within the control of either the planning permission or the site licence.

Action: Cllr Scouse to email again and cc in Rob Harbour.

Cllr Bull also asked if the thatch has been replaced at the Yeoman's house. The general consensus was that it may have been patched with old thatch.

Update Oct: Cllr Rose reported that the house is falling into even more disarray with another chunk of the roof looking like it is falling in along with the chimney.

The Phone box library has now had 2 sides inside painted by Cllr Scouse. The door and outside panels will be painted this week if weather permits.

The door bar has been mended and riveted by Bernard and brackets have been sourced. Wood for the shelves need to be purchased which will be riveted to the back panel. **Update Oct: The painting inside has now been completed.**

19/9352. Correspondence. (7)

North Northamptonshire Consultation Register: Bus back better: How can we improve bus services across North and West Northamptonshire? Ended 10th October.

- Friday mini eUpdate - 17/09/21, 08/10/21, 15/10/21
- CPRE Planning update - September 2021
- Leaders update 8 & 9 from NNC Leader Jason Smithers
- The Rural Bulletin - 28 September 2021
- Northants CALC eUpdate - Sept/Oct 2021
- PFCC Newsletter - October 2021 edition
- Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022 from CPRE
- North Northamptonshire Council Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027
- Parish Council Network Event - 10/11/21
- Consultation on draft Police, Fire and Crime Plan.
- TTRO (21/22) N325 - Northampton Road, Broughton – **to be put on website nearer the time.**

19/9353. North Northamptonshire Unitary Council. (8)

As BPC are now represented by three NNC ward councillors, the decision was made to remove this item from future agendas. **RESOLVED.**

19/9354. Reports from other meetings attended. (9)

Cllr Scouse attended the NCALC annual conference and AGM which took place on 2 October 2021 at One Angel Square in Northampton (HQ of West Northamptonshire Council). Guest speakers were Cllr David Howes, Executive Member for Rural and Localism at North Northamptonshire Council, and Cllr Jonathan Nunn, Leader of West Northamptonshire Council, plus 5 speakers from parish and town councils.

Cllr Scouse was one of the guest speakers and spoke about how things were going from a parish councils perspective. There was a mixed report, but most common complaint was NNC's telephone system which at the present time is unworkable. Cllr Scouse spoke about making working relations more collaborative with PC's /NNC to work together and to use the parish councils as resources.

Cllr Howes gave a summary of all NNC aspirations and a presentation on the rural work he had been carrying out.

19/9355. Police & Community matters report. 10)

Policing

Cllr Robson voiced her frustration with NCALC who championed earlier on in the year for every parish to elect a Police Liaison Representative (PLR) who would attend the monthly NCALC Policing meetings, a new scheme designed to improve communications between local authority, Police and the general public.

There is concern as monthly meetings are still taking place behind closed doors with a selected few and just a summary distributed. In this manner, villages like Broughton are not able to voice their suggestions on areas requiring improvement.

In addition, the Police Fire Commissioner meetings were previously being held monthly. These meetings are now being held quarterly for councillors and the next one will take place on 26th October.

Cllr Robson is also the Police Support Volunteer under Northants Police Streetwatch scheme, to communicate regularly with Broughton appointed PCSO Kirsty Ellerby regarding Policing matters. However, was only made aware via a third party that the local PCSO is currently on long term sick leave.

Action: Clerk to contact NCALC with concerns above and lack of contact with Broughton appointed PCSO.

19/9356. Traffic Calming/Highways work update. (11)

The drawings for the traffic calming at Northampton Road were finally received from Highways. The cost is estimated at £30k plus VAT.

The SID data for Northampton Road will now be fully analysed and a meeting to be held to discuss in detail.

19/9357. Pocket Park Pond Regeneration update. (12)

Clerk spoke to Dave Lane who has referred the problem to NNC finance helpdesk. The original s106 agreement is broadly written and there is still a good period left before spend by date. Dave Lane confirmed work can commence before funds are received.

Work will start the week commencing 25th October and be ongoing for 2 weeks. The chair had an onsite meeting with the land agent and the farmer to discuss access to the field for 2 days. Froglife have since contacted Cllr Scouse to warn that the decking material prices may have risen since first quoting. **Action: To update the website and share via facebook.**

19/9358. Planning report. (13)

Planning Applications for consideration.

NK/2021/0833.

LOCATION: 16 Donaldson Avenue, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Relocation of a section of the garden wall and additional hardstanding to front.

Expiry date for consultations: 08/11/2021.

Target date: 02/12/2021.

No objection.

NK/2021/0664.

LOCATION: St Andrews Church, Church Street, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1 Pine - remove overhanging branch over front garden of 2 Rectory Gardens.

Target date: 18/11/2021.

NK/2021/0771.

LOCATION: 43 Northampton Road.

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single and two storey double garage/store with home office above in rear garden.

Expiry date for consultations: 11/10/2021.

Target date: 09/11/2021.

NK/2021/0740.

LOCATION: 8 Lenton Close.

First floor side extension with replacement windows to whole property and removal of glazing bars to front.

Expiry date for consultations: 10/10/2021.

Target date: 08/11/2021.

Planning Decisions.

NK/2021/0577.

LOCATION: Trees, Gate Lane, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Detached garage and car port.

Comment: No objection.

Amended plans 31/08/2021.

Approved.

NK/2021/0597.

LOCATION: 4 Grange Road.

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Two storey side extension.

Comment: No objection 11/08/2021.

Amended plans: 27.09/2021 – No objection.

Approved.

NK/2021/0671.

LOCATION: 20 Baker Avenue, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations: Single storey rear extension.

Target date: 29/09/2021.

Comment: No objection.

Approved.

NK/2021/0695.

LOCATION: 46 High Street, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: FULL Alterations to outbuilding and use as habitable accommodations.

Comment: No objection.

Approved.

NK/2021/0658.

LOCATION: The Gables, 54 Church Street, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: Application for Listed Building Consent: Replacement timber rear door.

Approved.

NK/2021/0711.

LOCATION: 38 Glebe Avenue, Broughton.

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Single storey front and side extension, demolition of detached garage/workshop and associated works.

Comment: No objection.

Amended plans: 06/10/2021.

Comment: No Objection.

Approved.

Due to the planning department only now giving 21 days notice to submit comments on applications, the decision was taken for members of the planning sub committee to work as an advisory committee and meet over Zoom on the first Wednesday of

every month at 6:30pm to keep an eye on the applications with deadlines occurring before the next BPC meeting. **Action: Clerk to set up.**

19/9359. Finance Report. (14)

A payment of £248.10 to Stocksigns was made under the Scheme of Delegation in September to purchase additional back plates and brackets for the Speed Indicator Device.

October 2021 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,149.38

Community - £33,525.95

Credits to Community account

		£0.00
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Credits to Nationwide account

		£0.00
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Cheques issued from Community account

Payee	Cheque number	Amount
A. McDaid wages - mth 6	Bank transfer	£346.25
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£86.40
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom	Bank transfer	£36.74
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79
Broughton Baptist Church	Bank transfer	£32.00

CLlr Shrive will authorise this month's payment via online banking.

Broughton Baptist Church has confirmed their charge of £8ph for the use of the Chapel room. The Letting Policy was circulated and a Premises Hiring agreement signed. BPC will keep a "register" of attendees and let them know if there is any covid infection in the group. The NHS QR code is displayed on the notice board in the back hall for attendees to use.

19/9360. Precept – estimates for coming year. (15)

The clerk circulated the estimated end of year 2021/22 budget which was discussed. It was suggested to precept for £15k.

It was also suggested to transfer £10k to the Nationwide account.

As the Pocket Park project is now imminent, members agreed it would be a good idea to ring fence some money for nest boxes for the pocket park.

Action: To be discussed further at next meeting.

19/9361. Armistice Day & Poppy Wreath. (16)

Plans for Armistice Day are to go ahead. The poppy wreath from BPC has been ordered.

19/9362. Communications Strategy and Policy. (17)

A Communications Strategy and Policy created by Cllr Bull was circulated.

The clerk was asked to look at the website via a mobile phone and an ipad to see how it reads. It was decided to move the news to the top just under the home page to make it more visible.

The website is still showing as insecure. **Action: Cllr Bull to contact Hugo Fox and Clerk to put back on Nov agenda.**

19/9363. Broughton News. (18)

To be discussed next month. **Action: Clerk to put on Nov agenda.**

19/9364. General interest items. (19)

Cllr Bull reported human excrement had been found by the garages in Carter Avenue.

Cllr's Shrive & Rose have now planted daffodils at Cox's Lane, Cransley Hill, Northampton Road and Podmore way. It was suggested that next year, a small digger might be worth hiring.

Cllr Rose reported that he had been contacted regarding a couple of near misses of cars pulling out of Hutchinson Avenue into Wellingborough Road because other vehicles were parked right on the entrance.

Cllr Shrive and village volunteers removed the vegetation growing up and blocking Silver Street as a one off activity as NNC could not get out to do it until next year. NNC have been asked to now put weed killer on the area as they hold a license and this should be done in the next couple weeks.

19/9365. Date of next meeting. (20)

Wednesday 17th November 2021.

19/9366. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (21)

No other matters were discussed. The chair thanked members and closed the meeting at 9:20pm.

Signed:

Dated: