

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 15th December 2021

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr I. Robson.

Cllr J. Chester.

Cllr J. Manning

19/9388. Apologies. (1)

Cllr H. Bull. – Covid restrictions

19/9389. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

19/9390. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2021, copies were circulated and were approved by members after amendments to spelling and authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

NCALC – Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils.

19/9391. Public right to speak. (4)

This facility was not used.

19/9392. Reports from NNC Councillors. (5)

Due to limiting numbers down to the new covid variant, the NNC councillors were asked not to attend this evenings meeting but were invited to submit written reports instead. No reports were submitted.

19/9393. Report from clerk (6)

Matters arising from 15th September 2021.

19/9349 - Public right to speak. Update Nov 2021: Cllr Manning amended her

Register of Interest form and clerk sent onto Democratic services. Completed.

19/9362 - Communications Strategy and Policy. The website is still showing as insecure. **Action: Cllr Bull to contact Hugo Fox and Clerk to put back on Nov agenda. Update Nov: Ongoing. Access Go Daddy.**

Matters arising from October minutes

19/9349 – Public right to speak – Cllr O'Hara visited the owner at his request while his architect was also in attendance. He has been advised that he needs to put in an application for change of use to the building as recommended by the planning department as it is not recognised as a dwelling at this time due to being unoccupied for so many years.

19/9343 – General interest items - 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.**

Matters arising from November minutes

19/9371 - Cllr John Currall On 21/10/2021, Cllr Currall chased Sarah Barnwell regarding the poor workmanship to Kettering Road. She replied on the 25/10/2021 with Martin Jenkins details. Ref: 2436272 but there has been no other correspondence since then. **Update 23/11/2021: Sarah Barnwell replied on 26/11/2021 saying she suspected the remaining area which has been marked up might be on a 12 month ticket based on the severity of the issue.**

19/9372 – Report from clerk. -The Clerk reported a street light which is out in Glebe Avenue and in Kettering Road / opp Silver Street. The job was forwarded to EON via Kettering Street lighting Team, who will rectify. Update: Kettering Road/Silver Street has been rectified. **Update Dec: Glebe Avenue was not so Cllr Shrive has reported.**

The clerk can add members to the mapping service as well and Cllr's Rose and Shrive expressed an interest. **Action: Clerk to set up accounts for both councillors. Completed.**

19/9385. General interest items. (19)

The Village Hall has applied for alcohol license which will be in effect on Fri 12pm – 12am, Sat 12pm – 12am & Sunday 12pm – 10pm.

There were no objections and BPC decided to support the application – **Resolved.**

Cllr Bull spoke about the various locations of where human excrement has been found around the village. Locations have included the field and hedges near Northampton Road, Carter Avenue garages, Pocket Park & Kettering allotments.
Action: Clerk to report to Environmental Health. Update: Reported via customer services 19/11/2021 ref: EMN011936

19/9394. Correspondence. (7)

- Friday mini eUpdate - 19/11/21, 26/11/21, 03/12/21
- REMINDER: M1 J14 to 15 - Northbound Weekend closure
- Northamptonshire Winter Maintenance from Highways
- Update from the Leader of the Council no:12, 13
- Invite to Raunds Town Mayor's Family Carol Service - 8th December 2021
- Severe Weather Alerts
- Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meeting on Monday 6th December at 6pm Via Microsoft Teams
- Membership renewals 2022/23 from Northants ACRE
- M1 Junctions 13-16 upgrade: Upcoming work on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December
- Kettering Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan Adoption
- NNC - Additional Sites for On-Street Electrical Vehicle Charging Points
- Northants CALC Training Newsletter
- Northants CALC eUpdate - Nov/Dec 2021

19/9395. Reports from other meetings attended. (8)

Cllrs Scouse and Bull

Cllrs attended the meeting on 2nd Dec with NNC and representatives of Parish Councils to discuss the provision of Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation. This was the first meeting between members of Parish Councils who currently have Traveller sites and representatives of NNC:

Cllr David Howes – Executive member for Rural Communities and Localism
Simon Richardson – Development Manager
George Candler - Executive Director, Place and Economy (Deputy Chief Executive)
Rob Harbour –Assistant Director - Growth & Regeneration
Philip Hollobone - MP

This was the first of what has been promised to be a series of quarterly meetings to inform Parish Councils of the progress being made towards achieving a sustainable and workable solution to the issue of Gypsy & Traveller accommodation.

There was a general acknowledgement that achieving a 5 year supply was of paramount importance as without this the likelihood of winning any planning appeal was slim to non-existent. Rob Harbour raised the issue of a Local Authority being unable to verify claims made by applicants that they had “nowhere else to go” because the Land Registry could not be searched by name. Philip Hollobone offered

to facilitate a meeting with Government Ministers if there were areas where legislation or guidance needed to be amended. This offer was welcomed by George Candler. Philip Hollobone also raised the point that Local Authorities should only be expected to accommodate the need arising from local families and not for anyone who happens to turn up in the area. This is difficult to manage at the moment as there is no protocol for denying permission on the grounds of family origin.

There was a presentation from Simon Richardson dealing with the process of working towards a 5 year supply of pitches which is currently not in place. It became apparent that very little if any work has been carried out since the original Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) was carried out by ORS in 2019. The plan is now to engage ORS to carry out a more detailed survey to ascertain the level of need among qualifying families and to engage with Parishes to discuss individual sites. The expectation is that sites will be considered across the whole of the NNC area and not just within the old District & Borough areas as this would widen the scope of possible locations.

A new Gypsy & Traveller Policy is also required and this will be informed by the results and recommendations from ORS. It should be noted that Policy is an area where Parish & Town Councils can influence the outcome by ensuring that real world scenarios are addressed and appropriate policies to manage these scenarios are included. It is anticipated that this policy will be in place by the end of 2024.

We heard a presentation from Iain Smith, Head of Northamptonshire Traveller Unit (NTU), formally known as Countywide Traveller Unit explaining the approach to dealing with Unauthorised Encampments. These are limited to those incursions onto public land, parks etc. The approach is much the same as before with NTU operation in conjunction with the Police to move Travellers off unauthorised sites. Legislation is going through Parliament at the moment to make "intent to reside on land without consent" a criminal offence.

Following on from this there was a discussion regarding the provision of a Transit site. The expectation is that this would be owned by NNC and would provide a legitimate stopping point for Travellers on the move. There was very little detail at present and there is acknowledgement that any such site would need to be carefully managed but the provision of such a site would make moving Travellers off unauthorised sites easier as there would be somewhere legitimate for them to go.

There was a brief discussion regarding the general lack of resources within the Authority but the Rob Harbour was trying to free up some budget to allow additional Enforcement resource.

Enforcement is still a difficult area with very little activity at present, largely due to lack of resources.

In conclusion it was a useful first step with various topics being raised which will form part of the agenda for future meetings as progress is made. It was encouraging that NNC are willing to engage with Parishes at this level and Philip Hollobone's intervention may well prove helpful where Planning legislation is not adequate. Overall it was a positive meeting.

Cllr Robson

Cllr Robson had a zoom meeting with Danny Moody on Tuesday, 30th November 2021 regarding policing matters.

The following suggestions/requests were put forward:

- Broughton residents would like to see more police presence and better communication from Northants Police. In particular more interaction and feedback from the local Neighbourhood Team.
- Police attendance on some Parish meetings.
- More investment/resources to investigate anti-social behaviour and drugs related activity in rural areas, where county lines criminals also operate in the safe knowledge that there is less Police disruption.
- Consider the various skills that local volunteers have to offer, increasing resources to help fight crime. Some volunteers are ex-police force, research analysts, security trained, linguists, etc.
- More resources put into ANPR system, utilizing algorithm reports to track cloning and illegal vehicles. This functionality is already there, however response teams are always too busy to tackle this type of crime which is often linked to other criminal activity.
- Beat bus schedule to be made available in advance to allow residents to take full benefit. Larger villages to be prioritised to maximise audience. There are 2 Beat buses available to be shared across 400 parishes, realistically the current availability only permits one visit every 2 years per parish) which is insufficient to achieve regular interaction with the community.

Both agreed that Northants Police would need to make significant improvements with regards to community engagement and communication.

Danny Moody advised he would be meeting with Dave Stimpson, who is responsible for Neighbourhood Team comms in regards to communication provided by local PCSO's. Also, he would make some suggestions to Chief Superintendent Ash Tucker with issues mentioned during the meeting.

Cllr Shrive

Cllr Shrive had a meeting with the G&T site licensing team. The license at the Old Willows is still the original one from when the site was first approved.

The site owner is still Mr Rooney although it does say Mr Doran will be taking it over. Ultimately, until planning permission is approved, the license cannot be changed. The Hoylands (the original owners) are still on the land registry which has not been updated.

Two large pitches within the site have now been fenced off.

A huge mound of soil, rubbish & building waste has appeared between site and field. A notification for a telegraph pole to be erected half way down the A43 is being advertised.

Policing Update

Police outreach in schools has resumed as per recent alerts.

Recent Operation Jaguar was successful during a 3 day op which involved the use of ANPR system and additional ANPRs purchased, resulting in 44 vehicles seized and 26 arrests in the county.

19/9396. Pocket Park Pond Regeneration update. (9)

It was decided to source some alternative quotes for the installation of the benches. Cllr Scouse spoke to Dave Lane to ask his opinion and he suggested they do not need to be mounted onto concrete bases, rather concreted in. He estimated the installation works should cost no more than £150 for each bench and sent Cllr Scouse a link to a contractor.

It was decided to wait until spring for the planting, dipping platform and the benches.

19/9397. Planning Report. (10)

Planning Applications for consideration.

None

Planning Decisions.

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.

Approved

NK/2021/0740 – **amended plans 17/10/2021**

LOCATION: 8 Lenton Close, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: First floor side extension with replacement windows to whole property and removal of glazing bars to front.

Expiry date for consultations: 24/11/2021

Target date: 06/12/2021

Comment: Colour of windows are out of character.

Approved - not an approval under Building Regulations.

With regards to planning application KET/2020/0318, which was refused on 17th February 2021, members agreed that now is the time to ask the Senior Planning Officer for an update, was an appeal ever logged and if so, what was the result.

Action: Clerk to contact Richard Marlow.

19/9398. Finance Report. (11)

December 2021 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,149.38

Community - £25,564.57

Credits to Community account

NNC – s106 for Pocket Park project		£6,629.17
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Credits to Nationwide account

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Payments issued from Community account

Payee	Cheque number	Amount
A. McDaid wages - mth 9	Bank transfer	£353.08
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£88.20
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries.	Bank transfer	£61.72
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79
Bus Shelter rent	101935	£65.00

The clerk thanked members for agreeing to the new pay scale of LC1 SCP17 with immediate effect.

[19/9399. Precept – Decision. \(12\)](#)

The precept for £15000.00 for 2022/23 was resolved to submit to NNC.

[19/9400. General interest items. \(13\)](#)

Cllr Taylor – The big lights on the Christmas tree in the high street rec are not working. These are fed by a redundant street light. **Action: Clerk to contact street lighting/EON to rectify.**

An email from NNC regarding the take up of additional sites for on-street Electrical Vehicle Charging points was discussed. It was decided not to take up the invitation on this occasion as they are pavement mounted and once installed, it will block other residents who do not have off road parking, from utilizing those spaces. Also, technology is changing very fast at the moment.

The grit bins at the corner of Glebe Avenue/Church Street and Cox's Lane are full of water. It was questioned whether or not the bins should be retained. The bins by Gate Lane are fine. These are looked after by NNC. **Action: Cllr Shrive will drill some holes in the bins to release the water.**

[19/9401. Date of next meeting. \(14\)](#)

Wednesday 19th January 2022 which may be subject to change in light of the new variant and possible restrictions.

[19/9402. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. \(15\)](#)

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 7:26pm.

Signed:

Dated: