

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 21st December 2022

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr C. Taylor.

Cllr M. Gray.

Cllr M. Rose.

Ward Councillors present:

No ward councillors attended.

Members of the Public present:

One resident present.

22/111. Apologies. (1)

Cllr. H. Bull – Holiday - accepted

Cllr J. Manning – unwell - accepted

22/112. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

22/113. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2022 and copies were circulated. The minutes 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.

22/114. Public right to speak. (4)

Alderman Baxter handed over the grave location maps to BPC. Cllr Rose will now try to arrange for them to be reproduced in a digital format.

22/115. Reports from NNC Councillors. (5)

No reports were received.

22/116. Report from clerk (6)

22/16. General interest items - Yeoman's house, 25 High Street

Update Oct: Principal Planning Manager, Troy Healy is looking into the site and will possibly be issuing an s215 untidy land notice. Ongoing. Dec – chased Troy for a response. Emailed Iain Smith 14/02/22 to chase Troy.

Update Dec: Side of chimney has now gone.

22/56. General interest items - There are large potholes on the slip road coming off Kettering Road and entering into Northampton Road. **Action: Clerk to report. – Ian Boyes contacted as FixMyStreet was not working. Update Oct:** Some repairs have been completed but the holes within the white lines have not. **Update Dec – Cllr Scouse has contacted Ian Boyes**

Footpath from Hutchinson Avenue to Glebe Avenue is very overgrown and difficult to traverse in a wheelchair reported – Ref 3773090.

Update Oct: Clerk chased but works have not yet been completed. **Action: Clerk to chase again. Update Nov:** This report has been assessed and a job for repair has been raised. Initial report was raised on 22nd August. **Closed.**

22/90. General interest items. There is still a fence down which was caused by the storms in the High Street park. **Update Dec: The clerk spoke to Dave Lane who advised the resident to contact their Housing Association who would be responsible for the repair.**

Action: Cllr Rose to talk to Red Lion as it maybe their table left over from the jubilee celebrations. Update: Cllr Currall advised that a pavement license is not needed as the Red Lions tables sit on private land. Closed.

Clerk report

In November, the clerk was asked to report the litter bin which is in poor condition on Wellingborough Rd/Northampton Rd to waste services asking for it to be replaced. NNC Street Cleansing manager replied that due to budget constraints, they were unable to replace any litter bins at the moment but were happy to supply a quotation to supply and install, if the parish council would like to pay for this. The quote received for a new litter bin was £249 and to remove and reset - £145.

A resident contacted the clerk as they had fallen over after visiting a neighbour in Oak Close. This street lights were not working at the time and it was very dark. The Clerk reported this to the streetlighting department. A map of the numbered street lights was produced and included in the Broughton newsletter to encourage residents to report failed lighting in their streets.

The clerk and chair were in correspondence with NNC in regards to the Christmas lights outside the bungalows and on the High Street Rec not being turned on.

It emerged that the lights outside the bungalows had snapped. The electrician was able to source some additional old lighting from his workshop and replaced.

The High Street Rec light column which was used in previous years to feed the power to the lights was no longer safe and had been turned off by contractors Balfour Beatty in the last year.

BPC will look into additional Christmas lighting for next year.

22/117. Correspondence. (7)

December 2022

- Friday mini eUpdate – 18/11/22, 16/12/22
- Update from the Leader of the Council 09/12/2022
- Update on Desborough Police House
- Invitation to Strategic Town & Parish Forums – 6th December
- Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner today launches Flare Report App
- EVCP Session held on 12/10/22
- Integrated Care System, Integrated Care Northamptonshire (ICN)
- Strategic Town & Parish Forums – 6th Dec
- Reminder of Parish Councillor network meeting – 28th November
- Northants CALC eUpdate - Nov/Dec 2022
- North Northamptonshire Electoral Review - Community Briefing
- Town and Parish Council Survey – ORS North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update and a Pitch Deliverability Assessment.
- Rural Thematic - join us and be part of our rural conversations
- The Local Area Partnerships (LAPs)
- 6 weekly councillor update – Meeting with the Commissioner, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Council Tax Precept Consultation
- Peer Review
- Town & Parish Information - Locally Identified Priorities Link & Neighbourhood Alert leaflet

22/118. Reports from other meetings attended (8)

No reports were submitted.

22/119. Traffic Calming update (9)

The clerk was asked to contact Ian Boyes/Highways again for a date on when the Cransley Hill speed reduction will come into force.

It was decided that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be reinstalled on the Hill.

It was noted that BPC are still waiting for quote for traffic calming measures for Northampton Road. **Action: Clerk to chase**

22/120. Community & Police report (10)

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Stephen Mold has launched his council tax precept consultation for the coming financial year.

- Proposed increase of £15 a year for an average Band D household – 5.3% or 29p a week – for policing.
- Proposed increase of £5 a year for an average Band D household – 7.3% or 10p a week – for fire & rescue.

Residents asked to give their views in online consultation. The survey closes at 4.30pm on Tuesday 17 January 2023.

<https://www.research.net/r/OPFCC2023counciltaxconsultation>

Northamptonshire Police invites people living and working across the county to complete a short survey and share their views about any issues affecting their local community.

The findings from the survey, together with local crime statistics and information from partner agencies, help identify the issues that will form the focus of NPT's work in the following months.

These 'locally identified priorities (LIPs)' are based on the issues that are of most concern in that particular area.

The three local priorities for Kettering from 1 December until the end of March 2023, will be:

- Road Safety
- Drug Dealing/Misuse
- Burglary

To share your thoughts and feedback for the next set of LIPs where you live or work, visit the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthantsLocalPriorities>

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert

You can sign up to Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert to receive news on issues in your area. Please following the link attached to sign up.

<https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/as/northants/neighbourhood-alert/>

22/121. Communications report – Broughton Newsletter (11)

The first edition of the new online newsletter went out on Friday 16th December. Printed copies were also placed at The Porch, St Andrews, Phonebox Library and Broughton Chapel. Facebook insights suggest the post has reached 166 people so far there has been 48 engagements to date.

Action: Clerk to pin and embed to top of Facebook page.

22/122. Pocket Park Report. (12)

3 x owl boxes and 4 x bat boxes have now been installed in the Pocket Park.

A discussion took place regarding ongoing maintenance of the pond and the need to clear the fallen leaves. Cllr's Shrive and Rose will source some netting to carry out this task.

Additional planting at the back of the pond was also discussed. All agreed with the right type of planting, the area will make a good habitat for the birds.

Next year, ways to make a new assessable pathway from the bridleway to the pond will be considered.

22/123. Planning Report. (13)

Planning applications

NK/2022/0747

LOCATION: 35 Wellingborough Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Construction of 1 detached dwelling with new vehicular access

No Comment

Planning decisions

NK/2022/0383

LOCATION: Broughton Baptist Church

PROPOSAL: Replacement windows (resubmission of NK/2021/0641)

Target decision date: 02/08/2022

No Comment

Approved

NK/2021/0995

LOCATION: Old Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Section 73A Retrospective Application - Siting of caravans for residential occupation with associated utility buildings

Expiry consultation date: 20/06/2022

Comment: Objection - Broughton Parish Council object to this application, Report submitted.

22/124. Finance Report. (14)

December 2022 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,230.13

Community - £25,100.91

Payment of £48.00 was made under the Scheme of Delegation to Broughton Chapel for room hire.

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	£387.09
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£96.60
A. McDaid home working, phone, Zoom, sundries	Bank transfer	£70.85
Castletree - 5466	Bank transfer	£300.00
Castletree - 5392	Bank transfer	£302.40
NCALC	Bank transfer	£94.40
Fresh Air Fitness	Bank transfer	£4800.00

Cllr Shrive to sign off and verify online payments.

Barclays are carrying out a review on all parish councils accounts. The clerk confirmed that BPC had been in touch with Barclays regarding this matter and submitted the relevant information.

The clerk also confirmed the bank mandate has finally been received, updated and is now going through their approval system.

22/125. North Northamptonshire Electoral Review. (15)

The Local Government Boundary Commission is carrying out an electoral review of the newly created unitary authority of North Northamptonshire.

Independent electoral reviews recommend new patterns of wards so that each councillor represents about the same number of electors. The aim is to ensure that the pattern of wards reflect community ties and identities and promotes effective local government.

Reviews involve several consultations where local people and organisations to get involved.

	Date From:	Date to:
Initial consultation	29 November 2022	6 February 2023
Consultation on proposals	2 May 2023	10 July 2023
Final report	3 October 2023	
Order laid in Parliament	TBC	
Effective date	May 2025	

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22/126. Boundary Reviews – West and North. (16)

Following the recent establishment of two new unitary councils for the Northamptonshire area, the Local Government Boundary Commission are asking residents to have their say on the new councils ward boundaries.

The commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that the council should have 70 councillors in the future.

The Commission has not yet proposed any new wards but wants to know what residents think of the current wards and where you think new ones should be.

How to propose new ward boundaries:

Explain your opinion using evidence and examples.

Think about the three legal factors the Commission uses to draw new boundaries:

1. New wards should leave each councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other councillors elsewhere in the authority.
2. New wards should – as far as possible – reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests.
3. New wards should promote effective and convenient local government. Consider the number of councillors for, the geographic size of, and the links between parts of the ward.

The Commission gives equal weight to all submissions, regardless of whom they are from. This stage of the consultation closes on 6 February 2023.

[Local Government Boundary Commission for England Consultation Portal \(lgbce.org.uk\)](http://lgbce.org.uk)

It was agreed to respond as Parish Council and individually as residents.

22/127. General interest items. (17)

North Northamptonshire Council has commissioned specialist consultants Opinion Research Services (ORS) to carry out a North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update and a Pitch Deliverability Assessment.

This work will inform the preparation of the North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy Development Plan Document (DPD).

To inform this work, ORS is carrying out a survey with Town and Parish Councils. The survey and further information on this are available using the link below.
<https://www.opinionresearch.co.uk/northnorthantstowndparish>

BPC has asked NCALC for a follow up Zoom meeting in respect of the NNC Listening Event that took place on 15th November 2022.

The Zoom meeting will take place on 10th January 2023 and will raise concerns BPC has as to NCALC's priority to either represent parishes or be an actual voice for NNC.

It was noted that NNC has approved consultation on their draft budget for 2023/24. There are concerns that the budget set for 2022/23 seems to have already been spent and services are now being cut before the financial year has come to a close.

22/128. Date of next meeting. (18)

Wednesday 18th January 2022.

22/129. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (19)

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas, thanked the clerk for her work and the meeting was closed at 8:25pm

Signed:

Dated: