

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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### **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council held at Broughton Baptist Church, 7pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

#### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P Scouse

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr C. Taylor

#### **Ward Councillors present:**

Cllr J O' Hara

Cllr J Currell

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

Two members of the public were present.

#### **177/23. Apologies.**

Cllr M. Rose.

#### **178/23. Declarations of Interest.**

None were received.

#### **179/23. Minutes.**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 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

#### **180/23. Public right to speak.**

A resident spoke about the need for traffic calming on Kettering Road. See 185/23.

#### **181/23. Reports from NNC Councillors.**

No reports but contributed to discussions throughout the meeting.

### 182/23. Report from clerk & correspondence

149/23

- The chair reported blocked drains in Gate Lane after flooding issues. Ref: MK573941453. **Resolved.**
- Cllr Shrive reported 30mph speed limit sign is down in Wellingborough Road. Ref: 5367562. **Investigating**

167/23 – The clerk is continuing to look into grant schemes for the play equipment. Tesco Stronger Start is inviting applications for the **July – August 2024** voting period of its Stronger Start grant scheme. Grants of up to £1,500 are available.

170/23 – The stop signs and lines have now been installed at Pytchley Crossroads by NNC Highways.

172/23 Cllr Rose to visited the residents and delivered a letter of gratitude. **Completed.**

#### **Clerk Report**

The clerk received a complaint from a resident in Gate Lane regarding a number of trees that had been felled by the spinney. Debris had been left and the property incurred a smashed window. The clerk contacted Dawn Hughes, NNC Arboricultural Development Officer to see if they had carried out the work but they hadn't.

The resident has contacted Land Registry to see who owns the land.

The clerk wrote to Weldon stone to ask drivers not park near the junction of Paston House and restrict visibility of the junction. The vans initially stopped parking there but one was noticed the other day. **Completed**

Cllr Bull reported the fly-tipping of an abandoned fridge that was situated on the corner of Wellingborough Road/Hutchinson Avenue. Ref: 2311901. **Removed.**

The clerk has sent a photo of the broken fence by the old memorial garden to NNC and asked if they could mend/replace it.

#### **March 2024 correspondence**

- Leaders update 23/02/2024, 08/03/2024
- Green Hill Solar Farm: Invitation to co-design workshop – HB, MR and PS to attend
- NNC Information Sessions - Kier Transportation – 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March
- NACRE - Parish Councillor Network Event - 13th March 2024 - Rural Housing Enabler Programme. HB and PS attended
- PLR Update - March 2024
- Northamptonshire ACRE Members Ebulletin
- Flood Training in March – Communities Prepared – HB to attend April meeting

### 183/23. Reports from external meetings

Cllr Scouse and Bull attended the Green Hill Solar Farm meeting. As this does not affect Broughton, there was nothing to report.

Cllr Scouse and Bull attended the Northamptonshire ACRE Rural Housing Enabler Programme meeting which hosted a presentation about Rural affordable Housing. Meeting was interesting and councillors will keep in touch with developments.

A new leader is incoming as Elaine is leaving Northamptonshire ACRE.

#### **184/23. High Street Play Equipment – update on correspondence with NNC**

The chair emailed Dave Lane to enquire if NNC would consider applying on BPC's behalf to the Mick George fund. DL confirmed their fund is hard to access and is a relatively small pot so they will make a bid to FFC in January 2025.

Dominic from Playdale has been asked to amend his quote to include an accessible gravity bowl, a slide and one other piece of equipment.

BPC will acquire three quotes. Wicksteed will be approached and one other suitable supplier. NNC will be maintaining the site, so will also be shaping the specification to ensure the correct equipment is suitable for longevity and conforms to their wider play policy.

Clerk to make contact with Northamptonshire Community Foundation which has a Rural community fund opening in June.

#### **185/23. – Traffic Calming - update on correspondence with NNC for Northampton Road and inconsiderate parking in village**

Sarah Barnwell confirmed NNC Highways had missed a step in their initial consultation so NNC are currently consulting with the agricultural landowners in the area to check if the proposed traffic calming might present any issue to larger vehicles which they operate. This period will be no longer than the 21 day public consultation period for traffic regulation orders, and it is already underway. If necessary NNC Highways can then amend the design to accommodate those vehicles while still achieving the overall aim. SB will then confirm the consultation end date, or that it has ended without comment and proceed to price the scheme.

The spend by deadline for the S106 monies is May 2026.

A resident reported speeding is occurring in Kettering Road. It was agreed to install the SID in that location to collect data.

The potholes repairs that were done last year have crumbled.

Two letters have been written to two different residents regarding inconsiderate parking in Glebe Avenue/Wellingborough Road and Church Street after receiving complaints.

#### **186/23. Members Empowerment Fund – To resolve to apply for either memorial garden or play equipment**

It was decided to put a hold on applying for this fund for a couple of months until BPC have all quotes for playground equipment in.

Ward councillors did express their concern about releasing funds after January if council is in purdah but confirmed that the money is promised.

#### **187/23. Development control / Planning Report.**

##### **Planning applications**

No planning applications were received.

## Planning Decisions

NK/2024/0034

LOCATION: 22 Cransley Hill, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1 Eucalyptus - crown reduction and crown lift by up to one third.

**No objection, approved.**

### 188/23. Finance Report – to include bus shelter rent and ICO renewal.

#### **March 2024 statements**

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,512.33

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,000.00

Community - £14,825.73

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account

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| Interest |  | £0.00 |
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account

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| Transfer |  | £0.00 |
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Credits to Community account

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|  |  | £0.00 |
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Payments issued from Community account.

| Payee                                         | Method        | Amount  |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Salary - mth 12                               | Bank transfer | £414.77 |
| HMRC income tax                               | Bank transfer | £103.60 |
| A McDaid home working, webpage, phone         | Bank transfer | £29.99  |
| Hilary Bull – Reimbursement of hire equipment | Bank transfer | £216.10 |
| Broughton Chapel room hire                    | Bank transfer | £20.00  |
| Bus shelter rent                              | Bank transfer | £65.00  |

Hall hire - The invoices which have already been resolved to pay from January and February have now been received and will be paid out this month. £40.00.

It was resolved to pay the Bus shelter rent this financial year and ICO renewal in April.

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

### 174/23. Items for consideration at next meeting

ACRE Housing

### 175/23. Date of next meeting.

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

### 176/23. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The Chair expressed her sincere gratitude to resident Jan Manning for taking delivery and collection of the turf cutter that was hired for the work carried out at the old memorial garden at the weekend.

Nadine South kindly donated a large selection of bulbs for use in the village. They will also be offered out to the chapel and church.

The meeting was closed at 7:55pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**