

# BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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## Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held Wednesday 21st October 2020

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### Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse.

Cllr R. Shrive.

Cllr H. Bull.

Cllr I. Robson.

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr J. Chester.

Cllr O. Wyeth.

### County/Borough Councillor present:

Cllr J. Hakewill

Cllr C. Smith - Haynes

### 19/9158. Apologies. (1)

Cllr R. Baxter – does not wish to attend remote meetings.

### 19/9159. Declarations of Interest. (2)

No declarations were made.

### 19/9160. Minutes. (3)

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, copies were circulated, approved by members and authorised for electronic signature by the chair. **RESOLVED**

KBC – Kettering Borough Council.

NCC – Northamptonshire County Council.

BPC – Broughton Parish Council.

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#### 19/9161. Public right to speak. (4)

This facility was not used.

#### 19/9162. Reports from local County and Borough Councillors. (5)

Report to Broughton Parish Council 21st October 2020 by Cllr Jim Hakewill KBC

Kettering Borough Council resolved to cease to host the Rural Forum at the Full Council meeting in September. There is a promise that when the new Unitary Councils are up and running some form of engaging will be established. My personal feeling is that now is the time for Towns and Villages to be heard and the Rural Forum was one extremely useful sounding board. I personally regret that this decision was made.

I am concerned that, whilst having strong reassurances that Parish (and Town) Councils would not be affected by changes in services and corresponding budgetary pressures at a meeting of Parish Councils on Zoom on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, that on the 24<sup>th</sup> September the Shadow Unitary Authority resolved to reallocate the cost of elections for Town and Parish Councils in the Kettering area from KBC (and thus the Unitary) to the Town and Parishes.

This was to “harmonise” the situation with the other Boroughs and Districts in North Northamptonshire where elections are paid for by the councils themselves. There was no debate at the meeting and thus no consideration of “harmonising” the other way, i.e. by having the Unitary cover the election costs of the parishes and towns outside the KBC area. Given that KBC have paid the election costs since 1974 through the council tax that villagers pay, I would have expected that there would have been a reduction in the KBC/Unitary Council Tax to reflect the fact that they were no longer covering the cost, thus KBC Council Tax payers are paying twice for the one service.

I have spent a great deal of time attending and contributing to meetings which have been discussing the response to the government’s Consultation on changes to planning policy and regulations as well as the Planning for the future consultation. Both have massive implications for removing the input of residents and local councils in the way that new housing development is considered and approved.

I attended the Local Plan SSP2 Public Inquiry where I made the case for Mawsley to not take additional housing off Cransley Rise and to more fairly spread the more significant allocation of housing around the three largest villages. Mawsley and Broughton have seen significant development in both the last Local Plan periods whilst the similarly sized Geddington has not. This seems unfair to me. I was proud to representing Broughton on KBC and it was noted that it is the only community in Kettering Borough that has adopted a Neighbourhood Plan.

Complaints about the number of fly posters on the A43/C31 roundabout have enabled me to contact highways colleagues to have them removed as they are a distraction to road users as well as unsightly.

Cllr C. Smith-Haynes

The year as a whole has introduced new ways of working for us and meetings via Zoom will probably continue. The reduction in expenses has been significant for councillors to attend face to face meetings with a good saving.

A fantastic amount of work has come out of Covid-19, and Lucy Wightman (NCC Director of Public Health) and her team have my upmost respect for maintaining the level to medium rather than high.

The unitary has been taken centre stage as to how it will work for us. Its been strange being a twin hatter and starting the shadow unitary meetings as councillors without actually being elected because of the postponement and not actually meeting anyone face to face. There is still so much to do and I agree with Cllr Hakewill that the rural issues for the smaller towns and villages seem to have lost their voice throughout the process which is incredibly frustrating.

With regards to Broughton itself and the Old Willows issues, I feel extremely let down by the police, NCC and KBC for finding no legal fault in what has taken place over the last year. A bad precedence is being set which many others are seeing as planning regulations only apply to settled communities.

The closure of the bridge on Wellingborough Road has now been fixed so hopefully it will all be back to normal now.

#### 19/9163. 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.**

**Update: 20/03/2020. No change to status. ONGOING**

**Update: Cllr Smith-Haynes was asked to chase this up as over a year old. 20/05/2020**

**Update: Reported again. WEB Ref 191936 via KBC.**

**Update: It was agreed this item is to be taken off the minutes as it is clear that no action will be taken. RESOLVED**

##### Matters arising from 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 minutes

##### **19/9113 Report from Community and Traffic Calming Committee**

Cllr Scouse contacted Ian Boyes to chase up the drawings for the Traffic Calming Project. The majority of the drawings are complete barring Northampton Road, but the project has not been costed yet. Priority has now been given to the Walking and Cycling Consultation so the engineers have been redeployed to concentrate on that at the present time.

Cllr Bull raised that BPC cannot be found at fault for not spending the S106 money by the spend by date if the delay is incurred by NCC and all agreed.

**Action: Cllr Scouse to ring Ian Boyes to try and get a timeframe of when the Northampton Road drawings will be complete.**

**Update: Cllr Scouse contacted Ian Boyes but is yet to receive an answer.**

**Update: 18/09/2020** Ian Boyes replied to say he has chased this up with the design team and has also asked about installing the barrier rails as soon as possible.

**Update: 21/10/2020.** Funding is there but there are no resources to carry out works at the moment and a lot of villages are in the same position. Ian is going to escalate the fact that he does not have the resources to carry out these works.

#### **Matters arising from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 minutes**

##### **19/9135. General interest items. (15)**

Cllr Baxter asked the clerk to report the continuous ivy growing up the wall of the High Street recreation ground and once cleared, treat with weed killer. **Action: Clerk to report. Web reference number is 190149 14/09/2020 Partly resolved but not finished yet near the village map.**

**Update: Stems have not been cut at the base of the wall and ivy still looks healthy. Action: to chase.**

#### **Matter arising from 16<sup>th</sup> September minutes**

##### **19/9145. Nitrous Oxide (8)**

Cllr Scouse contacted the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Mr Mold, regarding the ongoing issue with people misusing Nitrous Oxide on the outskirts of the village between the Village Hall recreation field and the cemetery, requesting advice and guidance on how this can be tackled.

**Update: The Police and Crime Commissioner escalated it to the police but they didn't reply. A discussion was had and Cllr Robson commented that it is illegal to buy for recreational purposes but it is not illegal to sell it unless it is advertised as such.**

**Broughton is lucky to have many volunteers who pick the cannisters up for us.**

##### **19/9146. Dispensation to accept non attendance, Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972**

**Action: The Clerk will notify KBC Electoral Services. RESOLVED**

**Action: Clerk to send a reminder to all councillors that the agenda is an actual summons to attend and any genuine apologies stating the reason must be sent to the clerk prior to the meeting. Clerk to look at all councillors attendance records and report back at the next meeting. RESOLVED**

##### **19/9148. NCALC Membership. (11)**

**Action: Clerk to contact NCALC and arrange payment. RESOLVED**

##### **19/9149. Community Assets and provisions for maintenance. (12)**

NCALC have asked BPC to produce a list of Assets and Services currently owned/managed by KBC to forecast what responsibilities could be transferred after the authority no longer exists. **Action: Clerk to send list over when compiled. RESOLVED**

The Village Hall has a new maintenance person who has reported damage to one of the speed humps in the car park and has highlighted it to the parish council. Cllr Shrive will assess the damage and report back. Members wondered if the Village Hall could put a shout out to any of their regular users

to see if there is anyone qualified to fix.

**Update: The speed bump has been fixed. RESOLVED**

### **19/91 55 General interest items**

Cllr Bull mentioned the Christmas lights and Poppy wreath. The clerk confirmed these items are usually on next month's agenda but happy to action now.

**Action: Clerk to contact KBC re the lights**

**Cllr Scouse to organise poppy wreath from Royal British Legion and it has been delivered. RESOLVED**

In August, the Clerk emailed Ian Boyes at NCC to see if it would be possible to put in a dropped kerb opposite the footpath exit in Hutchinson Avenue which runs from Glebe Avenue as it is a well used footpath and some older residents who use scooters are finding it a problem when they enter into Hutchinson Avenue. Ian replied to say he had spoken with the engineering department and they have confirmed there is a small amount of funding left in the budget that should be enough to cover the installation of a simple drop kerb as requested. It will be subject to a design stage but they don't envisage any problems. They would hope to undertake this work around Christmas time when there is an embargo on works on busier roads so is a good opportunity to do smaller works such as this on quiet roads. **Update: NCC will be leaflet dropping the residents of the Avenue towards the end of this week or beginning of next week with details of the scheme and hopefully will be undertaking the work in November.**

Cllr Scouse received a call from a resident in Donaldson Avenue regarding the short stretch of grass adjacent to Podmore Way playground and the residents garden wall which people are using to park cars taking advantage of their dropped kerb. Cllr Scouse emailed KBC to see if short wooden posts could be put around this area as well, similar to the main grass area alongside the footpaths, to deter people parking there. **Update: The land in question actually belonged to the resident so they have erected the posts. RESOLVED**

### **19/9164. Correspondence. (7)**

Town and Parish Election costs  
3 x Friday updates from NCALC  
CPRE Northants virtual planning roadshow  
Guidance on Remembrance Day  
LGR Q&A report  
Rural Forum Agenda  
Planning white paper consultation  
North local council tax support scheme  
Good neighbourhood schemes  
Budgeting Information 2020/21 from NCALC

### 19/9165. Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Northampton. (8)

From resident through website

Views sought on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Northampton.

Of more interest and relevance to Broughton would be a similar plan for Kettering and surrounding villages, including ours. Could you ask our council to push Kettering council to follow Northampton's lead?

Concerns from another resident with regards to cycle lanes from Broughton to Kettering contacted Cllr Hakewill. The plan is by NCC who have responsibility of the highways and taking care of footpaths and cycle lanes.

Cllr Rose who often uses the cycle lanes, declared there is no problem at all with the cycle lanes to Kettering. It was discussed whether or not the resident was referring to actual designated cycle lanes on the road and perhaps was not aware the off-road footpaths are the cycle lanes along the A43.

**Action: Clerk to contact resident for more information and forward onto Cllr Smith-Haynes if need be.**

### 19/9166. Broughton News. (9)

Members agreed that it was time to resume quarterly paper issues to residents. A discussion ensued about the possibility of delivering entirely electronically but was decided against as not everyone is online. The next edition will include news on the new Unitary Authority, Speed device, Pocket Park regeneration and a vacancy notice to recruit new councillors. Cllr Shrive will construct and its hoped to be with residents before Christmas. Members agreed to deliver. **ACTION: Cllr Scouse to write pieces on Pocket Park and vacancy and Cllr Bull on Unitary then send over to Cllr Shrive.**

### 19/9167. Armistice Day. (10)

The poppy wreath has been purchased and has now been delivered to Cllr Scouse.

It has been decided that there will not be the normal service at the war memorial this year.

The Revd. Nicki Hobbs from St Andrews Church and the Revd. Alistair Jones from Baptist Church will prerecord some videos to be transmitted at 11am on Armistice Day. They will include the reading out the names and laying of the wreaths and will stream on Facebook and you tube.

The PA system will not be needed this year but posters will be for notice boards to let residents know this year's arrangements.

Cllr Scouse will tidy up the memorial and lay new lines to tie wreaths too. Action: to check with Revd. Nicki re posters.

Many councils are inviting people to stand at their front gates to remember the fallen and observe the minutes silence. On the Royal British Legion website, there is a place where you can download a poppy to print for a small donation and display in your window. **Action: Cllr Bull to put on Facebook page.**

### 19/9168. North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority. (11)

**The website now has a page dedicated to the Unitary Authority. All relevant information will now be placed there for residents to read.**

There is an 8-week public consultation currently on the council tax support scheme by the Shadow Authority for North Northamptonshire Council. This has already been posted on the news section on the BPC website but will also be added under the new dedicated page. This closes on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

They are seeking consultation to harmonise the minimum council tax contributions to 25% for working age people on benefits. Since 2013, the four Borough authorities agreed their own scheme and have been operating different schemes since so unitary have to consult with all as they range from 8.5% to 45% at the moment. Originally, government used to fund the reduction but it changed to being funded by the boroughs general fund generated by the council tax. All council tax payers already pay now so this will not change. The people this will affect will all receive a letter.

The question was asked if the discount was taken from the county, borough or parish precept. Cllr Smith-Haynes answered that all are taken into account before the discount is applied.

Members will be responding as residents and not as a parish council. BPC encourages the residents to also respond individually.

**Actions: Cllr Hakewill to clarify if it includes the precepts from parishes.**

The Shadow Executive agreed the following recommendation:

Town and parish councils in Kettering Borough should precept for election costs arising in May 2021, and that future bye-elections costs will also be borne by them where these are triggered after 1 April 2021. (Reason for Recommendations – To provide consistency in charging to parish councils for their election costs across the North Northamptonshire area.)

A list of election costs has been made available from KBC for the May 2021 election. It is estimated the cost for BPC will be £1,774.00.

A discussion was held regarding gathering quotes for all the grass cutting in Broughton. BPC will probably have to adopt this service with the devolution of KBC. Members agreed to ask Castletree to provide an indication figure for these groundworks which include all the parks and inside the village signs verges. The question was asked whose jurisdiction the greens around housing estates would fall under as at the moment they come out of a different budget. **Action: Cllr Scouse to contact Castletree.**

There will be consultation on all the new unitary budgets. One for the North, the West and for Kettering Town Council. It is estimated it will cost Kettering Town Council £33k which will be in line with all other parish councils paying one third of the costs for May 2021 elections.

Cllrs Scouse, Shrive, Rose and Bull have attended various meetings this month, the last Rural Forum meeting, NCALC AGM and CPRE Planning White Paper meeting. Please see reports from all meetings below:

### **Rural Forum Meeting 13.10.20 report from Cllr Bull and attended by Cllr Shrive and Rose**

Jim Hakewill elected as Chair uncontested

This is the last Rural Forum Mtg

Lesley Sambrook Smith NCALC present  
James Wilson/Brendan Coleman present  
Cllrs Allan Matthews/Cliff Moreton/David Howes/Mark Rowley/Scott Edwards

James Wilson/Simon Richardson presented on the Planning White Paper. 26 questions in the White paper, the JPU has responded in full by question however KBC has adopted a more general response highlighting different points. KBC is concerned at:

- the lack of detail contained in the WP
- reduced link with democracy and the planning process,
- speeding up the process is at the expenses of public engagement
- lack of evidence.
- Principle of zones, concern at the nationally set policies not locally. Collective policies will not fit local distinctive requirements.
- Loss of reserved matters process.
- Unclear how N/Plans fit in to the new system maybe being limited to design codes.
- KBC maintain Section 106 are more favourable than CIL.
- New system would become more favourable to developers.
- Loss of public trust in the planning system.

A question was raised regarding the new Unitary authority being considered as the new “local” authority at the expense of NP’s by the White Paper. Likely implementation of the white paper could be 2022.

#### Public Sector Reform

Government legislation passed to process the new unitaries which will be in place from April for all public services currently provided across county and borough. New Children’s Trust will be countywide across both unitaries.

Elections will be 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will combine current memberships.

New document blueprint was published mid-September setting out how services will be delivered and how they will be established to be safe and legal from April 2021. All functions and staff will remain in the North.

Senior key statutory positions have been recruited for:

CEO, Rob Bridge will be in post from 1.11.20.

Finance and legal, adult social services and shared director for children’s service.

Director of Transformation is Lisa Hyde.

<https://futurenorthantsnorth.org> provides all information.

Currently there is a consultation open regarding the harmonising of council tax relief harmonisation. KBC are adamant that no changes to devolvement of services/assets will be made next year. Election costs harmonisation. A letter has been circulated to each parish. No explanation as to why this was chosen for a decision and not anything else on services. In one breath, Lisa Hyde is adamant that nothing will be devolved however in the next, says that all decisions will be with the new authority. It was made absolutely clear by the Forum that whilst we heard what was being said, was the decision not to devolve theirs to take in 6 months’ time. They appear to be quite clear on long term contracts

however we should be prepared for other services which might be more convenient to resolve by devolvement coming our way.

Lisa will seek clarification of council tax harmonisation discrepancy.

Kettering Town Council order has been made:

Currently reviewing Allotments/Market Charter and civic function (Mayor).

Their first budget will be set by KBC

David Watson, Geddington asked about rural representation in the future. Are there any meetings going forward that the rural forum can feed in to – Lisa confirmed that conversations are starting and they will consult with the parishes.

David Jenny is the new authority Rural portfolio holder – info provided by Lesley Sambrook Smith. Jim was thanked for his long service to the Forum. END

### **NCALC AGM report attended by Cllr Scouse**

There was a presentation from Mary-Jane Brown who is employed by Moulton PC as a Community Connector. Her role is to liaise with the Social Prescriber at the doctor's surgery and set up administer activities within the village and to assist those residents who need some kind of non-medical help. This ranges from setting up community activities for older residents and, for example young mums who might feel isolated after the birth of a child to referring people to self-help groups such as Slimming World or exercise classes, community transport services, Good Neighbour schemes etc.

It seems that all surgeries have a Social Prescriber and although Moulton is a bigger village than us and most of these activities are on hold at the moment I think there are ideas in there that we could consider for the future. Her presentation is definitely worth looking at, the slides are on the NCALC web-site - link is below. This kind of non-medical intervention is clearly high on the public health agenda as it has been shown to significantly improve people's health outcomes and reduces the number of visits to the doctor and the amount of medication being prescribed.

There was also a presentation by Lucy Wightman who is the NCC Director of Public Health who reinforced this message. This was a more general presentation about the policies they want to implement as we go into Unitary Authority. They have decided that for at least the first year they will treat Public Health as one overarching body covering both North and West as trying to split it under the current circumstances would be too disruptive. She admitted that the Shadow UA have not yet started to formulate the relationship they will have with the parishes so now is the opportunity to get in on the ground floor and make sure that the culture changes to a more collaborative one.

She also commented that Rob Bridge had been appointed as Chief Exec for the North - he's has been brought in from Hertfordshire.

Paul Helsby is the Director of Transformation and looks like being the key role for setting up the new relationship with the parishes. END

### **CPRE Planning White Paper Meeting 19.10.20 Report from Cllr Bull and also attended by Cllr's Shrive and Rose**

CPRE National Response - Critical overview:

Main Concern is the paper should tackle housing, public health, climate and biodiversity, land and economic recovery however it is only looking at a housing delivery system facilitating a monopoly of the larger housebuilders.

Government 7 Main objectives are:

1. Improving an equitable access to the planning system:

CPRE agrees that we need a more understandable and equitable planning system – not enough people are involved in the planning process currently – welcomes digital access however one should not exclude the other e.g. planning notices on lamp posts being lost to interactive mapping. The objective should be a widening not limiting engagement

2. Simplifying and speeding up the system:

Reducing timescale and size of delivery of local plans/ Introducing 3 new zones, growth, renewal and protected zones.

Speed is not a problem however need more time to engage in the delivery of the process from the early stages but the white paper is reducing this engagement. Public Engagement is only during the 3rd stage Inspectors consultation, but nothing earlier. Top down housing requirements will be mandated. Zoning is not in principle a bad idea but the white paper is un-democratic by removing opportunities for public scrutiny at early stages. The proposal is for alternative consenting routes to be put in place. The white paper does not add any further protection to the protected zones than exists already.

3. Increasing certainty and consistency through centralisation of the process:

Not covered in detail in the white paper.

Trying to lose the discretionary aspect of the current system and replacing it with a new standard method. New settlements can bypass the local plan – NSIP creates a different consenting route bypassing the decision-making process of the LPA without public scrutiny and engagement.

4. Overhaul of the Strategic Scale planning and sustainability Testing:

The White Paper would like to reduce all of the sustainability appraisals, tests of soundness etc. by introducing a single sustainable test – no details of this test are given but this is set in the white paper as an aspiration.

Statutory Strategic Plans are preferred as they drive full public scrutiny and play an important role in improving the area.

5. Improving Design Standards:

The White Paper proposes to establish a new national body.

CPRE agree that design standards and outcomes need improvement and compliance. If design codes are to be central to the system, the public needs confidence in the outcomes, we need to be

sure that the codes are followed and if not, it should be possible to reshape the codes. Grave risk of standardisation if this is retained at national level.

CPRE do not believe that there is enough community and elected representative detailed scrutiny in this process. A CEO for Design for each local authority is a good idea. Of note that Design Quality Codes need also to consider how a place functions – it's not just "beauty".

#### 6. Neighbourhood Planning:

Currently part of the statutory development plan and are currently important tools – Government says it wants to retain them but it is far from clear on how this will be but does say that it wants them to reflect the White Paper. Concern that the scope of NP is reduced to design matters/codes – e.g. what will a street look like. Neighbourhood Plans could be deemed out of date.

CPRE suggests that areas with Neighbourhood Plans could operate as Zones.

#### 7. Overhauling the Planning Gain regime:

Section 106 and CIL could be replaced with a new levy which would be based on a flat rate, value-based charge set nationally and with a minimum threshold. Levied at point of occupation.

CPRE suggest that the new infrastructure levy is in principle a good idea but it must raise more funds and remove developer's incentive to play the system to pay less. The White Paper proposals are quite vague.

#### CPRE Northants response New Housing Targets:

North Northants would see a 62% increase and 24% increase in West Northants and will have more impact in rural areas over towns. The proposed Affordability Formula is based on medians of housing price and incomes. However, affordability is primarily really crucial at entry level only. Rural property is about 30% more expensive than towns which pushes targets towards rural areas.

This however is not a sustainable approach to housing targets as pocketed, widespread delivery in rural areas increases carbon footprint etc. Developers can't be blamed for pursuing profit and will not deliver social goals as a given.

There may be some opportunities within the White Paper. Protected Zones is one however how protected is protected? In Northants we have no nationally protected landscapes and maybe locally protected landscapes can be protected better under the new system. This remains subject to interpretation by the government of the White Paper.

Neighbourhood Plans will have to be produced with digital tools so that they are digitally available but producing plans can be very expensive. How will this be achieved by steering groups? Scope of Neighbourhood Plans would have to be reduced where there are national levels of control – how much local design can be built into the Neighbourhood Plan – e.g. choice of sites etc.? How would they align with local and national plans? Temporary Threshold Increase suggested at 50 before you have to build any affordable housing. Likely villages will not deliver affordable homes on this basis.

Developer contributions: there is a possibility to use different values i.e. to suggest the cost of levy is half in towns compared to rural or brownfield versus greenfield – this would encourage development

where it is less harmful. It should be possible to be able to identify important views, landscapes and to build local heritage lists which may build as added to protections in our area.

Conservation Areas also should be put forward. Most important for responses to the consultation to come from all quarters - including individual responses alongside official ones. Alan Mayes stressed that the WP is undemocratic and urged everyone to respond to the WP in the simplest form possible - it is very complicated but by keeping it simple, it helps not to get lost in it.

Highlight on what evidence has the principles of the White Paper been based upon? The Planning System has always been established on evidence-based principles. There is no "evidence" of this in this White Paper. On what basis are these proposals being made and how sure are the Government, they will deliver in the way they would like and not become subject to mis-use by developers. The WP doesn't really tackle existing problems and some of the proposals might do more harm than good. The WP favours developers and incentivizes LPA's and is removing public scrutiny. **END**

### 19/9169. Report from Community and Traffic Management Sub Committee (12)

Policing – Cllr Robson

A reminder for residents that we are now heading into the winter peak season for burglaries, so extra vigilance on locking doors etc. **Action: Clerk to put in news feed on website**

Cllr Robson emailed the Police Enforcement Manager Matthew O'Connell with the data captured through the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Kettering Road. This was then forwarded onto the Enforcement Supervisor who reviewed. Whilst there is a small level of non-compliance, the vast majority of motorists using the route are careful and competent. Sadly, there are a small minority of motorists who are happy to take risks which border upon recklessness and, at any location on our road network, will knowingly place other road user's lives in jeopardy.

This month they are beginning a new project on enforcement which will continue for the next 100 dates. Some of the data was shared on Facebook including the number of vehicles speeding and also the highest hit. The SID does seem to have a speed calming affect in the first 2 weeks and then in 2 weeks times drivers revert. The Section 50 License allows for the SID to be located at the following:

1. Kettering Road – Permanent VAS Device Adjacent House No 40.
2. Kettering Road – Lamppost No L4 KFY opposite house no 40.
3. Cransley Hill – Lamppost no KBC8 county side of Cox's Lane – adjacent terminal signs.
4. Cransley Hill – Weight Limit Sign adjacent house no 43.
5. Wellingborough Road – KBC Lamppost outside House No 47.
6. Wellingborough Road – KBC Lamppost No 9 outside House No 70.

7. Northampton Road – Opposite commercial garage – Lamppost no L9 KHO.

8. Northampton Road – Permanent VAS Sign outside House no 96. Resident opposed.

### 19/9170. Report from Pocket Park Management Sub Committee (13)

The fairy wood theme is very popular with the children.

Castletree are going to liaise with Froglife and mark up exactly what needs to be done with regards to the tree work. Castletree have been asked to commence work.

The £2k grant from KBC will cover the cost of £1970.00 and the remainder be put towards the pond. The S106 money from Redrow is £6,629.17. KBC have agreed to release the money directly to BPC via bacs payment and BPC will sign an agreement to ensure money is only spent in the Pocket Park. BPC earmarked funds are currently £5350.00 for this project so in total there is £13,959.17.

With the recycled composite decking the whole project will come in at £14,509.00 and the remainder will be budgeted for in the 2021/22 precept.

Froglife have asked BPC to raise a purchase order for the dredging of the pond so we can secure the quote and get the contractors in. This phase of the project will be weather dependant.

All agreed to go ahead. Cllr Bull asked that we are mindful of handing over any money prior to works starting as we are in such unprecedented times. The purchase order will state that money will be sent after completion. **Action: Clerk to send P/O.**

Cllr Rose noticed on Facebook that someone had provided bamboo poles for dens and also someone has hung fairies in glass jars and suspended them from the trees. Not only should glass not be in the Pocket park as children and animals frequent but also this could be a problem if a branch snapped and hit someone on the head. Cllr Wyeth contacted the person doing co-ordinating the works in the park who is also the other Facebook admin during the meeting and it was confirmed they had the same concerns.

### 19/9171. Report from Planning Sub Committee. (14)

***The Committee referred 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/2020/0643

LOCATION: 11 Church Street

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations, Replace conservatory with single storey side extension.

**No Comment**

KET/2020/0695

LOCATION: 43 Cransley Hill (woodland adj), Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1 Oak - partial crown reduction.

**No comment**

KET/2020/0682

LOCATION: Manor Farm Barns, 1 Manor Farm Close, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1 Willow - pollard to a height of 1.8m remove limbs growing on wall; T2 Cherry - crown clean and reduce by 1.8m; T3 Birch - crown reduce by 1.8m.

**No comment**

KET/2020/0686

LOCATION: 20 High Street (land adj) Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full application. 1 no. dwelling and associated parking with access off Bentham Drive

KET/2020/0114 Previous Comment: Over intensifies area, compromises existing properties and adds additional traffic to Bentham Close – **Resubmit comment.**

KET/2020/0669

LOCATION: Red Lion Inn, 7 High Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Application: Change of use of outbuilding and alterations to smoking shelter to use as a shop.

Comment. Broughton PC to support this, it has its own parking along with the fact it brings something new to the village and it helps support an established business.

**Planning Decisions.**

KET/2020/0460

Mr Stock, 5S Property Limited

LOCATION: 22 Carter Avenue, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Outline application with all matters reserved for 1 dwelling.

**Comment: No comment at this stage, we will however be asking that any further full applications be in keeping with the street scene.**

**APPROVED: Not an approval under Building Regulations**

KET/2020/0513

LOCATION: 54 Glebe Avenue, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations: Replacing existing conservatory roof

**No comment - APPROVED**

KET/2020/0608

LOCATION: 15 Church Street

PROPOSAL: T1 Pear – fell, T2 Lawson Cypress – fell, G1 Prostrate conifer & 4xApple – fell, G3 Lilac, Laburnum & Lawson Cypress – fell.

**No Comment – No objection**

## Report from the Planning Sub Committee

Cllr Shrive from the Planning Sub Committee received a call from James Wilson at KBC. bullet points below:

- Still nothing from NCC.
- KBC will go ahead and assess the application with or without the specification.
- ORS the company used for the "GTAA" who found non-G&T on sites are being used to more in-depth interview occupants of the G&T site to establish just how many spare plots there are due to not G&T sitting in them.
- KBC are hoping to use the above information in both the Stoke Albany and Loddington appeals as well as future applications including the Old Willows.
- Even with what KBC already know from the "GTAA" survey they still cannot pre judge the old willows application at this stage.
- Steve Jup, the consultant employed by KBC is the case officer for the old willows and is at the moment completing his report.
- I asked are we talking days, weeks or months for this report and James said "Weeks".
- Until the report is complete KBC will still not commit to committee or not.

Cllr Shrive told James that as a PC and especially due to the very long time scale we need at minimum a weekly call or email, and also anything he has come in, reports, information, specifications we want to know about them swiftly.

Aerial shots from google earth showing the fence along the A43 and the encroachment of the field was forwarded on to KBC but the shots were taken a few months ago and no longer show true relevance to how the site has been extended.

The Clerk has again received numerous correspondence from residents regarding the Old Willows. All residents are now being directed to KBC planning for comment.

### 19/9172. Precept – budget for unitary. (15)

The Finance sub committee met to look at a provisional budget for unitary and presented the findings to the members.

NCALC have advised all KBC parish councils to look sufficiently at the budgets and prepare for any unforeseen expenditure from now on especially for ground works and street lighting. Apart from the day to day running reserves, earmarked funds for the Pocket park and unitary contingency were presented. Cllr Bull suggested earmarking an additional £600 (third of the cost of an election)

### 19/9173. Report from Finance Committee. (16)

#### October 2020 statements

Savings - £1.41

Nationwide 125-day saver - £16,065.21.

Community - £28,263.39

#### Credits to Community account

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## Cheques issued from Community account 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Payee	Cheque number	Amount £
A. McDaid wages - mth 7	Bank transfer	£282.16
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£62.00
A. McDaid home working, phone and internet, Zoom HW - £12, Phone - £10.35 plus £1, Zoom - £14.39.	Bank transfer	£36.74
BRT PF & VH Association	Standing order	£7.79

It is almost 2 years to the day that the clerk joined us and hasn't had a pay review as of yet. This should be done annually but last year the SCP's were regraded and it wasn't done. A decision needs to be made as to whether she is on the right pay grade. The finance committee will look at the SCP's and make a proposal at the next meeting.

### 19/9172. General interest items. (16)

Cllr Scouse

A reminder to all members if emailing in the campacity of council business, please ensure you copy the clerk in so an audit trail is kept.

A complaint was received about the hedge of 25 High St which is obstructing the footpath. The clerk has sent a letter to the occupier requesting the hedge to be cut back to the boundary of the property. The resident has so far declined to do so. **Action: Clerk to contact NCC.**

Cllr Shrive

Yeoman House is deteriorating rapidly. It was asked if the BPC could intervene as it is a listed building. Cllr Rose has previously contacted KBC but they were not interested unless a danger to the public arose. **Action: Write to Conservation Officer to express concerns, also raise post office concerns or maybe English Heritage.**

A resident asked if the bridleway by the Pocket Park that runs up to Pychley "Butts Lane" could have a name plaque as historical. **Action: Clerk to investigate and ask county records for any history**

Cllr Robson requested the bushes opposite children play area in Podmore Way to be cut down. The middle island on green space opposite park needs heavy pruning as used condoms been found in that area last month, there is plenty of space for someone to hide inside bush island, reported to Police incident number 109/18th Sept.

Also bushes on last house in Baker Avenue to the adjacent/left of the park need cutting down to reduce the risk of further incidents.

Logged with grounds maintenance team under ref SR2226475.

Clerk

22/09/2020 Website accessibility test and statement completed. There are 2 issues currently – No data in the twitter feed and home picture is not titled.

Cllr Baxter asked the clerk to report that a member of the public had recently seen sewage coming from the drain adjacent to the dog bin at the bottom of the high street park during heavy rain. Members agreed there is a problem there. **Action: Clerk to report.**

**19/9174. Date of next meeting. (17)**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 7pm.

**19/9175. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent. (18)**

No other matters were considered and the meeting was closed at 8:55pm.

**Signed:** *P A Scouse*

**Dated:** 18/11/2020

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