

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 16 January 2013, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. Mrs. MC Rust (in the Chair).
Cllrs. R Baxter, Mrs. HJ Bull, P Gordon, LA Manning, DJ Perkins, Mrs. P Roke, R Shrive, and Mrs. C. Taylor.

13/6802 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies for absence were tendered by (and accepted for the reasons noted):
Cllr. JC Chester (work commitment)
Cllr. PA Cope (unwell)

13/6803 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made at the commencement of the meeting.

13/6804 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 December 2012, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed that minute 12/6788 should reflect that Cllr. Mrs. Cope had tendered her apologies due to illness, and that minute 12/6794 should show that Cllrs. Shrive and Manning also attended the meeting on 22 November 2012 with Mr R Hall of the County Council in addition to the Chair.

The draft minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 28 November 2012, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

13/6805 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of the facility was made at this meeting.

13/6806 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising from 12/6793, councillors heard that the co-ordinating officer for the new Community Speedwatch scheme had now clarified that the deadline for confirming participation did have some flexibility, and the involvement of Broughton could await the scheme being publicised. Members noted that material had been displayed on the Broughton Village website.

Arising from 12/6798, members heard that a further quotation had now been received in respect of the Broughton News printing job; councillors noted this was marginally lower than that received previously from Admiral Design and Print but it was agreed to proceed with Admiral on the basis of the past quality of service afforded by that firm.

Arising from 12/6792, it was confirmed that a formal response from the Parish Council in respect of the proposed Conservation Area had now been submitted in the terms described as no issues had arisen following these being circulated.

Arising also from 12/6792, it was reported that steps were being taken to agree a date for a meeting between members and Ms K Prati of the Borough Council to settle the

format for the Housing Needs survey.

Arising once more from 12/6792, Cllr. Shrive briefed the meeting on steps undertaken to agree a location and form for the proposed tool store for the Pocket Park. Discussions were continuing with the relevant parties.

Arising finally from 12/6792, the Chair mentioned that she was in contact with an intending benefactor who wished to sponsor an area of bulb planting in the Pocket Park as a memorial to a family member who had regularly visited and enjoyed the spinney. Members were very pleased to support this kind gesture.

13/6807

CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported and action, as detailed, was agreed to be taken, with other general items being placed on circulation:-

- a) A letter received from the Mayor of Kettering, notifying the Council of details of this year's Holocaust Memorial Commemoration event, to be held at 2pm on 20 January 2013.
- b) A letter received from the Post Office, confirming that the new service from the Co-op store will commence from 21 January, with the existing service closing from 14 January.

13/6808

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The Chair reported her attendance at the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on 8 January. Business considered had included confirmation that the Village Hall Playing Field had now completed its formal dedication as a Queen Elizabeth II ground and had been vested in Fields in Trust. Members noted that a commemorative Oak tree was to be planted and a plaque installed. It had also been agreed that hire charges for regular users were to remain unchanged for the coming year, the potential for the Association to secure its own Licensing Act 2000 licences was still being explored with advice being secured from ACRE, and a meeting had been organised with Church representatives to explore the planned expansion of facilities at St. Andrews Church. It had also been flagged that additional volunteers were required in connection with the Village Show. The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for 12 February 2013.

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POLICE REPORT. No officers attended this meeting but a statistical report was received, which indicated one report of crime only being made for December 2012 affecting the village, a theft from a motor vehicle.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning Applications submitted for the Parish Council's observations:-

In respect of the following application, it was **RESOLVED** to seek confirmation of the nature of the amendments being proposed before settling upon any observations necessitated as a consequence:

Cransley Hill Outline application for up to 65 dwellings Redrow Homes

In respect of the following application, no objection was considered necessary but members did express concerns firstly about the limitations of the access that, it was felt, would result in problems for neighbours' amenity if parking outside the immediate development site occurs as is thought likely. Secondly, the proposed design was considered neither to preserve nor enhance the character of the prospective Broughton Conservation Area, within which the site is located. If the scheme is to be approved, members wished to secure any improvements that can be achieved in respect of those aspects:

Millbank Full application for single dwelling Mr Hammond

Planning decisions notified:-

The following Approval had been notified (with conditions):

Spinney Lodge Six rooflights to front and rear Mr K
Brigstock

The following Refusal had been notified (with reasons):

Gate Lane (land off) Four detached dwellings Mr B Bailey

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FINANCE.

The following items of income and expenditure were noted/agreed:-

Income			£
Barclays Bank PLC	Interest on premium account		1.03
Expenditure			£
Barclays Bank PLC	Storage fee	(Direct Debit)	1.00
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(Direct debit)	2.00
BPF&VH Assn.	Room hire fees	(101533)	59.50
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101534)	
250.33			
HMRC	Income tax	(101535)	141.20
GA Duthie	Electric exps	(101536)	10.75

Members noted advice received from the Borough Council that core grant levels for 2013/14 had been reduced by Central Government by 6.35% and, although the final grant settlement for the Borough Council had yet to be notified, it was likely the revenue support grant for the Parish Council would reduce to £4,520 (from £4,830) as a consequence. Accordingly, estimates of anticipated income and expenditure for the coming year were considered (copy appended), and it was duly **RESOLVED** to raise a precept in the sum of £6,500. In agreeing this, councillors noted that the withdrawal of grant support by the Borough Council from the end of 2013/14 meant that the same income and expenditure estimates being considered in a post-grant year would necessitate £11,000 being raised by precept and it was important local people realised the consequent increase in Council Tax that would be seen as a consequence of changes imposed outside the control of the Parish Council.

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GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS. Cllr. Shrive asked what delivery arrangements might be made this year for Broughton News and it was agreed that the local Scout troop should be asked whether they wished to undertake this; a payment of £25 for the task to be offered.

Cllr. Mrs. Roke mentioned that the recent spell of icy weather had revealed a need for a grit bin to be provided for the Podmore Way footways; members noted a high percentage of users here were elderly and there were gradients present.

Cllr. Mrs. Roke then confirmed that the new bin at Wellingborough road in the vicinity of the Corner Store had been installed in the last few days.

The Chair then reported that Ms C Bicknell had now left the Head of Planning role at Kettering Borough Council and steps were in hand to appoint a successor.

The Chair also mentioned that it had been advised to her that Borough Cllr. Hakewill had been selected to stand for election to the County Council, for the division including Mawsley and Rothwell but not Broughton. If elected, however, this would not affect his continuing representation of the village as a Borough councillor at least for the remainder of his current term of office.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 20 February 2013, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

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URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised.

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm

20 February 2013

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