

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 16 April 2014, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. MC Rust (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs. HJ Bull, Mrs. JC Chester, Mrs. PA Cope, JH Noble, Mrs PA Scouse, Rev. B Withington, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie
PCSO J Breeze of Northamptonshire Police
1 member of the public

Prior to the commencement of business, Cllr. JH Noble was welcomed to his first Parish Council meeting following his accepting office as a parish councillor.

14/7024 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies for absence were tendered by (and accepted for the reasons noted): Cllr. R Shrive (suffered accident), County Cllr. C Groome (diary conflict), and Borough Cllr. J Hakewill (on holiday).

14/7025 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

14/7026 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 March 2014, copies of each having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

14/7027 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of the facility was made at this meeting.

14/7028 **POLICE REPORT.** The meeting heard from PCSO J Breeze, who provided a verbal briefing on reports of crime affecting the parish over the last month or so and responded to members' resulting questions. Of most concern was a robbery occurring at the Co-op store on 28 March, which was being focused upon; with other more minor incidents including 2 complaints of criminal damage and a complaint of shoplifting, also at the Co-op.

14/7029 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** A report had been circulated by County Cllr. Groome, which included updates on improvements to County children's services, ongoing lobbying concerning local rail services and the HS2 consultation, a recent scrutiny report concerning school place provision, a proposed relocation of all County Council office accommodation to the centre of Northampton, and progress with the improvement scheme for the Pytchley crossroads junction that was nearing readiness for consultation.

14/7030 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising from 14/7020, and after councillors noted that little if any recent progress appeared to have been made with developing the parish council website since it became discoverable on search, it was agreed this should be made an agenda item for the May meeting in order that consideration be given to how best to move the matter along.

14/7031 **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 Fields in Trust, providing information and publicity material in connection with that organisation's 'Have a Field Day' initiative, intended to build usage and activity levels on outdoor recreational areas. The publicity material was placed on circulation.
- b) A detailed letter received from an Executive Liaison Officer of the Borough Council responding to the recent concerns raised by the Parish Council as arose from the Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation and the resulting meeting of the Planning Policy Committee on 19 February. Members noted that this letter sought to rebut all the criticisms and comments made by parish councillors in an effort to confirm the validity of the consultation exercise and of the resulting decisions made on 19 February. It was agreed this letter should be circulated to members and also shared with Pytchley and Walgrave Parish Councils who had voiced similar concerns as those raised by Broughton.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The Chair reported upon her attendance at the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on 8 April. Business there included agreement of revised hire charges for the ensuing year, the seeking of pre-application advice from the Borough Council on the proposed extension plans (with a contingency being kept in reserve in case the preferred proposal was not supported for any reason), confirmation that the Borough Council would be undertaking goal mouth repairs over the off-season, ongoing consideration of a possible summer event, and the likelihood that wi-fi access would be allowed for all hirers of hall facilities. The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March were placed on circulation and, in connection with these, it was mentioned that there would be a discussion in May of any potential for seeking incorporation of the extension proposal into the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

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

The following application had been notified and it was agreed that no observations need be made:-

Broughton Grange Convert barn for office/residential Boughton Estates

In respect of the following application, it was resolved to support the proposal provided the use of the development for bona fide agricultural purposes associated with the parent holding can be assured:-

42 Kettering Road Replacement agricultural building Mr Chapman

In respect of the revised plans submitted for the following application, it was agreed the previously lodged objection should be reiterated for the following reasons:-

- The lack of off-street parking contemplated by the proposal will exacerbate street parking pressures in a heavily congested area where road safety is already compromised given the concentration of conflicting uses on a busy junction

and where the recently permitted development at Cransley Hill will only worsen matters further.

- The proposal includes inadequate amenity space.
- The proposal will have an unacceptable relationship to neighbouring property; impacting on amenity and the development itself is likely to have insufficient light to the rear given the rising ground behind.
- The physical constraints of the site indicate against any additional residential units in this location:-

Planning decisions notified:-

None had been advised since the last meeting.

Other planning notifications:-

In respect of the following proposal, members noted that the application had now been withdrawn and no determination would be made:-

13 High Street Change use of post office to dwellings Mr West

In respect of the following proposal, members noted that the planning appeal had now been withdrawn and, accordingly, the informal hearing previously scheduled for 15 April had been cancelled. No determination would be made.

Members then received an update on the residual costs issues arising from the conclusion of the Judicial Review challenge of KET/2012/0709. It was reported that a response to the Parish Council's proposal as to the costs order was still awaited.

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

Income			£
Barclays Bank PLC	Interest on deposit account		1.00
Expenditure			£
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge	(direct debit)	4.79
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(direct debit)	4.00
Kettering BC	VAT on festive lights costs	(101599)	104.80
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101600)	252.24
HMRC	Income tax	(101601)	141.82
GA Duthie	Telephone expenses	(101602)	11.29
GA Duthie	Electricity expenses	(101603)	4.31

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NEW VILLAGE CENTRE NOTICE BOARD. Cllr. Baxter reported that various estimates had now been sourced for the provision and installation of the preferred styles and sizes of notice board settled upon for the area adjacent to the Red Lion public house. These ranged from approximately £1,500 to £1,700 depending on which of the two identified sizes was selected and details were placed on circulation for members' information. Councillors agreed there might be potential for installation costs to be underwritten from the new community fund being established by the Borough Council and a query should be made seeking such assistance.

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GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

Cllr. Mrs. Chester reported that a dustbin full of what appeared to be dog waste had been left in Coxs Lane near Silver Street.

Cllr. Mrs Chester then mentioned that the village seemed to be suffering a lot with litter recently.

Cllr. Mrs. Bull reported that it appeared the BT works to install improved broadband infrastructure were nearing completion.

Cllr. Mrs. Bull asked for an update to be sought from the Borough Council on whether the Northampton Road enforcement notice had been complied with and, if not, what further steps were to be taken.

Cllr. Mrs. Bull mentioned a desire by the Neighbourhood Plan group to liaise with the managers of the Kettering Road allotments to ensure the plan properly reflected the value of the facility there.

The Chair reported that she had recently met with a Mrs. J Smith and received a very generous donation of £150 to be used for bulb planting in the Parsons Spinney pocket park in memory of her mother, Mrs. Beryl Andrew, who had enjoyed her visits to the park. It was agreed such an area, once established, should be dedicated as ‘Beryl’s Glade’ and the issue of the pocket park should again be considered at the May meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. Scouse raised a query concerning the land adjacent to the site of the proposed Redrow development off Cransley Hill, and wondered how this might be controlled and managed where the same appeared to be left without effective access.

Cllr. Mrs. Scouse then mentioned the wild flower patch near the Church and suggested the Borough Council be asked to plant this with perennials to reduce the maintenance burden where the existing annuals had not been receiving attention.

Cllr. Withington suggested the County Council be asked to outline the current and projected position in respect of primary school provision in the village given the increasing housing development occurring.

Cllr. Baxter mentioned that the Gate Lane street lights remained out of service.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 21 May 2014, 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 8:33pm

21 May 2014

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