

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. R Shrive (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.

County Cllr. C Groome and Borough Cllr. J Hakewill.

PCSOs K Ellerby and L Mitchell of Northamptonshire Police.

14/7078 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies for absence were tendered by (and accepted for the reasons noted): Cllr. Mrs. MC Rust (holiday).

14/7079 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

14/7080 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18 June 2014 and on 24 June 2014, copies of each having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed a date needed correcting in the final paragraph of 14/7065, and that the minutes should reflect Cllr. Baxter had apologised for his inability to attend the special meeting on 24 June due to being away.

14/7081 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of the facility was made at this meeting.

14/7082 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** In addition to presenting his report circulated by email on 15 July, County Cllr. Groome updated members on the Pytchley crossroads improvement scheme. The meeting noted that further works to lessen risk here were due imminently and, happily, there had been no recent significant accidents. Discussion then turned to school places and transport provision for village children. Councillors were informed that the school age population was increasing, by 7% or so in the last year alone, and development pressures on the village would further fuel this growth although this should be at least partly mitigated by the new school to be provided as a part of the West Hill development at Kettering. In respect of the proposals for Highcroft Farm, the meeting was advised that a comprehensive ecology survey and report was being undertaken by a senior officer of the Wildlife Trust and early indications were that the habitat value of the land was even higher than initially anticipated. In respect of gypsy/traveller accommodation provision generally, it was noted that 6 pitches were proposed for the Kettering East development scheme, and that there had been recent parliamentary criticism of assessment methodologies used by local authorities when establishing need.

Borough Cllr. Hakewill then reported; advising of road resurfacing works programmed for Cransley Road, and associated diversion arrangements that had been amended to try and minimise inconvenience given the harvest period. In connection with the latest planning application seeking approval for amended house types at the Redrow site off Cransley Hill, Cllr. Hakewill asked that any representations made by the Parish Council be copied to him. Mention was then made of the KBC Community Fund initiative, and members heard that this had been allocated to Mr Tim Bellamy to administer, who should be the contact.

Cllr. Hakewill reported that he had now been appointed as Chair of the Rural Forum; the September meeting would be receiving a report concerning communication and liaison between the Borough Council and local councils in the District.

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MATTERS ARISING. Arising from 14/7063, Cllr. Shrive reported that Cllr. Baxter and he had inspected the gateway flower boxes as agreed and costed the materials needed to put the same into good repair and upgraded to a more durable form. This cost looked to be in the order of £600 or so to do the minimum necessary. Given the likely cost, the fact that even these works would only really stave off full replacement temporarily, and the lateness in the year, it was agreed the preferred way forward would be to investigate the possibility of procuring pre-fabricated items to install for next season.

Also arising from 14/7063, it was confirmed that the Borough Council had indicated the cabling/supply fault relating to the Gate Lane streetlamps had still to be resolved by Western Power. The matter was still being pursued.

In respect of the damaged wire tree guard at the High Street recreation ground, members were informed that this had now been rectified by the Borough Council.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) A communication received from Mr Ian Boyes of MGWSP, providing detailed information on a number of highway related issues under discussion currently. Arising from this, some debate occurred in respect of the proposed locations for vehicle activated speed warning signage intended for Northampton Road; Cllr. Shrive agreed to follow this up.
- b) A notification received from the County Council in respect of the temporary closure of various rights of way, including footpath GD8, on health and safety grounds, where affected by current widening works to the A14.
- c) Notification received from the County Council of confirmation of the legal order giving effect to the new parking/waiting time restrictions at High Street and Coxs Lane.
- d) A letter received from the Borough Council inviting comments on the effectiveness of communication arrangements between local councils in the District and the Borough Council, to inform a Rural Forum item for the September meeting. Members agreed to seek as much engagement as possible and to ask that consultation undertaken, for example on planning applications, is as meaningful as possible. The Parish Council's experience with the Redrow scheme being a useful example of the necessity for this.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

Although not in attendance at this meeting, notes had been prepared by the Chair following her attendances, with others as mentioned, at the following meetings:

- a) With Cllrs. Shrive and Mrs. Bull at the Rural Forum on 26 June. Matters considered included policing numbers, fuel thefts, use by police of social media for 'recording' crime, the street lighting review, an update on the Core Strategy and 5 year land supply position, confirmation that CIL was not to be adopted in the District, the impact of the Rushden Lakes appeal decision, an update on the

phasing of the East Kettering development, the roll-out of the new Community Fund, and a summary of recent work of the Kettering Town Forum.

- b) The meeting of the Village Hall Committee on 8 July. Business included emergency plan arrangements for the school, changes to the website, equipment acquisition, ongoing work on extension plans, issues with broken glass in grounds, village show arrangements, and possible bowls pit provision.
- c) With Cllrs. Shrive, Baxter, Withington, Mrs. Scouse and Noble, at a meeting on 1 July with Mr Ian Boyes of MGWSP for the County Council. Various highways matters were considered in detail, including traffic lights serving Cransley Park, possible changes at the Cransley Hill/Coxs Lane junction as required to enable the Redrow development, measures resulting from the S106 obligations related to the Redrow development, an update on A43 proposals (no significant information currently available), the 'Quiet Lanes' initiative and its potential application to Gate Lane (unlikely), on-street parking, assistance with the Neighbourhood Plan, requirements to licence flower box installation, and reinstatement of the Church Street pavement.

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POLICE REPORT. The meeting heard from PCSOs Ellerby and Mitchell who reported that 4 crimes had been complained of, comprising 1 of criminal damage, 1 sexual offence, and 2 of violence. Related questions were dealt with.

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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:-

2 St Andrews Way Rear extension and porch etc Mr & Mrs Fox

The following application had been notified and it was agreed that detailed observations should be worked up and submitted, objecting to the proposal on grounds generally that 2.5 storey development would be inappropriate in design, landscape and policy terms, contrary to conditions imposed at outline stage, and the resulting units too large in context of local housing needs. Additionally a query arose in that a balancing pond had seemingly been introduced into the landscaping scheme where, previously, a play area was indicated:-

Cransley Hill (land off) Substitution of house types (3 plots) Redrow Homes

Planning Decisions notified:

The following decision had been notified, being an approval with conditions:

Rectory Gardens Installation of termination box Mr P Horrix

Members then heard that a letter had been received from the Borough Council advising that a planning application previously advised for 6 The Bank (rear extension), had been converted into an application for a certificate of lawfulness on grounds that the proposal benefits from permitted development rights.

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

Income			£
Barclays Bank PLC	Interest on deposit account		1.04
Cash refund	Underspend - Broughton news printing advance		2.00
Expenditure			£
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge	(direct debit)	4.79
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(direct debit)	2.00
Barclays Bank PLC	Store fee	(direct debit)	1.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP July and Aug	(101614)	504.48
HMRC	Income tax	(101615)	279.64
GA Duthie	Telephone and electricity	(101616)	16.87
Timsons Limited	Photocopying	(cash)	3.00

14/7089 **POCKET PARK.** Having visited the spinney just prior to the meeting, councillors noted the very overgrown state of the site; it being agreed that the appearance was very much of the park returning to the wild. In an effort to supplement attempts to encourage volunteers to assist with maintenance, it was agreed to include a dedicated table display at the forthcoming village show in September.

14/7090 **GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**
Cllr. Shrive advised he would attend and represent the Parish Council at the ceremony to grant Freedom of the Borough to the Royal Anglian Regiment, to be held on 21 July.

Cllr. Shrive mentioned for the Chair that Mr Danny Moody of NALC would like to attend a future meeting in order to address councillors on the likely benefits or re-joining membership of the Association. Following some discussion, it was agreed the Chair should invite Mr Moody to the October meeting.

In response to a request from Mr Boyes of MGWSP, it was agreed that the Council should consent to a proposal to relocate the village sign on Cransley Hill to be contiguous with the start of the 30 mph speed limit zone.

It was agreed an Autumn edition of the mini-Broughton News should be produced.

It was agreed the new website should be an agenda item for the September meeting.

14/7091 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 17 September 2014, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

14/7092 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised.

17 September 2014
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