

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 19 November 2014, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs R Shrive (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, Mrs JC Chester, JH Noble, Mrs PA Scouse, B Withington, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
County Cllr C Groome.
One member of the public.

14/7127 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies for absence were tendered by (and accepted for the reasons noted): Cllr Mrs MC Rust (bereavement).

14/7128 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

14/7129 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15 October 2014, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

14/7130 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of the facility was made at this meeting.

14/7131 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** County Cllr Groome supplemented his report, as circulated by email prior to the meeting, by mentioning that there had been some developments on the assessment of sites being considered in conjunction with Highcroft Farm for Gypsy and Traveller provision, and by giving an update on the street lighting review, which was nearing completion.

14/7132 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising from 14/7099, it was reported that advice had been received from the Elections Manager that the vacancy resulting from the resignation of former Cllr Mrs Cope would not need to be filled by co-option due to the proximity of the next elections, scheduled for May 2015.

Arising from 14/7124, it was confirmed that an Environmental Protection Officer had now inspected the Northampton Road site where chicken manure was being deposited, and had sought additional information about where any odour nuisance resulting might be witnessed from. The meeting agreed how this might best be responded to and Cllr Chester offered to facilitate.

Arising in respect of general administration, and where all members presently had access to email facilities, it was suggested that meeting agendas and minutes be emailed rather than being issued in paper form. The Clerk advised there was a legal requirement for the meeting summons (agenda) to be served in paper form upon members but this could be overcome if the Parish Council office address was agreed by members to be their address for service. Accordingly it was duly **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council address be the address for service of meeting summonses and that the requirement for hard copy meeting papers be dispensed with (spare copies would still be available at meetings for public use etc).

14/7133 **CORRESPONDENCE.** The following items of correspondence were reported:
a) A 'thank you' note, kindly sent by Mrs Una Stamper, acknowledging the

commemorative gift provided by council members following her recent bereavement.

- b) A communication received from the Borough Council, providing an up-to-date list of Borough Council key contacts.
- c) A communication received by Cllr Mrs Rust from TW Strategic Land, expressing a desire to engage with the Parish Council in order to discuss development constraints affecting two parcels of land acquired by that company to the rear of the School and off Donaldson Avenue. Members noted the approach but felt it premature to engage directly with the promoter, preferring to seek full public consultation on any proposals that might exist.
- d) A letter received from the Borough Council, concerning possible street naming suggestions for land off Coxs Lane, which development was intended to be known by the generic name 'Cransley Green'.
- e) An approach from Mawsley Parish Council, seeking a meeting with parish representatives concerning neighbourhood planning; it apparently being the intention of Mawsley to embark upon preparing a plan. Given the workload presently resulting from the Broughton exercise, members agreed it would be better to point Mawsley colleagues toward the various official resources that existed rather than risk becoming distracted/diverted.
- f) A mailing from the Borough Council, providing expenditure reporting sheets to be used in connection with the Community Fund award toward the notice board project.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

Although not present at this meeting, Cllr Mrs Rust had provided a note arising from the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on 11 November. Members noted the refurbishment of the old committee room had been completed so release of the precepted grant monies was now requested, with any surplus to be used toward the new under 5s play area. It was confirmed the planning application for the proposed hall extension had been submitted, and the scheme was being broken down into discrete phases to assist progression if approved. A musical entertainment evening was being arranged for the spring, with the support of Northants Touring Arts. The next meeting was scheduled for 9 December and the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October were placed on circulation.

Cllr Mrs Bull then reported upon a village meeting to be held in support of the neighbourhood planning exercise; the structure for this was described, around a theme of 'Development in Broughton', with the presentation, related exercises, and any resulting discussion being kept to quite tight timings to try and ensure focused outputs were secured.

Following the recent meetings with County highways representatives, consideration was given to the proposed parking restrictions for Coxs Lane and Cransley Hill. After some discussion, it was agreed that, whilst Cransley Hill could be progressed, the scheme for Coxs lane should be held in abeyance until more was known about how the Redrow site was to be accessed. It was also agreed that, if needs be, the Parish Council, could undertake any informal consultation required.

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POLICE REPORT. No report was submitted to this meeting.

- 14/7138** **POCKET PARK.** It was agreed this be an agenda item again for December and that a price be sought through a contact of Cllr Mrs Bull, for clearance of the pathways, for consideration in the meantime.
- 14/7139** **WEBSITE.** It was agreed updated contact information and photographs etc should be notified to Cllr Shrive for communication to the webmaster, and the format of the site should be kept as simple as possible until it was at least up-to-date.
- 14/7140** **GATEWAY PLANTERS.** It was agreed KBC be asked whether they might be able to price to provide the necessary planters.
- 14/7141** **NOTICEBOARD.** It was agreed to commission the larger option from the quotes obtained; Cllr Baxter to act as project manager if needs be.
- 14/7142** **FORMER CLLR STAMPER'S ARCHIVE MATERIAL.** In the light of the response received from the County Archivist, Cllr Shrive agreed to liaise with Mrs Stamper in an effort to try and establish a more complete inventory of the material held.
- 14/7143** **GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**
Cllr Mrs Scouse reported that some more information had now been obtained concerning the proposed allocation of green space between Broughton and Mawsley villages that had previously been reported. Rather than being associated with any particular development scheme, it seemed this was a feature of the Borough Council's aspirational Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan, intended to improve access to open space.
- Cllr Baxter reported that the Kettering Road bus shelter was once again being invaded by overgrowth from the adjacent premises at Grange Road.
- Cllr Baxter mentioned that brambles were also over-growing at Paston House, making the adjacent footway difficult to use.
- Cllr Baxter then reported the Bakehouse Lane footway was suffering badly from grass encroachment.
- On behalf of Cllr Mrs Rust, Cllr Shrive reported that the pollarding works had now been done to the trees at the cemetery, resulting in a significant improvement there; with the work being appreciated by visitors.
- Cllr Shrive then mentioned that the new edition of Broughton News had been held for now given the Chair's very recent bereavement but work would resume.
- In connection with the changes to the bus service, County Cllr Groome advised that his enquiries had revealed this exercise was in an effort to improve links between Broughton and Mawsley given the increased reliance on joint services across the two villages. A draft letter making representations on the issue was circulated.
- Cllr Mrs Bull reported that an extensive traffic survey in and around the village had

just been completed in support of the neighbourhood plan initiative. Data from the 16 sites involved was being analysed.

The continuing defect with the lights at Gate Lane was again mentioned; it being agreed to pursue the matter with Borough Cllr Hakewill.

The 'abandoned' bench on the Wellingborough Road had again surfaced following cutting works. Given this was broken and unlikely to be useful now the road was so busy, removal to be sought.

14/7144 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 17 December 2014, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

14/7145 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised.

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