

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 18 June 2014, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. MC Rust (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs. HJ Bull, Mrs. PA Cope, Mrs PA Scouse, R Shrive, Rev. B Withington, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie
County Cllr. C Groome and Borough Cllr. J Hakewill
1 member of the public

14/7057 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies for absence were tendered by (and accepted for the reasons noted): Cllr. Mrs. JC Chester (work commitment), Cllr. JH Noble (unwell), and Cllr. C Taylor (childcare).

14/7058 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

14/7059 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2014, copies of each having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

14/7060 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of the facility was made at this meeting.

14/7061 **POLICE REPORT.** No officers were in attendance at this meeting due to it coinciding with Rothwell Fair.

14/7062 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** In addition to his report circulated today by email, County Cllr. Groome updated members on current topical issues including that plans had now been seen for the proposed safety improvements at the Pytchley crossroads junction and shared with the Chair (costings still to be received). Cllr. Shrive advised that white line markings had just been renewed there. In respect of the Gypsy and Traveller accommodation proposals, councillors noted that the survey of Highcroft Farm was in the process of being undertaken so no further cross-village meeting had yet been held; first indications were that the site was even richer in terms of flora and fauna than first anticipated.

Borough Cllr. Hakewill then also reported, informing the meeting that he had learned the house and wider holding at Highcroft Farm were actually different parcels of land apparently subject to separate tenancies and this might afford some flexibility for the occupants. Furthermore, dualling proposals for the A43 very much remained fluid currently and this, too, would have a significant bearing on the issue. Cllr. Groome added the County Council remained committed to dualling the whole length of the A43 but the timeframe for this was uncertain.

Borough Cllr. Hakewill then asked whether any response had been received from the Borough Council on the issue of the costs award arising from the failed judicial review in respect of the Redrow site. It was confirmed that nothing had been received and, consequently, members were being asked to authorise a payment for the offered sum of £3,255 so that this at least could offset any statutory interest likely to be claimed. Cllr. Hakewill reiterated his view the entire amount should be remitted.

Turning to the new Borough Community Fund initiative, Cllr. Hakewill advised that grants of up to £2,500 were to be made available for capital projects although no application structure or process had yet been advanced to access this funding. Accordingly, if an application was contemplated, say for the central village noticeboard proposal, then a letter should be submitted to the Chief Executive and copied to the councillor.

14/7063

MATTERS ARISING. Arising from 14/7046, members noted that the defective street lamps in Gate Lane remained out of service and the matter was again being pursued with the Borough Council who, in turn, were waiting to hear from EON and Western Power given the issue arose from a mains fault.

Also arising from 14/7046, Cllr. Shrive proposed that councillors take steps now to remake the gateway flower boxes as time was becoming tight for these to be planted and afford any sort of display this summer. Cllr. Mrs Bull observed each would likely be a different size so it was agreed that Cllrs. Shrive and Baxter would survey in order to measure up and plan repairs.

Arising from 14/7502, members heard that the last edition of the new form Broughton News had been provided for uploading to the website. The proposed next edition had been produced in draft and this was approved for publication subject to various minor corrections being picked up. Councillors were agreed that it was important to keep these newsletters as current as possible.

14/7064

CORRESPONDENCE. Members noted the preceding month had been very quiet in terms of correspondence received with only a few publicity type mailings being received, which were placed on circulation.

14/7065

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES. Cllr. Mrs. Bull reported upon the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Members noted this had not been a public meeting as its purpose was to collate information. The framework for the draft document itself, was being worked on and a further open meeting was scheduled for the first Monday in July. Consideration was still being given to potential funding sources and, frustratingly, it was proving difficult to make contact with the official contacts that had been provided for this purpose.

The Chair reported upon her attendance at the recent meetings of the Village Hall Committee. These comprised the Annual General Meeting, at which committee appointments were confirmed, followed by the regular committee meeting at which the following principal business was conducted. First, agreement was reached that part of the flooring in the main hall would be replaced during the summer. Secondly, plans for the proposed extension and other improvements were being progressed in readiness for the making of the necessary planning application. A leaflet promoting the village hall and seeking committee volunteers had been prepared, and a request had been made as to whether this could be delivered to households with the next edition of Broughton News; this being agreed. Minutes of the 2013 AGM and May 2014 committee meetings were placed on circulation for councillors' information.

The Chair then reported upon her attendance at a meeting with Ian Boyes and Richard Hall from highway contractors MGWSP, held on 1 July. This considered various issues, including the likely impacts of the Cransley Park development on the A43, the re-design of the principal junction proposed to serve the Redrow site and the related S106 measures. Also, there had been discussion of an initiative to designate Gate lane as a 'quiet lane', of the current County position on dualling the A43, of on-street parking generally within the village, and of the progress with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Members noted a further meeting was scheduled for 1 July.

14/7066

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

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

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

6 The Bank, Kettering Road	Single storey rear extension	Mr Blackburn
Land at West Street	Replacement garage	Mr Underwood
Little Chef A14 westbound	Extractor fan and two doorways	KFG Restaurants
Little Chef A14 westbound	Illuminated signage	KFG Restaurants

Planning Decisions notified:

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

42 Kettering Road	Replacement agricultural building	Mr G Chapman
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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. In the circumstances, and to limit the exposure to statutory interest being applied should the costs order be pursued, the Clerk recommended and it was duly agreed that a sum equating to the offer of settlement previously made, of £3,255.00, be paid over to the Borough Council.

Councillors then considered an issue arising from the development recently commenced at the site adjoining 56 Church Street. The meeting was informed that the new house being constructed by Mr and Mrs L Manning on this site, in pursuance of planning permission recently obtained, had given rise to an amount of adverse comment by parishioners due to the scale of the development and especially its impact on views of St Andrews Church from the street. Members took some time to consider the recently approved scheme as was being built out against the previous consent secured by Mrs Hurford in 2013 for another design on the same site. Although members could appreciate why concerns arose, and these might well be encouraged by what seemed to be a misleading illustration displayed on the site, it was concluded that what was being constructed did appear to accord with the approved plans, albeit these were not entirely helpful in appreciating the various perspectives that the development would be viewed from, given the marked level differences in the locality. Councillors also accepted that the structure would be softened somewhat, although still very prominent, with the addition of facing stonework as was now in construction.

14/7067

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

Income			£
None reported at this meeting.			
 Expenditure			 £
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge	(direct debit)	4.79
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(direct debit)	8.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101609)	252.24
HMRC	Income tax	(101610)	148.82
GA Duthie	Telephone expenses	(101611)	11.44
Kettering BC	Judicial Review – costs	(101612)	3,255.00

14/7068

NEW VILLAGE CENTRE NOTICE BOARD. It was agreed to seek funding support from the Borough Council via the new Community Fund.

14/7069

POCKET PARK. In order to properly appreciate the current position, it was agreed to conduct a site visit immediately prior to the July meeting. Members to assemble at 6:30pm at Butts Lane. Members noted the pending edition of Broughton news included an article highlighting the need for volunteers to tend the park.

14/7070

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

Cllr. Mrs. Bull reported that the large overhanging tree in Wellingborough Road had now been pruned.

Cllr. Mrs. Bull asked if an update could be sought on the progress of enforcement action at the Northampton Road traveller site (fence etc).

In response to a request from the Clerk, it was agreed a special meeting of the parish Council be held on 24 June for purposes of receiving the annual accounts for year 2013/14.

The Chair then suggested, arising from the recent ‘Beryl’s Glade’ donation and in light of the current pocket park situation, that consideration be given to some form of alternative planting in the vicinity of the park, perhaps at the Butts Lane junction green area. Members agreed this should be explored with the County Council as likely land owner and would also require consultation with the donor of the funds given the terms of the donation.

14/7071

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 16 July 2014, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

14/7072

URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised.

The meeting was closed at 9:2pm

16 July 2014

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