

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 21 May 2014, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. MC Rust (in the Chair), Mrs. JC Chester, JH Noble, Mrs PA Scouse, R Shrive, Mrs C Taylor, Rev. B Withington, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie
PCSOs J Parish and P Firth of Northamptonshire Police
1 member of the public

14/7039 **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.** This being the annual meeting of the Parish Council, consideration of business was preceded by the election of the Chair and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. The following appointments were confirmed after nomination and being duly seconded without competing nominations being made:-

Cllr. Mrs. MC Rust was re-appointed as Chair.

Cllr. R Shrive was re-appointed as Vice-Chairman.

14/7040 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies for absence were tendered by (and accepted for the reasons noted): Cllr. Mrs. HJ Bull (holiday), Cllr. R Baxter (away), and Cllr. PA Cope (diary conflict).

14/7041 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

14/7042 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 April 2014, copies of each having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

14/7043 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of the facility was made at this meeting.

14/7044 **POLICE REPORT.** The meeting heard from the attending officers, 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 note was a further incident at the Co-op store, being a burglary that had been thwarted by security devices in the premises; CCTV images having also been recorded. Members heard that in addition to this offence, incidents of a domestic burglary and one of criminal damage had been reported. Before leaving, officers were informed of the introduction of new parking restrictions at Kettering Road and asked if these could receive particular enforcement attention until embedded.

14/7045 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** None were presented to this meeting.

14/7046 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising from 13/6900, members heard that the Broughton Conservation Area designation and appraisal had now been formally confirmed and adopted by the Borough Council and, with effect from 19 May 2014, the designation would represent a material planning consideration in determining applications for planning permission.

Arising from 14/6985, councillors heard that a request had been received from the Borough Council seeking the withdrawal of the Parish Council's objection to the latest planning application affecting the former Cransley Ironworks site. Members noted that the Chair had canvassed views in the light of advice received from the Development Control Manager and, on balance, the request had been agreed subject to the Parish Council's objections being treated as observations to inform determination.

Arising from 14/7031, the meeting heard that a further cross-parish meeting was likely to be arranged in order to consider the Gypsy and Traveller accommodation proposals and the shortcomings of the consultation exercise that had been undertaken so far. This would probably be held in June.

Arising from 13/6972, members considered how the Parish Council should respond to the pending Community Governance Review being instigated by the Borough Council, which looked to be proposing a reduction in the number of parish councillors for the parish. After some discussion, there was a strong view settled upon that the current number (11) of councillors was appropriate for a community the size of Broughton and any reduction would represent an erosion of democratic opportunity. Accordingly, when comments were submitted, these should press for current arrangements to continue unchanged.

Arising from 13/6948, Cllr. Mrs. Taylor advised the meeting that efforts continued to identify a way forward with the refurbishment of the village gateway flower boxes although this had suffered a hitch in that the gardener approached to estimate costs had gone quiet. Members noted the aim of the exercise was also to achieve a reduction in height so as to help counter over-drying in warm weather.

Arising from 14/6998, Cllr. Shrive reminded the meeting that the various defective street lamps in Gate Lane remained out of action.

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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 a copy of that organisation's annual report. This was placed on circulation.
- b) A renewal invitation received from Came & Company, in respect of the Council's insurances. Members noted the annual premium to renew was £666.13, reflecting a slight reduction compared with last year and based on the continuing extended cover agreement that applied. After being advised of the nature and levels of the various indemnities provided, it was agreed to renew cover as invited.
- c) Publicity information that had been provided by the County Council in respect of the recent Women's Tour cycle race event that was staged on local roads.

- d) Formal notifications received from the Borough Councils for Corby and Wellingborough, advising of the formal consultation arrangements applying to the draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Documents for those districts. The meeting heard that these consultations would run until 20 June 2014.

14/7048

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The Chair reported upon her attendance at the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on 13 May. Business there included confirmation of the village hall website being updated and wi-fi password being notified, consideration of the proposed extension plans by the Planning Advisory Service (resulting in positive feedback), the related consideration of funding possibilities, the identification of a need for the main hall floor to be refinished, and the scheduling of the annual general meeting of the association on 10 June 2014 from 7:30pm when new committee members will be sought.

The Chair then reported upon her attendance at a recent meeting with Ian Boyes and Ben Wright from highway contractors MGWSP, which considered various issues. These included identifying various footways and pavements for resurfacing during the summer/autumn programme (Church Street and High Street), and that resurfacing would also occur at Cransley Hill although this would require a road closure. It had been advised that dropped kerbs would be installed at St Andrews Way and Church View, that the village name plate on the road from Cransley would be relocated, that vegetation at the A43 and overhanging footways would be addressed, that the Kettering Road bund (ownership) would be investigated. Members noted also that advice had been provided that grass/weed growth in gullies was a matter for the Borough Council and that a further meeting would be arranged to consider the impacts and mitigation that might be possible arising from the new Cransley Park development proposals, the Neighbourhood Plan, and Quiet Lanes initiative.

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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:-

Rectory Gardens Installation of termination box Mr Horrix

NB – in respect of this item, Cllr. Rev. B Withington declared a non-pecuniary interest as the clergyman of the Church the application related to.

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		£
Kettering BC	Precept	15,000.00

Expenditure			£
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge	(direct debit)	4.79
Mr R Shrive	Broughton News printing	(101604)	40.00
Broker Network	Insurance premium	(101605)	666.13
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101606)	252.24
HMRC	Income tax	(101607)	141.82
GA Duthie	Telephone/electricity exps	(101608)	14.86

14/7051 **NEW VILLAGE CENTRE NOTICE BOARD.** It was agreed to consider this item at the next meeting.

14/7052 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.** The meeting received a report from Cllr. Mrs. Taylor who advised that site content had been made more current although members' details still needed to be updated. Additional minutes had been uploaded and there was scope to add more topical material as this was identified.

14/7053 **POCKET PARK.** It was agreed that a pocket-park focused edition of Broughton News should be prepared and issued in an attempt to re-ignite volunteers' interest in the facility, stressing the potential for the site to be lost to the public if this did not succeed. The subject to be an agenda item again, for the June meeting.

14/7054 **GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**
Cllr. Mrs. Scouse reported that the footpath from Crane Close to Coxs Lane was affected currently with overhanging vegetation.

The Chair mentioned that there was an issue presently with grass clippings not being cleared up after cuts. This appeared to be exacerbated by the less-frequent cutting intervals lately that resulted in more grass waste being produced on each cut, which was very slippery underfoot when wet.

14/7055 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 18 June 2014, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

14/7056 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised.

The meeting was closed at 8:22pm

18 June 2014

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