

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 15 April 2015, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

15/7212 **APOLOGIES.** None were tendered.

15/7213 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

15/7214 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2015, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed that the reference to tree ‘planting’ in minute 15/7209 should have been to ‘pruning’.

15/7215 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use was made of the facility at this meeting.

15/7216 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** County Cllr Groome had circulated his monthly report prior to the meeting, touching upon County Council plans to commission most services from four social enterprise organisations, the failure of a bid for the County to revert to committee rather than cabinet based decision making, recent business considered by the Children’s Scrutiny Committee, and the formation of forthcoming proposals by the Apprenticeship Working Party. In addition, County Cllr Groome raised the issues of the ongoing works to Pytchley crossroads (generally thought effective although a further collision had occurred in the previous week or so), and the street lighting review/replacement programme.

Borough Cllr Hakewill then also raised the street lighting issue; suggesting there appeared to be some sense in allowing a period for the current installations to settle in and then review effectiveness after getting used to the provision. The Chair commented this might not be appropriate at The Bank, where the new lamp locations left a stretch of the raised footway dark and hazardous due to the considerable elevation above the road surface and the unprotected edge.

There was then mention of the proposed new Lime tree at Glebe Avenue, where the County Council, as landowner, was content for the planting to occur but could not commit to maintenance of the tree (watering especially would be an issue until fully established). A ‘friends of’ group might be an answer, or the Parish Council could take on responsibility; Cllr Hakewill suggested this might need thinking about to identify the best course.

Members then raised with Borough Cllr Hakewill the issue of nuisance and disturbance being caused by the pile driving operations at the Redrow development

site; extensive heavy engineering operations were ongoing across much of the site, apparently due to difficult ground conditions. The result was noise and vibration affecting existing residents, some of which had experienced damage to property (a sink hole having appeared at Ivydene Terrace in particular). The meeting noted that Development Control and Environmental Health services at the Borough Council were aware of the issue and engaged.

In respect of Gypsy/Traveller focused initiatives, Cllr Hakewill indicated there was nothing more to report currently and no date had yet been notified for the committee report on the Northampton Road application.

Again in respect of the Redrow scheme, Cllr Hakewill indicated he would be contacting the developer in order to try and elicit additional/more flexible community contributions, building on the S106 package. The Clerk advised on the constraints around planning obligations arising from Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Regulations, which meant this might be difficult to progress.

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POLICE REPORT. Members noted the two incidents reported in the village during March; an instance of criminal damage sustained to plant at the Cox's Lane development site, and one of domestic violence. A councillor raised a query concerning a prison absconder with connections to the village, and in response to another query, it was confirmed that the protected zone around the High Street crossing continued to be a focus for enforcement. Finally, those present heard that an additional police constable was being assigned to the rural area; increasing capacity.

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MATTERS ARISING. Arising from 15/7202, councillors heard that the Borough Council had now advised that, according to the relevant land agent, the chicken manure at Northampton Road is to be spread later in the year. Currently, no statutory nuisance is considered to exist but the material is being monitored for odour and flies; if either become an issue then removal will be required. Members noted the EHO concerned was content to be contacted directly by any affected resident who believes a nuisance has arisen.

Arising from 15/7201, it had been indicated, via Borough Cllr Hakewill, that the planning application relating to the Northampton Road caravan site will be the subject of a committee item rather than being decided under delegated powers by officers. The on-line system apparently shows applications as being 'delegated' until the relevant committee agenda is published. The date for the committee was not yet known.

Arising from 15/7203, members were informed that at the close of nominations for the election, on 9 April 2015, seven nominations had been received; including from six of the existing eight councillors. One of those not having been nominated confirmed this was due to oversight and indicated a willingness to be appointed again by co-option following the election if a suitable vacancy then still existed. Given the shortfall against the full complement of eleven, councillors to raise awareness with other prospective candidates for co-option.

Again arising from 15/7202, Cllr Mrs Bull advised the need still existed for more

local publicity about dog related nuisance and seeking that owners acted responsibly.

Arising from 15/7209, the meeting heard that the 'spare' land behind the Grange Road estate was now in the process of being offered for acquisition by neighbouring householders on certain terms, for incorporation into gardens. It was noted that, amongst other formalities, this would require planning approval to achieve given the material change in use that would arise.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) A letter received from the Highways Agency, notifying that lane resurfacing of the existing carriageway would commence following opening of the additional lanes provided by the widening works to the A14. It was stated that the existing surface had deteriorated more quickly than expected and that the works, to be carried out over-night, would be completed by the summer.
- b) A communication received from the Borough Council, advising that a Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application had been received from Great Cransley Parish Council. Members noted the request extended to the whole parish area of Great Cransley and that the Area Designation consultation would run until 11 May 2015.
- c) A communication received from the charity, 'Buglife', raising awareness of initiatives promoted by the charity under its 'Buzzing' programme; seeking to develop projects affecting parks and open spaces to encourage insect activity in such areas.
- d) A letter received from Broughton playing Fields and Village Hall Association advising that the seventh running of the annual village show and fun day would occur on Saturday 12 September 2015. Copies of the schedule for the event had been provided and were placed on circulation, with further copies being available from usual outlets in the village. Assistance with stalls, raffle and tombola was sought and entries to the show invited.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The Chair reported upon the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on 14 April. Members heard the business included the seeking of quotations for the replacement of water tanks due to deterioration, and the related question of whether the residue of the hall related precept monies could be applied toward the cost? Members confirmed this could be agreed. Consideration also occurred of recent consultation feedback concerning kitchen equipment at the hall. The possibility of alternative and additional uses for the under 5's surfaced area was being considered, and the draft development plan for the hall had been agreed for implementation. The next meeting was scheduled for 12 May 2015 and the minutes of the meeting held in March were placed on circulation. The AGM was scheduled for 9 June.

Cllr Mrs Bull then advised the meeting that Borough Cllr Roberts, leader of the Council, had indicated a wish to meet with Parish Council representatives after the May election.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

The following application was considered; no observation needing to be made:

Planning decisions reported:-

The following copy decision notice had been received, being an approval with conditions:

Burton Wold Farm

Three wind turbines etc

Infinergy Limited

15/7222

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

| Income | | £ |
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| Locality | Neighbourhood plan grant residue | 304.00 |
| Barclays Bank PLC | Interest on savings account | 0.97 |
| 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 (101653) | 271.15 |
| HMRC | Income tax (101654) | 155.43 |
| GA Duthie | Telephone and electric exps (101655) | 18.56 |
| R Baxter | Display case keys/magnets (101656) | 27.47 |

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PLANTERS. Cllrs Baxter and Shrive agreed to survey the various sites and ascertain the best means of providing a practical replacement for those that were beyond repair.

15/7224**GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**

Cllr Baxter mentioned the use of the back road to/from Great Cransley by construction traffic no longer appeared to be causing problems so had not been pursued.

A damaged manhole cover in Kettering Road, near Paston House, had been reported.

The Chair mentioned that road markings at the junction of Cox's lane with Cransley Hill were fading badly.

The Chair also mentioned that there appeared to be considerable quantities of rubbish at the rear of the private flats on Wellingborough Road.

15/7225

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 20 May 2015, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. This would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at which the Chair and Vice-Chair, together with any committee memberships would be decided.

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URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised and the meeting closed at approximately 8:20pm.

20 May 2015

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