

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 17 June 2015, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, AK Lofthouse, JH Noble, R Shrive, B Withington and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
Borough Cllr J Hakewill.
Eight members of the public.

15/7244 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were tendered by Cllr Mrs JC Chester (away on holiday) and County Cllr C Groome (abroad on business).

15/7245 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

15/7246 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 May 2015, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

15/7247 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** The meeting heard from several concerned residents of and from the vicinity of Carter Avenue, who described an ongoing and sustained sequence of anti-social and criminal behaviour alleged as being attributable to individuals at one address in the street. The meeting heard that incidents, which had been reported to the police and to Kettering Borough Council as landlord, included numerous thefts, criminal damage, and a variety of motoring offences. Councillors were informed that one individual in particular was consistently behaving in a bizarre and frequently anti-social manner that was causing distress and serious nuisance in the locality. A number of questions were asked as to why the household concerned had been housed in Broughton when no known links with the village existed, and the support services that were plainly necessary were too remote.

After some time spent clarifying with residents the scope for the Parish Council, Kettering Borough Council, and the police to intervene given the complex nature of the problems being raised, Cllr Hakewill agreed to take contact details and further information concerning the history of the issue, in order to ensure these were placed in front of the right officials best able to focus resources on the matter. In addition, the Clerk confirmed he would separately forward an account of the concerns that had been advanced to KBC and police contacts.

Members then heard representations from a resident concerning the recent changes to the bus service and, in particular, the difficulties these now caused for anyone wanting to access by public transport the doctors' surgery at Mawsley. The meeting was advised that this and similar difficulties were known of and were attributable to the necessity for the operator to maintain a viable service whilst negotiating the difficult road junction that prevented more direct routing via Northampton Road and the A43.

Finally, a complaint was raised by a member of the public that, since former Cllr AJP

Stamper had passed away, there had been no Broughton related articles published in the 'Down Your Way' column of the local newspaper. It was confirmed in response that this was not something Mr Stamper had necessarily done in his capacity as councillor nor was there any obligation on the council to submit reports, especially given the fact the paper had a reducing circulation and there is a parish council website. Additionally, there was nothing to prevent any other resident, perhaps even the complainant, from resurrecting the practice if they wished.

15/7248

MATTERS ARISING. Arising from 15/7241, councillors noted the exchange of emails with the KBC case officer handling the latest non-material amendment application for the Redrow housing scheme and, in particular, the explanation offered as to consultation requirements, evolving surface water disposal measures (including the position of the attenuation pond), the status of associated outfall works on the northern side of the A43, and revisions to finished floor levels.

Arising from 15/7235 (dog nuisance), the meeting was advised that the Borough Council dog warden had confirmed patrols were occurring in the village and would continue but had requested an indication of the areas thought to be particularly problematic currently. Members agreed Church Street, Carter Avenue, Gate Lane, the High Street recreation ground, and various ways off Donaldson Ave should be focused on presently.

Arising from 15/7231 (committee and outside body appointments), it was agreed that Parish Council representation on the Neighbourhood Plan group should be performed by:

- Cllr Mrs HJ Bull
- Cllr R Shrive
- Cllr R Baxter
- Cllr P Scouse

Further, it was agreed that the same councillors should comprise the county matters committee for purposes of considering county facing consultation documents that might be received; the current district matters equivalent remaining unchanged.

Trustee representation on the Broughton Charities would also remain unchanged from that settled under minute 11/6512 (Cllr R Baxter, Mrs PA Cope, Ms L Smith, and Ms S York).

Finally, the Parish Council's formal representative on the Rural Forum would again be Cllr Mrs HJ Bull, and Cllr P Scouse would assume representation at the Village Hall Committee for the council.

Arising from the frequent issue of difficulties with congestion and obstructive parking in the vicinity of the school, Cllr Mrs Bull proposed and it was agreed to support an initiative seeking to promote 'considerate parking'; with a simple but effective draft poster being produced for display that sought to prevail on drivers to think before obstructing others.

Members agreed the tone of this was not too confrontational but would hopefully assist in alleviating what was a difficult issue.

15/7249

REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS. Having re-joined the meeting after taking details from those residents attending for the purpose of 15/7247, Cllr Hakewill confirmed he had captured adequate information on the Carter Avenue issue with which to brief relevant agencies on the problems being experienced. In respect of the Redrow scheme, he had seen the explanations offered by the case officer on the background to the non-material amendment application and would continue to press for engagement with the parish Council wherever possible when such changes were proposed. Arising from the same development, Cllr Hakewill described that he was pursuing a query concerning the application of the education contribution secured under Section 106 and was seeking to ensure this was actually used very locally indeed and not for generic improvements across the entire catchment notionally serving Broughton. Finally, there followed some discussion concerning the role and purpose served by the Rural Forum currently; the latest agenda for that meeting to be circulated.

15/7250

CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) An email received from the Borough Council, requesting confirmation of the identity of the parish Council's appointed representative to the Rural Forum (Cllr Mrs HJ Bull).
- b) A notification received from the NNJPU, confirming details of the impending consultation on focused changes to the pre-submission joint core strategy. Members noted the consultation would run from 15 June to 27 July 2015.
- c) A communication received from the Borough Council, advising that the parish of Great Cransley has now been designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- d) A letter from the Mayor of Kettering, inviting attendance at the Kettering Civic Service and Parade, to be held on 5 July 2015.

15/7251

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The Chair reported on her attendance at the recent community grants event held by the Borough Council, when the out-turn from the last round of grant applications had been presented, including the new poster display case in the village. Members heard that the next application round would be subject to a rule change intended to prevent 'double dipping'; applications would need to be submitted by the end of July 2015.

15/7252

POLICE REPORT. Members noted that officers were unable to attend this evening but the usual statistical report had been provided that indicated 4 reports of crime had been made in May; comprising 1 burglary (non-dwelling), 2 criminal damage reports, and 1 violence offence. These contributed to 13 reports received across the sector.

15/7253

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

The following application was re-notified due to receipt of amended plans and it was agreed to reiterate the previous objection to the proposed development that had been lodged:

The Old Willows

Change use for caravan site

Mr Rooney

Planning decisions reported:-

None had been notified.

15/7254

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

Income			£
None reported			
Expenditure			£
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge	(direct debit)	4.79
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(direct debit)	4.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101664)	256.96
HMRC	Income tax	(101665)	145.98
GA Duthie	Telephone and electric exps	(101666)	13.18

Members heard that the annual statement of accounts for year 2014/15 was in preparation and needed to be approved before the end of June for submission for audit. Upon it being confirmed that the statements would be in the usual format and would reflect and summarise only that financial business as had already been reported at every meeting during the relevant period, it was **RESOLVED** the statements may be circulated and signed by the Chair for submission as drawn.

15/7255

POCKET PARK. No substantial issues were discussed at this meeting.

15/7256

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

It was agreed to invite Borough Cllr R Roberts, as Leader of that authority, to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Shrive sought ideas for content for the next edition of Broughton News to be produced over the summer.

Cllr Baxter reported that the ‘spare’ land at the Grange Road estate had now been withdrawn from sale due to apparent difficulties in securing agreement from all affected households for its transfer for incorporation into adjoining garden land.

Cllr Baxter raised the issue of vegetation overgrowth at various locations in the village and it was agreed to pursue confirmation of the grounds maintenance regimes of the Borough and County Councils as related to the village (cutting frequencies and locations etc).

Cllr Mrs Bull mentioned that the Northampton Road footpath (opposite the garage) was presently obstructed by crop growth.

Cllr Rev Withington sought and secured support for the investigation of whether a community defibrillator could be provided in the village.

15/7257

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 15 July 2015, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

15/7258

URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised and the meeting closed at approximately 9:10pm.

15 July 2015

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