

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 16 September 2015, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, AK Lofthouse, JH Noble, B Withington, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
County Cllr C Groome
Borough Cllr. J Hakewill
PCSO M Lawson of Northamptonshire Police
One member of the public

15/7274 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were tendered by Cllrs Mrs JC Chester (holiday) and R Shrive (away on business). County Cllr Groome advised that Borough Cllr Hakewill intended to attend but would likely be arriving late due to conflicting meetings.

15/7275 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

15/7276 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 July 2015, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

15/7277 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use was made of the facility at this meeting.

15/7278 **POLICE REPORT.** The meeting received a verbal report from PCSO Lawson concerning the complaints of crime affecting the village since the July meeting. Members noted that one instance of criminal damage had occurred in August, when bolts had been partially cropped on swings at the Podmore Way play area. Fortunately, this had been spotted and rectified before any injury had been caused. The offence remained undetected currently but would be pursued given the potential seriousness.

In September to date, two reports of motor vehicle thefts had been received but one of these had been detected however.

Thanks were offered for work undertaken in respect of parking issues affecting Baker Avenue, and members noted that the High Street crossing remained a focus for local patrols as did the difficulties arising from the school run.

15/7279 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** County Cllr Groome spoke to add to his report circulated earlier by email that had mentioned suggestions being made to lessen queuing at recycling centres following the revised opening hours introduction; representations made on behalf of LANRAC to the Secretary of State concerning the need to re-commence the Midland Main Line electrification programme, at least between Bedford and Kettering/Corby; a meeting between representatives of the County Council and HS2 Limited; initiatives to promote 'healthy living' policies incorporating, hopefully, activities at schools including Broughton; the local promotion of apprenticeships with school leavers; a

meeting to consider the outcomes of the Pytchley cross-road scheme (just one recorded accident there since implementation although the meeting expressed reservations as to whether this was a reliable indicator of scheme success given the weight of local experience of 'near-misses' still frequently occurring); and the availability of County member empowerment monies for local initiatives. In respect of this latter item, Cllr Groome described what the fund entailed and, after brief discussion, it was agreed the planter proposal in Broughton was suitable to support when particular products had been identified for acquisition. Accordingly, an in-principle commitment of £1,000 toward the estimated cost (c. £290 per planter) was offered.

Following the previous postponement due to very poor weather, the village walkabout had been re-scheduled to 1 October; commencing at 6pm. A list of possible issues/locations to visit had been circulated by the Chair.

15/7280

MATTERS ARISING. Arising from the incursion of travellers onto the High Street recreation field over the summer, councillors noted the historic images circulated previously by Cllr Shrive that confirmed the grounds had formerly been fully enclosed with a combination of walls and fencing that might be capable of reinstatement to lessen the potential for further unauthorised encroachments.

Arising from 15/7248, the meeting heard a copy of the constitution for the Rural Forum had now been provided by the Borough Council; this was placed on circulation for perusal.

Arising from the recent informal consultation undertaken in respect of the proposed parking restrictions at Cransley Hill, and having now considered the various responses received, members noted advice from the County Council that it would not be recommending the inclusion of this scheme with the pending 'bundle' of schemes due to be advertised imminently due to the potential for other uncontentious proposals to be delayed in the likely event of formal objections being received. Instead, it was suggested further discussion of possible measures in this location occur in the hope of identifying a solution that would be more acceptable to residents.

Arising from 15/7208, the meeting was advised of the latest updates to the website, including the addition of a visit counter on the home page.

Arising in respect of 15/7264, Cllr Mrs Bull advised that a meeting between residents at Carter Avenue and representatives from the Police and Kettering Borough Council had now occurred, which generally seemed to have been perceived as being helpful to the addressing of recent anti-social behaviour concerns in that area.

Arising from the Redrow development, Cllr Mrs Bull asked whether a copy of the S106 Agreement entered into by the developer was available and that this be included as an Agenda item for the October meeting in order that the various contribution triggers could be reviewed.

15/7281

CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) A request from the Borough Council for the Chair's contact details and confirmation that these may be displayed on the KBC website. The Chair gave consent for this.
- b) A communication received from the NNJPU advising that the examination hearings of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy would commence on 17 November 2015 at the Council Chamber of east Northants District Council, in Thrapston. Supplied material explaining the proposed examination programme and participation options available to representors was placed on circulation for information.
- c) A letter from Northamptonshire County Council, advising of this year's walking initiative called 'Twenty Million Steps'; to promote the many health and wellbeing benefits of walking. A supplied poster was placed on circulation.
- d) Notification, received from the County Council, of the extension of the temporary closure order affecting footpath GD15 between Cox's Lane and the A43, until 17 August 2017 or earlier completion of the Redrow development the closure was intended to facilitate.
- e) An email exchange concerning the incident of criminal damage affecting the play equipment at Podmore Way (see minute 15/7278); members noted with appreciation the swift response of the Borough Council.
- f) An email exchange between the Chair and a local resident concerning a Ragwort outbreak on land at Church Street. Members noted the parishioner had been provided with a link to the official DEFRA guidance on the subject.
- g) An email exchange between the Clerk and the Borough Council concerning a damaged lamp column in Wellingborough Road that had prompted complaints by a neighbouring resident. Members noted the advice from the Borough that the column had now been made safe and that full repairs were in hand but also noted this had taken some time to occur so the resident's concerns were understandable.
- h) An email exchange with a planning agent representing a land owner wanting to develop a site lying generally to the south-east of Kettering Road and with a return frontage to Gate Lane. The agent was enquiring about the possibility of attending a future meeting in order to make a presentation concerning the proposal; members agreed this would be acceptable subject to the usual constraints around avoiding pre-determination.

15/7282

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The Chair reported generally on her attendance at the September meeting of the Village Hall Committee, mainly focusing on an initiative for the creation of a mural feature. The minutes of the meeting held on 11 August were placed on circulation.

15/7283

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

The following application had been considered over the summer recess and it was **RESOLVED** that the further objection lodged in response be ratified, that included details of the following points – parking deficiencies; layout deficiencies and corresponding safety implications; sanitation inadequacies; concerns about plan accuracy (augmented by submitted aerial imagery); intensification and potential for

The Clerk offered advice about the lawful constraints to the use of S106 Agreements further to the CIL Regulations.

15/7289

GATEWAY PLANTERS. Further products had been identified in suppliers' catalogues, including a planter offered by MPlas that seemed durable and incorporated a water reservoir. This, however, was considered to be slightly over-size for the intended locations; accordingly, it was agreed to provide the details to the Borough Council in order to ascertain whether a similar but smaller product might be sourced from an alternative supplier known to KBC. Again, the issue of water replenishment was key and it was agreed to canvass whether the Borough might be able to support with this. Alternatively, it was thought possible a local farmer might be able to assist although the quantities of water involved probably meant a bowser would be needed.

15/7290

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

Cllr Baxter suggested the village map display would soon need to be refreshed to include the new development occurring in the village. It was agreed that Redrow might be asked whether they would wish to undertake or underwrite this work.

Cllr Baxter raised the issue of the tree planted in the Village hall grounds in memory of former Cllr Anne Esther, which continued to make little growth despite a further season passing. Members agreed to consider suggestions.

Cllr Mrs Bull queried on behalf of Cllr Shrive whether there was a desire to produce a further edition of Broughton News in the run up to Christmas; this was agreed if sufficient content could be identified and sourced.

Cllr Withington mentioned an issue with the former garden of remembrance site off the High Street recreation ground. Again, this had become rather unkempt and needed attention to make safe.

Cllr Withington then flagged the fact the hedgerow/bank at the Kettering Road end of Gate Lane appeared to have suffered a collapse or failure such that a stretch had fallen into the lane. The Chair confirmed this had been reported to the County Council via the Street Doctor service.

15/7291

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 21 October 2015, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

15/7292

URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised and the meeting closed at approximately 9:35pm.

21 October 2015

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