

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs R Shrive (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs JC Chester, AK Lofthouse, Rev B Withington, Oliver Wyeth, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
County Cllr C Groome, Borough Cllr J Hakewill.

Prior to commencement of the meeting and in accordance with the co-option agreed and recorded at minute 16/7361, a declaration of acceptance of office was completed and signed by Mr Oliver Wyeth of 12 Glebe Avenue, Broughton in the presence of the Clerk in order to confirm his appointment as a parish councillor. Councillor Wyeth was then welcomed to his first meeting in this capacity.

16/7375 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were tendered by Cllrs Mrs HJ Bull (away), Mrs PA Scouse (family commitment), and M Van de Water (paternal duties).

16/7376 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

16/7377 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2016, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

16/7378 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of this facility was made at this meeting.

16/7379 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** Borough Cllr Hakewill first enquired whether the Borough Council had responded to the Chair's recent enquiry concerning potential unauthorised development at the Northampton Road caravan site. It was confirmed this had been acknowledged and was apparently being considered. Dovetailing with that, Cllr Hakewill advised that a future meeting of the Rural Forum would be receiving a presentation on the planning enforcement process generally, which should prove useful to local councils.

Turning to other recent issues of concern, Cllr Hakewill mentioned that the case for bollards or other means of preventing incursion at the High Street recreation ground was continuing to be pressed; that in respect of the street lighting review, a curious change had been made to the Borough Council website that an explanation had been requested for; and the planning application relating to the proposed warehousing development of Cransley Park had been resolved to be approved.

County Cllr Groome then added to his report previously circulated by email (which included information on the County increase in Council Tax by 3.95% and related financial pressures that continue, progress with improving the Children's Services function, the potential for elections costs to be recharges to local councils, the street lighting review, the potential for renewing the lease at Highcroft Farm, a series of questions raised of the relevant portfolio holder in relation to highways maintenance concerns, and a proposed motion to be seconded at the forthcoming meeting of the County Council seeking independent assessment of the options for unitary councils); advising principally that in relation to the street lighting issue, he had established the assets of the former Burton Latimer UDC had transferred at reorganisation in 1974 to Kettering Borough Council (including street lights).

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MATTERS ARISING. Arising from 16/7364, members noted a query had been received from the Village Hall Association and responded to that related to whether monies raised by the Parish Council under its precept powers for application to the Village Hall for particular purposes were constrained to be used in the financial year concerned, or whether there was scope for funds to be carried forward to allow for slippage or revision of proposals. It was confirmed the latter was the case although the Parish Council would need to consider different or variations to existing requests on merit when made given the legitimate expectations of purpose raised by the estimate and precept process.

Arising from 15/7331, the meeting heard that Cllr Mrs Bull had enquired of the Rural Sector policing team whether any scope existed for the use of Public Space Protection Orders, under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, to be employed to assist in addressing the on-going and persistent problems with the school-run parking at and around Cransley Hill.

Arising again from 16/7364, members noted and discussed suggestions for potential hardy shrubs for planting at the 'gateway' locations where planters had been removed. The key issue established by discussion was that prickly shrubs, such as Pyracantha, were not favoured.

Arising from 15/7299, the meeting heard that Cllr Baxter had secured confirmation of the variety of the new tree at the Village Hall grounds, to replace the failed specimen planted to commemorate former Parish Councillor, Mrs Anne Esther. Members noted this was a Himalayan Birch.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) A communication received from Anglian Water providing details of a new initiative intended to facilitate the spotting, reporting and stopping of sewage pollution incidents; called 'Pollution Watch'.
- b) A communication received from Mr Jim McNally of Kettering Borough Council, advising of his impending retirement from the service of that authority. Members wished to record their gratitude to Mr McNally for his assistance and support over the years, and to offer their best wishes for a happy retirement.
- c) A communication from the County Council publicising a consultation relating to proposed amendments to the permit scheme for road and street works and the associated traffic management.
- d) A communication from assistant Chief Executive of Kettering Borough Council, Lisa Hyde, seeking volunteers to participate in a small task and finish group aiming to improve communications between the Borough and local councils, and to enhance effectiveness of the Rural Forum.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

None were presented at this meeting.

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POLICE REPORT. None was presented at this meeting.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

The following proposal was considered, and members concluded no observation need be made:

78 Northampton Road Single storey rear extension Mr Clark

Planning decisions notified:

The following decision notices had been provided, being approvals subject to conditions:

Rectory Farm, Church Street	Creation of annex (incl LBC)	Mr Bithray
Ratcatcher, Church Street	Creation of annex (incl LBC)	Mr Reynolds
13 High Street	Change use to dwelling	Mr A West

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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)	2.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101703)	256.96
HMRC	Income tax	(101704)	145.98
GA Duthie	Telephone exps	(101705)	14.66

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GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

Cllr Withington asked that a request be made for additional bin provision at the Knick Knack and Coxs Lane (near the Redrow site), citing problems with litter in both locations.

Cllr Baxter mentioned that the Glebe Avenue field previously subject to the refused housing development proposal had recently been ploughed despite the ridge and furrow features noted there as being of historical significance during the planning appeal.

Cllr Shrive reported that he had recently turned up an old photograph clearly showing a public lamp column at Bakehouse Lane; supporting a case for reinstatement.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 20 April 2016, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

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URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised.

The meeting was closed at 8pm.

20 April 2016

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