

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 19 October 2016, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, Mrs JC Chester, A Parker, R Shrive, N White and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
Borough Cllr J Hakewill
Sergeant S Little of Northamptonshire Police
Four members of the public

16/7488 **APOLOGIES.** Cllr M Van de Water tendered apologies for absence due to a work commitment, Cllr Rev B Withington apologised for absence due to a diary conflict, and Cllr O Wyeth apologised for absence due to being away on holiday. In addition, County Cllr C Groome apologised for absence due to an urgent work commitment.

16/7489 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

16/7490 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 September 2016, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed to make minute 16/7479 complete by adding the site address, Rectory Farm, Church Street, the description of development, an oak framed building, and name of the applicant, Mr Bithray, to the final element of the narrative where it had been inadvertently omitted.

16/7491 **POLICE REPORT.** The meeting heard from Sergeant Little, who described that since the last meeting, 4 further reports had been received in the village. These were recorded as burglaries, attempts to burgle and a criminal damage. One was accounted for by an insecure window. Although this represented a reduction over the previous level of reporting, it was still a higher level than was usual so attention would continue in the village and Sergeant Little would be in attendance at the public meeting being held later in the week. Although no convictions had resulted as yet, it was noted that an arrest had been made that seemed to have had an impact on the numbers of incidents being reported.

In respect of the issue described at the last meeting of the council, where CCTV footage of a believed intruder had been lost due to delay, it was explained that an investigation had confirmed this was due to a human logging error in the reporting process and additional training had been undertaken to ensure the same was not repeated. Members noted the householder who had reported the issue would be advised how the matter had been addressed.

16/7492 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** Borough Cllr Hakewill gave a report that touched upon the recent refusal of planning permission for the redevelopment of the blacksmith site (indicating this might be appealed), confirmation that the new security posts had been installed to protect the High Street recreation ground from incursion, the public meeting set for Friday looked likely to be well attended, progress with the Neighbourhood Plan (indications being that Broughton might well have the first in the Borough to be adopted), the proposal for

by-election costs to be recharged, and proposals for the adoption of dog protection areas to enhance controls.

County Cllr Groome had submitted a written report of recent County Council related activity as circulated previously, which included an update on the police response to the recent spike in incidents in the village, progress with enhancing training, education and employment opportunities for care-leavers, an update on the resumed Midland Mainline electrification programme, and operational and ownership changes affecting services at East Midlands Airport.

16/7493

MATTERS ARISING. Arising in respect of arrangements for the Armistice Day event, members noted an update from Cllr Rev Withington, who confirmed participation of the School and that Mr Simon Hollis of Silver Street had very kindly agreed to read the roll of names.

Arising in respect of the forthcoming public meeting on 21 October, the meeting noted the circular that had been prepared by Cllr Hakewill and delivered to every address in the village; it was believed this should promote a good turn out and discussion.

Arising also from the recent difficulties with crime being suffered in the village, members noted an exchange of emails with a householder concerning the availability but non-collection of CCTV images that might have been helpful in apprehending those responsible. This was mentioned in the Police Report above.

Arising from the Redrow housing development, the meeting noted an update from Cllr Rev Withington in respect of the steps being taken by the School to access the S106 funding secured under the scheme.

16/7494

CORRESPONDENCE. The following item of correspondence was reported:

- a) A communication from Cllr Hakewill raising awareness of a report to be considered by the Borough Council Research and Development Committee, proposing that the cost of parish and town council by-elections should be recharged to the councils concerned and borne, as presently, by the Borough. After some discussion, it was agreed there needed to be further consultation, as suggested by Cllr Hakewill, if this was to be advanced; members believing it represented another instance of double taxation for village residents.

16/7495

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

Cllr Mrs Bull briefly reported upon working meetings held with Kettering Borough Council planning policy officers in connection with the finalising of the draft Neighbourhood Plan in readiness for consultation; essentially, this was thought to be progressing well. In response to this, Cllr Shrive proposed and it was agreed that the Parish Council's grateful thanks to all those involved with the project be recorded given the hard work that had been undertaken on behalf of the community.

16/7496

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

None were reported at this meeting.

Planning decisions notified:

The following decisions were communicated; being approvals subject to conditions:

3 Riggall Close	First floor side extension	Mr Williams
9 Kettering Road	Porch and garage changes	Mr Bennett
Bentham Close/High St	New dwelling	Mr Krajewski

In respect of the last decision, members noted the hours condition imposed to control noise impacts resulting from construction work and agreed that the applicant be asked to perhaps consider a later start than the 08:00 allowed by the condition on week days in order to avoid potential conflicts with the school run and other peak time traffic in the vicinity.

16/7497

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

Income			£
Barclays Bank PLC	Interest		1.05
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	(101727)	330.14
HMRC	Income tax	(101728)	72.80
GA Duthie	Telephone and electricity	(101729)	16.38
Poppy Print	Broughton News printing	(101730)	125.00
BDO LLP	Audit fee	(101731)	120.00

Members were advised that the annual audit for financial year 2015/16 had now been completed and the only issue arising was in respect of the treatment of asset values, where the auditor had advised it was not appropriate to depreciate the value of capital items (i.e. the new notice board) as had been done.

16/7498

POCKET PARK MAINTENANCE. Cllr Shrive reported that steps were in hand to seek quotations for the agreed work and, in response to a question from Cllr Baxter, it was confirmed the contractor who had last been engaged would also be asked to submit if they wished to.

16/7499

HIGH STREET RECREATION GROUND. Members noted that Mr D Lane of KBC had been invited to the November meeting in order to explore how best the desired enhancements to this area might be secured.

16/7500

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

The Chair reported that a consignment of spring bulbs had now been received and volunteers for planting duties were sought; various locations also being identified.

The need for post repairs to the fencing at Podmore Way play area was mentioned again.

Cllr White updated the meeting on the proposal by a local walking group to procure a defibrillator for the village; members noting that the likely cost would be in the order of £999 to include a suitable cabinet and electricity supply. In terms of location, this needed to be as central as possible to ensure the facility was available to the highest number of people and it was suggested that perhaps the small notice board at the Co-op might usefully be replaced by the same.

The Chair mentioned that the poppy wreath for the Armistice Day event could be delivered to her.

It was agreed to make tentative enquiries about the land at Gate Lane.

16/7501 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** Councillors were addressed by two prospective candidates for co-option to the casual vacancy occasioned by the resignation of former councillor Ashley Lofthouse; being Mrs Sheila West and Mr Martin Rose, who were both village residents. Both described their respective backgrounds, experience, and interest in serving and outlined how they believed they might be able to contribute to council effectiveness if appointed. After various questions were answered by each, and after they withdrew from the meeting, members held a secret ballot and by a majority of 4 votes to 3, it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Rose to the vacancy provided no election was claimed by petition upon the same being notified to and advertised by the Returning Officer. Councillors expressly wished both candidates to be advised that the decision had not been an easy one such was the obvious quality of both applications and it was encouraging that this appointment would, when confirmed, result in the council being back at full strength for the first time in several years. Furthermore, members agreed Mrs West should be encouraged to come forward again in the event another vacancy arose in the future.

16/7502 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 16 November 2016, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

16/7503 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised.

16 November 2016

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