

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 26 April 2017, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, A Parker, M Rose, R Shrive, N White, O Wyeth and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
Seven members of the public

17/7591 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs JC Chester (on holiday), Cllr M Van de Water (work commitment), County Cllr C Groome (away with work) and Borough Cllr J Hakewill (conflicting meeting dates).

17/7592 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

17/7593 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 March 2017, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

17/7594 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** The meeting was addressed first by Mr P Krempels, who wished to inform members of the background to a further planning application that would soon be lodged and consulted upon in respect of the former Silverhills Piggeries site. This information was noted.

Other speakers then raised concerns at the current proposals to promote the village allotment site off Kettering Road as a housing site and secure allocation of the same for these purposes in the emerging local plan. The meeting heard that allotment holders were very concerned at the potential loss of a valued village amenity enjoyed by a broad cross-section of the community (ages 14 to 84 having plots currently). It was expressed that the suggested provision of an alternative site was in no way suitable mitigation given the many years of cultivation that the ground had undergone, and the fact that many plots had very established fruit trees etc that simply could not be moved. Those attending were upset that the draft Neighbourhood Plan in this respect appeared not to be carrying any weight with Kettering Borough Council despite the strong local support for its provisions that did not support the development of this site.

17/7595 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising in respect of matters generally, members heard that since the last meeting, a press query had been received from a local newspaper and pursued fairly vociferously concerning a comment made on social media by a parish councillor that some had considered as controversial. As this was not a comment made by the councillor in any official capacity and was made in the forum of a private group, the issue had been dealt with on the basis the matter was a personal one and not something that was the parish council's concern. The enquiry and the extent to which it was pursued, however, did serve as a reminder to members that conduct could come under scrutiny and become 'politicised', even when not intended as being connected to council business.

Arising in respect of the proposed village hall open day, members noted the originally proposed date for this had clashed with another village event that would likely result in reduced attendance, so a revised date of 13 May had been settled. The meeting heard this could afford an opportunity to publicise local initiatives, including the Neighbourhood Plan.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) Confirmation from the Electoral Services Manager that at the expiry of the notice period for the current casual vacancy arising from the resignation of former councillor Rev. Brian Withington, no election had been claimed, so the council was free to co-opt.
- b) A flyer for a Neighbourhood Planning workshop being run by Historic England and NACRE on 8 June, at Rothwell.
- c) A communication received from Network Rail providing information concerning potentially noisy work being undertaken from 13 May on the Midland Mainline route between Kettering and Corby.
- d) A letter received from the County Council providing a copy of the new Definitive Map and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- e) A communication from the Police, reporting on March crime report. It was noted that one incident was recorded; being a domestic assault with injury.

17/7597

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

Cllr. Mrs Bull reported on the recent meeting of the KBC Planning Policy Committee. Members noted that it seemed the Borough were not prepared to give weight to the Neighbourhood Plan until formally made and additional contingency site proposals were being worked up by them. The Borough was continuing to move these proposals forward that were surplus to and in conflict with their own evidenced need calculation provided for the basis of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and notwithstanding the clear local support and evidence base that underpinned the draft Plan.

In respect of the Neighbourhood Plan, the meeting noted that an updated draft taking account of the consultation responses had now been lodged with the Borough Council and was to be reviewed by an Inspector as a precursor to their own final round of consultation prior to being examined for soundness to be put to referendum.

Members agreed it was obviously very disappointing that the policies now being promoted by the Borough Council were so at odds with those in the Neighbourhood Plan, especially the degree of liaison that has been in place and the open disclosure throughout by the Neighbourhood Plan Group of its proposals and conclusions. However, the Plan will proceed with the current process in the trust with KBC that it will be seen through to satisfactory conclusion and full delivery despite what seemed to be resistance from the Borough.

Councillors and those members of the public present were urged to convey the message to all local residents that the referendum if/when held, would be important to the success of the plan so full engagement should be encouraged.

17/7598 **POLICE REPORT.** No officers were in attendance at this meeting.

17/7599 **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.**

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

The following application was considered and it was resolved that no observation need be made:

20 Cransley Hill	New slate roof and rooflights	Mr James
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Planning decisions notified:

The following decision notices comprising approvals with conditions had been seen:

31 Silver Street	Conversion to form dwelling etc	Mrs Benbow
10 Kettering Road	Single storey front extension etc	Mr Normansell
1 Rectory Gardens	Single storey rear extension	Mr Fisher

The following decision notice, comprising a refusal with reasons had been seen:

Land rear of Bentham Close	8 dwellings, access and play area	Mr Krajewski
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In respect of the approval relating to 31 Silver Street, it was agreed that there may now be a need to seek the provision of yellow lines to prevent parking on the extent of Coss Lane near the site.

17/7600 **FINANCE.** The following items of income and expenditure were noted/agreed:-

Income			£
Kettering BC	Precept		13,000.00
Expenditure			£
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge	(direct debit)	4.79
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(direct debit)	2.00
Barclays Bank PLC	Storage fee	(direct debit)	1.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101755)	285.36
HMRC	Income tax	(101756)	164.90
GA Duthie	Telephone expenses	(101757)	27.74
Came & Company	Insurance renewal	(100758)	744.98

17/7601 **HIGH STREET RECREATION GROUND.** Consideration was given to how best to issue the fundraising letters; personalised emails being preferred. Additionally, alternative funding sources were discussed. Members noted some vandalism had been suffered at the site recently.

17/7602 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.** This had been dealt with earlier.

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WAR MEMORIAL LETTERING. It was agreed to approach the original stone masonry firm in order to remedy the weathering. Cllr Baxter agreed to lead on this.

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GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.

Cllr Baxter had obtained some estimates to replace the small notice board at Grange Road; agenda item for May.

Consideration was given to how to make best use of the current KBC grants scheme.

Cllr Shrive reported that a cut had now been completed on the Pocket Park, which was much improved as a result.

It was agreed to update the Neighbourhood Plan information on the website to reflect the latest position.

NCC to be reminded the Church Green footways still required attention.

Cllr Mrs Bull advised that ground investigation work appeared to be ongoing in the Northampton Road fields.

Cllr Mrs Bull mentioned the policy proposal for a further housing development on the paddock adjacent to the Redrow estate, accessed via Grange Road. Local awareness of this should be raised.

Work at the Jubilee Store at Wellingborough Road had been observed that appeared to need planning permission.

Concern was noted about dilapidations affecting the Yeoman House and also the old school house in Cransley Hill.

Ideas were sought for how to improve the former wildflower area in the pocket park, which was perhaps now over-wild.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 17 May 2017, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

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URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR. None were raised and the meeting was duly closed at 8:30pm.

17 May 2017

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