

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 17 May 2017, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, M Rose, R Shrive, Mrs S West (welcomed to her first meeting following co-option), O Wyeth and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
County Cllr C Smith-Haynes
One member of the public

17/7607 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs JC Chester (working), Cllr A Parker (working away), Cllr M Van de Water (unavailable), Cllr N White (childcare) and Borough Cllr J Hakewill (conflicting meeting dates).

17/7608 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

17/7609 **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR ENSUING YEAR.** This being the annual meeting of the parish council, the first substantive business was to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the year. It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Mrs PA Scouse should be appointed to the position of Chair once more and the Vice Chair should be occupied by Cllr R Shrive.

17/7610 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 April 2017, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed to revise the draft wording of 17/7597 in accordance with a proposal made by Cllr Mrs Bull.

17/7611 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** No use of this facility was made at this meeting.

17/7612 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** County Cllr Smith-Haynes, just having taken office having been successful at the recent election, was welcomed to her first meeting in this capacity. Members heard that formalities of appointment and induction to the role were still continuing but that it had been possible to pick up some matters already that were in train; further steps for a smooth handover from the outgoing councillor, Christopher Groome, would be taken as there was much being handled by Mr Groome that should be taken forward. In this respect, councillors agreed that the parish council's formal and grateful thanks to former Cllr Groome should be recorded as he had been a very diligent and effective representative for the village during his years of office and members were sorry to see that end, albeit the democratic process had operated and new blood was always welcome too.

17/7613 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising in respect of the proposed adoption of the redundant telephone box at High Street, it was reported that Cllr Van de Water had procured a draft adoption contract from BT and, upon this being approved, and upon payment of a consideration of £1, the transfer could proceed. It was agreed to proceed with this subject to the contract proving acceptable.

Arising in respect of the fundraising being pursued to underwrite the High Street

Recreation Ground enhancements, members noted that information had been sourced from the Big Lottery fund Reaching Communities stream. After some discussion, it was agreed this process was perhaps over-onerous in terms of the eligibility evidence and assurance that would be required; and also the ongoing reporting and monitoring if the application succeeded. Consequently, it was agreed it might be better to consider instead the Awards for All stream that was rather lighter in touch but still appeared to offer a realistic possibility of support.

In respect of the weathered lettering in the inscriptions to the war memorial, members noted that a quotation had been received from AJ Mills Master Mason Limited to attend to this and although a clean and re-point could be undertaken for around £400, it was the case that the lettering would best involve enamelling work at a further cost of £0.50 per letter. Given the number of letters involved, this would prove costly and it was accordingly agreed to consider pursuing fund raising possibilities, including from a dedicated source identified by Cllr White.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) An approach by a company called Rampchild Limited; specialists in the production, installation and refurbishment of skating and BMX facilities. It was agreed this should be forwarded to the Village Hall Association.
- b) A communication received from the Village hall Committee reminding users of the hall and facilities of their obligations in respect of security and cleanliness, where a series of recent concerns had unfortunately presented.
- c) A communication received from NACRE providing information in respect of a training workshop to be held on 15 June, at Hunsbury Hill, focusing on safe and effective use of social media.
- d) A further communication received from NACRE, providing information about a Neighbourhood Planning training event to be held on 25 May, also in Northampton.
- e) A communication from the Police, reporting on the April crime figures. It was noted that eight incidents were recorded; comprising one of arson not endangering life; a house burglary; a shop burglary; an attempted house burglary; and three thefts from various premises.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

None were presented at this meeting.

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POLICE REPORT. No officers were in attendance at this meeting and the figures for April had been reported under Correspondence.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

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

Planning decisions notified:

None were reported at this meeting.

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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)	4.00
Mark Baines	Pocket park works	(101759)	540.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP	(101760)	259.15
HMRC	Income tax	(101761)	147.43
GA Duthie	Telephone expenses	(101762)	17.04
BT	Telephone box adoption	(100763)	1.00

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HIGH STREET RECREATION GROUND. This had been dealt with earlier.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE. Members noted the draft plan had now been submitted to the Inspector for a health check.

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WAR MEMORIAL LETTERING. Further to the quotation received from the stone mason as reported earlier in the meeting, Cllr Shrive agreed to ascertain the number of letters in the inscriptions that would need re-cutting and enamelling work.

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GRANGE ROAD NOTICE BOARD REPLACEMENT. Members noted and considered quotations sourced by Cllr Baxter from Way 2 Display Limited; agreeing the most appropriate was for a product effectively the same (although one size smaller) than that recently erected near the Red Lion in High Street. This was in the sum of £1,599 plus VAT to include installation. It was agreed this should be proceeded with and a grant application be pursued to the Borough Council if possible.

17/7623**GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**

Cllr Mrs Bull queried whether anything more had been heard in respect of additional grass cuts and was advised that, despite a couple of reminders, nothing had.

It was reported that the date for determination of the caravan site planning application was approaching (26 May). Members also noted committee meetings were presently being held at Wicksteed Pavilion due to the Council Chamber accommodating election activity.

Discussion occurred in respect of a firework display held at the Village Hall playing field associated with a private booking of the hall. The meeting heard that considerable alarm and disturbance had been complained of by residents, and the event was not notified of in advance. There were also concerns for the welfare of

domestic pets and livestock, with some anecdotes being recounted of possible harm suffered. Parish councillors expressed regret that these issues had arisen and hoped that any future events of a similar nature would be properly consulted upon, risk assessed, and operated in accordance with relevant codes of practice.

Cllr Wyeth raised a suggestion as to whether a youth council could be established and supported in the village. It was agreed a representative of the NAYC could attend a future meeting to explore the potential for this albeit resourcing might be a constraint.

There was mention of a series of bonfires in the village but it was agreed the circumstances were such these needed no further referral.

Cllr Baxter reported an issue with ivy overgrowth on the High Street Recreation Ground wall.

Cllr Shrive mentioned the old wildflower area in the pocket park and members noted this was in need of attention, including to the fence. He and Cllr Baxter agreed to try and undertake some tidying.

Cllr Shrive mentioned the cemetery path was in need of some repair and trees there were also over hanging badly once more.

The Chair mentioned footpaths that were overgrown currently.

Cllr Shrive queried whether a further edition of Broughton News should be produced; this was agreed.

In respect of committees and outside bodies, it was agreed that representation on the Neighbourhood Plan group should continue as currently (including Mrs Mary Rust), that there should be no change to the County Matters committee, nor to the Broughton Charities or Rural Forum. In respect of the Village Hall Committee, representation would now be undertaken by Cllr Mrs West, and the District Matters committee would comprise Cllrs Baxter, Rose and Shrive.

17/7624 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 21 June 2017, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

17/7625 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised and the meeting was duly closed at 8:30pm.
21 June 2017

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