

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 18 October 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, Mrs P Wade (welcomed to her first meeting following co-option), O Wyeth, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.  
County Cllr C Smith-Haynes  
Borough Cllr J Hakewill

**17/7675** **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received from Mrs JC Chester (working away), Cllr A Parker (working), Cllr R Shrive (away), and Cllr N White (also working).

**17/7676** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

**17/7677** **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 September 2017, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed that the second application recorded as having been considered at 17/7668 had inadvertently not referenced the subject proposal and property, which was the garage built at West Street. Additionally, two typographical errors were flagged.

**17/7678** **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** This facility was not exercised at this meeting.

**17/7679** **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** County Cllr Smith-Haynes reported on activity since the last meeting. Members heard that an event focusing on new policy and possible funding streams for green spaces had been attended (a questionnaire was placed on circulation); a meeting had been attended with the County Wide Traveller Unit at Wootton Hall, where it had been learned no transit site provision existed in the county; a meeting had been attended with the Police and Crime Commissioner; liaison had occurred with the Fostering and Adoption Team, with particular emphasis on the need currently for additional foster carers that was acute. Finally, congratulations were offered to Cllr Smith-Haynes on the Arrival of a grandchild.

Similar congratulations were also due and offered to Borough Cllr Hakewill, who then provided his report. This included confirmation that the special Rural Forum Meeting to be held on 23 October to consider rural policing now looked likely to have at least 23 attendees from the parishes; some discussion of the effective response by the landowner to the recent incursion of travellers at the old ironworks site; mention of an apparently abandoned car on the A43 toward Kettering (which had turned out to be properly documented despite appearances); the possibility of a shared Environmental Services team being established jointly between Kettering and Corby Borough Councils; continued dialogue concerning the current breach of planning control at The Old Willows site; the seeking of an explanation for the change of tack in respect of the proposed allocation of the allotments as a potential housing site (and why it warranted apparently different treatment); and work

undertaken to canvass local opinion in relation to the proposed site allocation at the Meadows.

**17/7680**

**MATTERS ARISING.** Arising in respect of the special Rural Forum meeting scheduled for 23 October, councillors noted the information circulated by Borough Cllr Hakewill, including the draft list of questions that had been formulated to put to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner.

Arising then in respect of The Old Willows, and the continuing unauthorised development there, it was reported that there had been a considerable amount of dialogue with officers and key members of Kettering Borough Council, seeking to understand why it might be that a further application was considered likely to overcome the previous robust reasons for refusing planning permission for the development. Parish councillors were presently unable to ascertain how the existing development might be made acceptable and, so, asked that the Borough be written to in order to seek a full explanation of this and also an explanation of why it was not now thought expedient to commence enforcement action, if only to prevent immunity accruing through the passage of time given the period the development has been in breach.

Arising from the High Street recreation ground improvement proposals, members considered the County empowerment fund grant application as intended to be submitted to Cllr Smith-Haynes, which had been completed so far as was possible on the basis of information then to hand. In order to complete the application so far as the detail of other funding, likely suppliers, and equipment etc. was concerned, the Chair offered to compile this information from the up-to-date offers and estimates held.

Arising from the recent proposal to provide additional bus shelters in the village in accordance with the planning obligations entered into by Redrow, members noted that discussion of these proposals had resulted in the likelihood that this provision would be commuted into the making of a capital payment in lieu of direct installation of further shelters. An assessment of existing facilities had been undertaken that indicated this was a better means of meeting local need given the reduction in the bus services now visiting the village and the potential for additional shelters to become a maintenance liability in future years.

In respect of the Pocket Park maintenance programme, and after further considering that, although generally effective in keeping pathways open for use, the current work schedule was not impacting on the intense bramble infestation that was now occurring in the understory of the wood. Accordingly, interested councillors agreed to meet with the contractor at the site on 21 October in order to identify what further measures might be taken to bring this under control.

Arising from the requested reinstatement of the bulb beds at Cox's Lane following completion of the Redrow housing site, the Chair reported that a planting gang had attended in the last couple of weeks but, unfortunately, had carried out planting at The Meadows and not at Cox's Lane in an apparent error. This had been

acknowledged by the company.

Arising in respect of the Village Show, members noted that the recent grant application for this, as supported by the Parish Council, had succeeded in securing some funding.

**17/7681**

**CORRESPONDENCE.** The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) A communication received from the Village Hall Committee, indicating that a request had been made to the Borough Council to lease land to the Association for the provision by that body of a Multi-Use Games Area; such facility being an intended component of the village hall enhancement scheme. Councillors discussed this and were immediately concerned that taking a lease might not be the best way forward, given the maintenance and occupiers' liabilities this brought with it. In the circumstances, it was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to ensure these aspects were properly considered and to suggest that the facility be installed on KBC land for adoption and maintenance by that authority in the same manner as the other recreation and sports facilities in the hall field.
- b) An invitation to attend the Kettering Civic Ball on 17 November 2017, themed as 'A Night at the Movies'.
- c) Material received from the Borough Council intended to raise awareness of the 2018/19 Local Council Tax Support scheme consultation exercise.
- d) A statistical report received from the police for September, showing 6 incidents, comprising 2 attempted burglaries, 2 non-injury assaults, a shoplifting, and 3 reports of child safety concerns.

**17/7682**

**REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.**

Cllr Mrs Bull reported on the business considered at the last meeting of the Rural Forum; members noting that this had settled an initial list of questions to raise of the Chief Constable and PCC at the forthcoming special meeting on 23 October, had discussed associated concerns around the evident reducing response capacity of the police, and the continued difficulties with speeding in villages.

The forum had then agreed to pick up the issue of (apparent lack of) solar energy provision associated with the Cransley Park reserved matters application. Publicity had been circulated for the new 'This is Kettering.com' initiative; the forum had heard that funding was available from NCALC to support the electronic planning consultation roll-out; and Mr Brendan Coleman had given an interesting presentation on grounds maintenance provision (members wondering whether a depot visit might be beneficial).

The Chair and Cllr Mrs Wade had attended a multi-agency event to consider green spaces and green infrastructure provision, with a view to informing future planning policy and refining the application of funding to infrastructure when provided. A

brainstorming session at the event had proved thought-provoking and many ideas resulting had been captured; particular emphasis locally on the need for better way-marking of rights of way, and the potential for the provision of a community orchard.

**17/7683**      **POLICE REPORT.** No police attendance occurred at this meeting.

**17/7684**      **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.**

**Planning applications submitted for comment:-**

The following application was considered and it was agreed that no observations need be made:

25 Silver Street                      Rear extension and dormers etc.              Mr Burgonsmith

The following application was made and it was agreed that although some change in outlook for neighbours would result, this proposal was sufficiently improved over the previously refused scheme that the Council did wish to support the application:

22 Cransley Hill                      Workshop conversion and dwellings      Mr James

**Planning decisions notified:**

None were noted at this meeting.

**17/7685**      **FINANCE.** The following items of income and expenditure were noted/agreed:-

<b>Income</b>		<b>£</b>
HMRC	VAT refund received	1,932.04

<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>£</b>
Zen Internet	Web hosting charge (direct debit )	4.79
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission (direct debit )	4.00
GA Duthie	Salary and WP (101781 )	259.15
HMRC	Income tax (101782 )	142.43
GA Duthie	Telephone and electricity (101783 )	23.64

**17/7686**      **HIGH STREET RECREATION GROUND.** Councillors received an update from Cllr Wyeth, who advised that the Grantscape application had unfortunately not been successful (feedback on reasons being sought), the Tesco fundraising exercise was still ongoing, further consideration was being given to other possible avenues to access National Lottery derived support, and other applications remained pending.

**17/7687**      **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.** Cllr Mrs Bull reported that a positive outcome had been received to the legal compliance check undertaken by the Borough Council and, accordingly, formal consultation for 6 weeks had been commenced prior to the plan being submitted for examination; the Inspector's details having yet to be advised. The plan was accessible electronically, and hard copies had also been deposited at various public locations for those unable or preferring not to access the internet.

**17/7688**

**GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**

Cllr Wyeth mentioned the continuing need for a dropped kerb at the Manor Farm corner of Gate Lane, where access difficulties still existed. The Chair agreed to pursue this with Ian Boyes of the County Council.

Cllr Baxter mentioned that cleaning work had been undertaken at the War Memorial but, as yet, no re-cutting/enamelling of the inscriptions had occurred. It was confirmed this work had been requested to be completed, if possible, prior to Armistice Day.

Arrangements to secure a poppy wreath for Armistice Day were discussed.

Cllr Shrive confirmed that the redundant notice board at 12 Northampton Road had been removed (after some difficulty) by Cllr Baxter and himself.

The Chair advised that Mr and Mrs Manning of Church Street had offered to source and have planted an ornamental tree on the triangular green near their home. Members appreciated the gesture but preferred that any such should replace the recently felled sycamore nearby, rather than be upon the green.

**17/7689**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 15 November 2017, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

**17/7690**

**URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised and the meeting was duly closed at 9:20pm.

15 November 2017

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