

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 18 April 2018, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, Mrs JC Chester, M Rose, R Shrive, Mrs P Wade, Mrs S West, Cllr O Wyeth, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
Borough Cllr J Hakewill, County Cllr Mrs C Smith-Haynes, and one member of the public.

18/7773 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received from Cllr A Parker (family commitment).

18/7774 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

18/7775 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March 2018, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair after it was agreed that the reference in minute 18/7770 to the Kettering Road verge tidying, should have been one to the High Street wall, which was also very welcome.

18/7776 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** The facility was not used at this meeting.

18/7777 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** Councillors received a report from County Cllr Smith-Haynes, who briefed members on the various changes rolling-out at the County Council as a consequence of the recent adverse inspection report. It was noted these included the appointments of new political leadership, new Interim Chief Executive, a new Cabinet, and new Scrutiny arrangements. So far, despite the potential still existing, no commissioners had been appointed by the Government. It was noted that the LGA had been delivering training to the organisation on the theme of 'Back to Basics'; Cllr Smith-Haynes mentioned that defibrillator training had also been undertaken by her and a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel had been attended. There was nothing really to update for the moment on the Pytchley cross-roads issue.

Borough Cllr Hakewill then presented his report, commencing by confirming the DB Symmetry planning application for the major commercial site at Isham had been determined to be refused by the previous evening's Planning Committee meeting. Councillors noted a good turn-out from Isham had occurred, and the verbal representations by them included reference to the Pytchley cross-roads inadequacies. Mention was made about the ongoing difficulties with ant-social behaviour being experienced in Broughton; members noting that dialogue was occurring with police and KBC officers as to how this could be most effectively addressed. The forthcoming meeting of the Planning Policy Committee was discussed, with related issues of the neighbourhood plan, possible retention of The Paddock as a housing allocation, and implications for town and parish councils of the emerging unitary focused local government restructure at County and District levels being touched upon.

Cllr Mrs Wade then raised the recent issue with the unpleasant graffiti that had been daubed around a village location, and asked whether more information could be provided about why the associated housing allocation that seemed to have provoked the incident had been made. Cllr Hakewill agreed to pursue this.

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MATTERS ARISING. Arising from the High Street recreation ground improvement project, it was confirmed that the equipment being provided by Playdale would be dispatched during the week commencing 14 May 2018, and the Borough Council had agreed to facilitate storage of this until needed for installation.

Arising from the Old Willows planning issue, County Cllr Smith-Haynes asked for sight of the post-committee exchanges that resulted from the manner in which the committee had considered the application, which had been resolved to be approved. The committee deliberations, after hearing from Cllr Mrs Bull for the Parish Council, were described, with members noting the meeting had been a difficult one giving rise to a number of administrative queries that had been pursued but, ultimately, dismissed. Cllr Mrs Bull confirmed a comprehensive information request would be made to ascertain the extent and nature of pre-determination dialogue that had occurred.

Arising in connection with the activities of the new Youth Council, Cllr Wyeth provided a briefing for members, who heard that attendances were growing steadily and that the primary focus so far had been on sports provision in the village. Particular enthusiasm existed for enhancing football goal facilities at the High Street recreation ground, with a need for net storage having been identified; various ideas for this were being explored.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) A letter received from the Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation confirming an award of £2,000 had kindly been made by the Foundation toward the High Street recreation ground project, and providing the Foundation's cheque drawn in favour of Playdale Playgrounds Limited, the lead equipment supplier.
- b) A communication received from the Playing Fields and Village Hall Association, updating on likely future charges and invoicing; it being indicated the existing standing order might need to be revised.
- c) A copy email sent by Cllr Hakewill to the Borough Council concerning the recent graffiti incident and the background to it.
- d) A letter received from the contractors undertaking the M1 Junctions 13 to 16 Smart Motorway scheme, offering attendance at a meeting to explain the project. Members agreed this might be suitable for the Rural Forum.

18/7780 **REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.**
The Chair and Cllr Wyeth had attended a meeting in connection with the anti-social behaviour issues presently confronting the village; seeking to facilitate a multi-agency response from police and councils and also to consider ways of improving engagement with those thought to be responsible.

18/7781 **POLICING.** No police attendance occurred at this meeting. The latest report from the Street Watch co-ordinator had been received and was placed on circulation.

18/7782 **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.**
Planning applications submitted for comment:-
The following application was considered and it was agreed that no observations need be made:

Holly House	Detached garage	Mr Larham
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Planning decisions notified:
The following decisions had been notified, being approvals subject to conditions:

96 Northampton Road	Extensions and replacement garages	Mrs R Lloyd
1 Brookhaven	Rear conservatory	Mr MacFarlane
1 Brookhaven	Replacement windows/doors	Mr MacFarlane

18/7783 **FINANCE.** The following items of income and expenditure were noted/agreed:-

Income		£
Barclays Bank PLC	Interest on premium account	5.65

Expenditure		£
Zen internet	Web hosting (direct debit)	5.99
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission (direct debit)	2.00
Barclays Bank PLC	Store fee (direct debit)	1.00
Broughton PF&VHA	Room hire (direct debit)	10.20
Playdale Playgrounds	Deposit – High St rec ground (101812)	3,319.28
GA Duthie	Salary and WP (101813)	259.15
HMRC	Income tax (101814)	142.43
GA Duthie	Telephone exps (101815)	17.22

Bank balances		£
As at 11 April, the Parish Council had to its credit the following sums (less the payments above):		

Community account	19,247.53
Deposit account	11,444.82

18/7784 **FIRST WORLD WAR (END OF HOSTILITIES) – THERE BUT NOT THERE.** Members discussed this initiative, which envisaged the armistice being marked by the display of a variety of translucent sculptures or figurines depicting

characters from the conflict in thought-provoking situations. A number of ideas as to how this might be done in the village to best effect were considered, including how it might be possible to engage any display with the families of those named on the memorials. Other suggestions included the production of a local commemorative book and the planting of a dedicated tree. It was noted that 11 November this year fell on a Sunday, so that perhaps lent itself to a more developed ceremony at the memorial. It was agreed to consider the ideas further outside the meeting, and also to discuss with the Blacksmiths in case some enhancement to memorial ironwork could be devised, or perhaps a railing set.

18/7785 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** Cllr Mrs Bull reported that this remained a work in progress and the draft Plan was still being considered by the examining Inspector. As and when any queries or conclusions resulted, these would first be discussed with Kettering Borough Council.

18/7786 **GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**
Cllr Shrive asked for the pocket park management agreement to be an agenda item for the next meeting, due to its expiry soon.

Cllr Baxter mentioned that speeding remained a serious issue for the village.

Cllr Mrs West raised a query concerning a workshop that had been built in the rear garden of a local house, and it was discussed whether this might be permitted development given its size and apparent use for vehicle repairs.

Cllr Mrs Wade mentioned Asda had relaunched their charity token scheme and this might be worth accessing for the next phase of the high Street recreation ground project.

The Chair mentioned Operation Springbloom and it was agreed to pursue with the Borough Council for next year, with further locations being identified for bulb planting.

18/7787 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 16 May 2018, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

18/7788 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised and the meeting was duly closed at 8:41pm.

16 May 2018

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