

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Mrs PA Scouse (in the Chair), R Baxter, Mrs HJ Bull, Mrs I Robson, M Rose, R Shrive, Mrs P Wade, Mrs S West, O Wyeth and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr GA Duthie.
One member of the public.

18/7823 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs JC Chester (work commitment), Borough Cllr Hakewill (diary conflict) and County Cllr Smith-Haynes (unwell).

18/7824 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** The Chair advised that in the event the pending planning appeal relating to The Paddock was discussed, she would declare a personal interest and withdraw due to the proximity of the site to her home.

18/7825 **MINUTES.** The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2018, copies having been circulated, were approved by members and authorised for signature by the Chair.

18/7826 **RIGHT TO SPEAK.** The facility was not used at this meeting.

18/7827 **REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.** Although no County or Borough members were present at this meeting, it was confirmed that Borough Cllr Hakewill had advised he had been active in pursuing a motion to counter or mitigate the impacts of a likely reduction in local bus service levels due to impending subsidy curtailment, and was also in correspondence with the Safer roads Team in order to try and preserve the ability of Broughton and Pytchley to participate in the Speed Watch programme once a successor had been appointed for the outgoing co-ordinator, who needed to step back from the scheme. Members noted that although interest remained in the initiative, the group was presently sub-optimal in terms of numbers so volunteers were being sought in addition to the new co-ordinator needed.

18/7828 **MATTERS ARISING.** Arising from recent consideration of the ‘There but not There’ silhouette initiative to mark the end of First World War hostilities, members received a comprehensive briefing from Cllr Mrs Wade, who had researched the potential for grant assistance to be secured from The Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme. Essentially, funding would be contingent upon an event being held after the usual remembrance ceremony on Armistice Day that was inclusive of services personnel or family. This coupled with the fact the silhouette figures were all of a seated form perhaps limited the ability of the parish council to access the scheme; the relevant material was circulated however.

Arising in respect of village hall room hire fee recharging, it was reported that further communications had been received after the Chair had spoken with the Village Hall

bookings secretary. Essentially, it had been suggested the existing standing order remain as is (ie at £10.20 per month), and that this be revisited if the level of bookings varied from that anticipated.

Arising in respect of the prospective Glebe Avenue development site, it had been reported from several quarters that extensive works were ongoing to 2 semi-detached houses that appeared to involve substantial aspects of structural demolition (to outbuilding extensions). Members were concerned that this work might be preparatory of forming a new access into the prospective development site behind notwithstanding this had not been granted planning permission so far, and that the houses concerned might be left unusable as a consequence. Alternatively, it was suggested an agricultural access might be being formed to permit modern machinery to be used in cultivating the field. Peripheral concerns were that building regulations should be complied with and that overgrowth of the property gardens was also causing unsightliness locally.

Arising in respect of the High Street recreation ground play equipment project, the Chair queried whether an overpayment had been made to one of the suppliers involved, Playdale Playgrounds Limited, resulting from the direct submission to that company of the £2,000 grant secured from the Market Harborough Building Society Trust. The Clerk confirmed that was the case and that a request had been made to the company in order to procure a repayment of the overpaid sum; which had been acknowledged and confirmed was due.

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CORRESPONDENCE. The following items of correspondence were reported:

- a) Material emailed by Borough Cllr Hakewill advising of an unappreciated hiatus in the Chairmanship of the Rural Forum until its first meeting in the new municipal year, and accordingly circulating material connected to the ongoing intervention at the County Council and resulting reorganisation of Northamptonshire local government structures that would otherwise have been picked up at the usual chairman's briefing for inclusion on the Agenda of the next Rural Forum meeting. Cllr Hakewill was acting to ensure there was awareness of the material and issues resulting so that future discussion could be facilitated.
- b) A joint invitation issued by the chief executives of the Northamptonshire authorities caught by the proposed reorganisation to consultation events to be held on 3rd July at Towcester and on 12 July at Wellingborough. Members also noted the related consultation on future local government structure remained open for comment until 22 July 2018.
- c) A letter received from the Borough Council advising of the consultation exercise around the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan document, which members noted was running between 22 June and 3 August 2018 and would ultimately allocate land for housing, employment, recreation and other purposes. It was advised that the entire chapter contemplating Broughton would be withdrawn as and when the Neighbourhood Plan was adopted following any approval at

the forthcoming referendum on 20 September 2018, given it was in conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan as drafted. The consultation material was placed on circulation.

- d) An email received that advised about the existence of a facility to report incidents of crime by on-line means was placed on circulation. It was agreed this could usefully be linked to from the parish council website too.

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

The meeting received a report arising from the last Rural Forum meeting, where the main business had concerned the development plan 'Site Specific' consultation mentioned above, and the consultation around local government reorganisation in Northamptonshire. In respect of the latter, a presentation had been given by the KBC monitoring officer together with the NPALC chief executive; their message for parishes being that there would be no change as a result. Members were sceptical whether this could be the real result given the pressure for savings.

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POLICING. The June report from Street Watch was placed on circulation; members noting there had been a spike in incident since the period reported. It was thought these might well be largely attributable to the same group of individuals. It was stressed all incidents suffered or witnessed should be reported regardless of whether a complaint was desired to be pursued, in order that a complete picture of offending in the village could be captured by the Police and supporting authorities.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.

Planning applications submitted for comment:-

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

16 Oak Close	Rear extension and en-suite	Mr Burgess
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The following application had been notified by the Borough Council as having been appealed following first-instance refusal of permission, and was agreed to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the parish council's objections to the scheme for the same reasons as originally submitted to the planning authority:

Grange Road (land at)	Outline – up to 20 dwellings	SnowdonHomes
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NB – in respect of the above appeal, the Chair, Cllr Mrs PA Scouse, declared a personal interest and withdrew from the meeting whilst the same was considered.

Planning decisions notified:

The following decision had been notified, being an approval subject to conditions:

20 High Street	Attached double garage	Mrs J Bell
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FINANCE. The following items of income and expenditure were noted/agreed:-

Income		£	
Barclays Bank PLC	Interest on deposit account		5.71

Expenditure		£	
Barclays Bank PLC	Store fee	(direct debit)	1.00
Barclays Bank PLC	Commission	(direct debit)	4.00
Zen internet	Web hosting	(direct debit)	14.38
Broughton PF&VHA	Room hire standing charge	(standing ord)	10.20
GA Duthie	Salary and WP (incl Aug)	(101830)	528.30
HMRC	Income tax	(101831)	284.86
GA Duthie	Telephone exps	(101832)	17.69

Balances **£**
As at 11 July 2018, the Parish Council had to its credit the following sums (less the payments above):

Community account	23,340.70
Deposit account	11,449.53

18/7834 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** Members noted that the draft plan and neighbourhood development order, with modifications as recommended by the Inspector, had now been considered by the Executive committee of the Borough Council and by the full Council, which had both resolved to take the documents forward for referenda and adoption, if approved by voters. Present indications were that the referenda would likely be held on Thursday 20th September 2018; it remained important that a good turn-out for these was achieved if that could be impressed upon residents.

18/7835 **HIGH STREET RECREATION GROUND PROJECT.** The Chair advised that upon completion of this round of improvements, it seemed that a very small overspend would need to be back-filled that was not quite covered by the grants received; this amounted to £247.15. The Chair offered to contribute this from her annual allowance but that was not agreed by councillors who, instead, **RESOLVED** the shortfall in the project should be met from parish council balances. It was agreed then that thanks on behalf of the community were due to those involved in co-ordinating, fund-raising, and sponsoring a very worthwhile scheme to enhance local facilities.

The Chair then confirmed only a final safety inspection was awaited and whilst some attention might possibly be needed to safety surfacing, the facility was otherwise ready for use.

18/7836 **OLD WILLOWS CARAVAN SITE.** It was agreed that now the requisite period had expired following the recent grant of planning permission, enquiry should be made of the Borough Council to ascertain that compliance with conditions had occurred as was required, and that the previous continuing permission was now properly implemented.

18/7837 **RETIREMENT OF CLERK AND REPLACEMENT.** Members heard Mr GA

Duthie, making good the indication given at the June meeting, had now decided to retire and had tendered his resignation with notice on 16 July 2018, which would result in his leaving service on 15 October 2018 after 23 years in post.

It was agreed to commence steps to recruit a replacement Clerk, members noting the council's budget included contingencies for the advertising costs that might be incurred and for the payment of the contractual retirement gratuity payable to Mr Duthie in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996 as were invoked by his contract of employment despite the regulations themselves having been superseded.

18/7838 **GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS.**

Cllr Shrive advised that he had, again this year, been asked to support a grant application made by the Playing Fields and Village Hall Association and this had been submitted by the tight deadline given.

Cllr Baxter advised the footpath crossing the Paddock had been cleared.

The Chair reported that Anglian Water were presently working in the vicinity of Gate Lane to investigate and address possible root intrusion into and blockage of drains in that location.

The Chair mentioned that the old School House on Cransley Hill was again suffering with vegetation overgrowth that was unsightly.

18/7839 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council, would be on Wednesday 19 September 2018, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall, there being no scheduled meeting in August. All present were wished a good summer break.

18/7840 **URGENT ITEMS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR.** None were raised and the meeting was duly closed.

19 September 2018

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