

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 17th October 2024

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr B Davies

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr C Taylor

Ward Councillors present:

None were present

101/24. Apologies.

Cllr J O'Hara

Cllr J Currall

102/24. Declarations of Interest.

None

103/24. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19th September 2024 and copies were circulated. A small amendment was made 93/24 should read FCC not FFC. The minutes were approved by members and was authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

104/24. Public right to speak.

No members of the public were present

105/24. Reports from NNC Councillors.

None were received

106/24. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

90/24 - The clerk received correspondence from Jenni Hedges in regards to the Rural Housing Needs survey requesting confirmation of 27 plots based at The Old Willows site.

94/24 - The High Street Rec light column which was used in previous years to feed the power to the lights was no longer safe and had been turned off by contractors Balfour Beatty in 2021/22.

The clerk enquired about costs to replace the rechargeable batteries for the SID which came in around £100 inc VAT. Cllr Gray also made enquiries which he will send over to the clerk to order.

The resident of 64 Northampton Road emailed the clerk and sent a photo to dispute that their hedge was obstructing the pavement and fire posts after a complaint was received. The chair sort advice from NNC and the fire department who were not overly concerned. **Action: Clerk to reply to resident to let them know of outcome.**

The clerk reported overgrown trees in Northampton Road after receiving an email from Matthew Mumford, Safer Road Team Enforcement Supervisor that the trees along Northampton Road where they usually park the enforcement van, were so overgrown they were unable to see all of the road, resulting in not being able to enforce speeding vehicles. Ref **6600677**. Investigated (No action necessary). A qualified Highways Inspector has assessed the location, and can confirm that in accordance with the NNC Highways Inspection Manual, the vegetation at this location has not currently met the intervention criteria. Will continue to monitor the vegetation as part of our routine highway inspection schedule

The clerk emailed PS Quinlan and Matthew Mumford, Safer Road Team Enforcement Supervisor as residents have been experiencing some excessive speed in the village around Glebe Avenue, Wellingborough Road, Cransley Hill and Church Street to ask if they could provide some more patrolling around the village.

The clerk reported the street light outside 28 Baker Avenue as not working. SL654886276

Items reported to NNC by councillors

- Cllr Bull reported blocked drains causing flooding in Wellingborough Road Ref 6503240. Priority 4. **Complete.**

October 2024 correspondence

- Leaders update 20/09/24, 04/10/24
- Kettering East LAP Agenda
- Great Cransley Draft Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation
- PBP and LAP Joint Priority Setting Sessions – 7th Nov – location Ise Valley Pavilion, Kettering
- Kettering East Virtual LAP Documents
- Are you concerned about the coming changes to the Planning System meeting NACRE – 31st October
- LAP Partner Network Update

107/24. Reports from external meetings

Kettering East LAP attended by Cllr Shrive Bull Shrive, Rose

Cllr Shrive was nominated to attend future meetings.

Cllr Davies to look into strategy and background of LAP and report back.

Action: Clerk to ask for slides from the meeting to distribute.

108/24. Report from meeting with NNC corporate leadership team regarding delivery of services

The clerk requested a meeting between NNC executives and BPC councillors after a vote of no confidence in NNC was made. A meeting has been set up for 31st October in the Weldon Room at The Cube, Corby. In attendance will be George Candler (Executive Director of Place & Economy) and Jonathan Waterworth. BPC Councillors have asked for the following to be discussed:

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| 1. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome & Introductions |
| 2. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The lack of communication between officers, elected members, Parish Councils and each other. |
| 3. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S106 administration |
| 4. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The reduction/withdrawal of day-to-day services |
| 5. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed Actions |

A working group meeting will be held on the 24th on Teams at 6pm to prepare for meeting

109/24. Councillor Surgery update

The 2nd Councillor drop in surgery was held on Saturday 5th October, Red Lion, 11am – 1pm. Jennifer Hedges from Northamptonshire Acre also attended to offer advice but no residents attended. BPC will attend a coffee morning arranged in the chapel room next week for a wellbeing event and distribute the goodie bags from the previous surgery.

110/24. – Pocket Park maintenance

Ground Maintenance - Castletree were asked for a quote to clear around the pond area which came in at £590.00 plus VAT:

- Edge of the pond - flail and trim the edges without going into the pond. This will be cut back all around quite a distance around the pond to allow for access.
- The broken fence handrail will be replaced.
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It was **Resolved** to accept the quote and arrange a date for the works. A councillor will be on hand to meet them.

Pond Aquaserve Maintenance

The October maintenance package and cost for this service for October 2024 is £822.31 excluding VAT

- Cutting reeds back to within 1 metre of the bank and removal of reeds from the pond to be placed on the bank, away from the pond to compost

- Removal of submerged weed from the pond to be placed on the bank, away from the pond to compost
- Supply and application of 125kg of aquatic chalk
- Removal and disposal of site of any litter from the pond

The April maintenance package would include and cost £499.74 excluding VAT:

- Supply and application of 125kg of aquatic chalk
- Removal and disposal of site of any litter from the pond

As the works needed are to thin out the reeds and oxygenators only, the chair will also approach 2 another companies to quote.

111/24. – High Street playground project – adoption of new equipment

The clerk contacted Clear councils who advised PLI cover for new play equipment will fall under whoever is responsible for maintaining it. **Action: Clerk to contact Dave Lane for confirmation of bid for funds is still scheduled for January.**

112/24. – Winter lights project and electricity for High Street park

400 additional LED coloured lights were purchased by the clerk for the trees at The Red Lion from Powerbee Ltd at a cost of £26.98. **Action: Clerk to apply for unmetered supply from SSE for the High Street Park**

113/24. – Hugo Fox – gov.uk domain

HugoFox is now officially on the CDDO shortlist of .gov.uk-approved registrars for Parish Councils! This means you are eligible, through HugoFox, to receive a **£100 grant** from the Central Digital and Data Office (CDDO) to help pay for the first year of HugoFox .gov.uk emails. The Clerk applied to register for the domain name BroughtonParishCouncil.gov.uk and with 10 email addresses. The entire process typically takes anywhere from **3-6 weeks**.

Email package is

- **£9.99 + VAT** for **5** email addresses
- **£17.49 + VAT** for **10** email addresses
- **£24.99 + VAT** for **15** email addresses
- **£32.49 + VAT** for **20** email addresses
- **£39.99 + VAT** for **25** email addresses

Based on 10 email addresses, the cost will be £209.88 per year plus ongoing bronze package of £143.88 = £353.76

114/24. Housing Needs Survey

A copy of the Housing Needs Survey was circulated. This is version 3 as it includes the local connection criteria for those who may need homes let at an affordable or social rent. Councillors found the form confusing and not very user friendly. Cllr Bull to send over the version used last time for comparison and clerk will send over to Philippa for amendment.

115/24. Armistice Day

BPC will lay a wreath as usual on Monday 11th November at the War memorial. **Action: Chair to purchase wreath**

116/24. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

NK/2024/0586

LOCATION: 58 Glebe Avenue, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1 Willow, T2 Maple and T3 Cherry - remove; T4 Holly - crown reduce and reshape to 2.0 m.

Comment: The willow is a significant tree within the village and has been easily visible from the street for decades, would sympathetic pruning be a better solution.

Planning Decisions

NK/2024/0505

LOCATION: Meadow Bank, Kettering Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1 Eucalyptus - fell

Reason: E

No Objection

NK/2024/0530

LOCATION: Paston House, Kettering Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Application for Works to Protected Trees: T1 Yew - remove 2 no. branches to thin out and maintain tree.

Target decision date: 29/10/2024

117/24. Finance Report - to note expenditure for October

October 2024 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,093.18

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,030.29

Community - £21,391.17

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account

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| Interest | | £0.00 |
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account

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| Transfer | | £0.00 |
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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

| Payee | Method | Amount |
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| Salary - mth 7 | Bank transfer | £414.77 |
| HMRC income tax | Bank transfer | £103.60 |
| A McDaid home working, webpage, phone | Bank transfer | £62.83 |
| Northants CALC – Training – Code of conduct in practice | Bank transfer | £100.80 |
| Room hire Sept/Oct | Bank transfer | £40.00 |

Cllr Scouse authorised payments last month.

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

118/24. Incremental Budget and precept 2025/26

The incremental budget was circulated. **Action: To be carried forward to next month**

119/24. Items for consideration at next meeting

Housing needs survey

Graffiti

120/24. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st November 2024.

The meeting was closed at 8:10pm

Signed:

Dated: