

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Annual Parish Council Meeting held at The Meacham Room, Broughton Village Hall, 7pm, Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Councillors Present:

Cllr P Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr C. Taylor

Cllr M. Rose.

Ward Councillors present:

Cllr J Currall

18/24. Apologies.

Cllr H Bull

Cllr J O' Hara

19/24. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for ensuing year

Chair - Cllr Scouse. Proposed by Cllr Rose, seconded by Cllr Grey. All agreed.

Vice Chair – Cllr Shrive – Proposed by Cllr Rose, seconded by Cllr Grey. All agreed

Declarations of Interest were signed and witnessed by the clerk

20/24. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Rose, Grey and Shrive declared an interest in planning app NK/2024/0219

21/24. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2024 and copies were circulated. 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

22/24. Public right to speak.

1 member of the public

23/24. Reports from NNC Councillors.

NNC Annual meeting tomorrow when committee roles will be decided.

Action: Clerk to write to NNC to complain about No mow May

24/24. Report from clerk & correspondence

167/23 – The clerk is continuing to look into grant schemes for the play equipment. Tesco Stronger Start is inviting applications for the **July – August 2024** voting period of its Stronger Start grant scheme. Grants of up to £1,500 are available.

182/23 The clerk has sent a photo of the broken fence by the old memorial garden to NNC and asked if they could mend/replace it. **Update: This is ongoing but clerk will contact Western Power to enquire if it is their fence.**

The clerk is yet to speak to Dean Jones from Northamptonshire Community Foundation about their Rural Community Fund opening in June. **Ongoing**

Clerk Report

The clerk emailed Sarah Barnwell to find out if the old blue background signs in Broughton could be replaced as they are really scruffy and barely legible. One is pointing up Cransley Hill towards Gt Cransley and the other is pointing down Wellingborough Rd towards Pytchley. She was out near Corby yesterday - on the A43 up near Weldon and noticed that the "finger" signposts were very smart looking posts, white lettering on a green background.

Action: Pat to reply to Sarah Barnwell

Clerk reported the installation of a dropped kerb at 96 Northampton Road to NNC Highways. Sarah Barnwell will look into this.

Cllr Scouse reported 3 different potholes with FixMyStreet

- Pothole near social club – Investigating – Previous repair is failing creating a new hole.
- Road breaking up near drain cover opposite bungalows - Investigating
- 5919169 - Very deep hole to the base of the road layer in Kettering Road – Investigating – Needs urgent attention
- 5978615 - Central reservation visibility reduced - The central reservation at the Broughton/A43 intersection is overgrown and the visibility is now very poor. **Completed**

May 2024 correspondence

- Strategic Town & Parish Forum
- CPRE – Affordable workshop – 9th May. CANCELLED
- Coronation Community Orchards
- Northamptonshire ACRE e-bulletin - May 2024
- Northants CALC Training Newsletter - Lunchtime Lowdown – Casual vacancies and co-option, 4th June, 12:30 – 1:30pm – Robin attending
- NACRE Parish Council Network Event - 17th June 2024 (13:00 - 15:00) – Hilary attending
- Upcoming Zoom Sessions from Communities Prepared
- Letter from newly elected PFCC Danielle Stone

25/24. Reports from external meetings

Written report from Cllr Bull - Strategic Town & Parish Forum - Kettering Council Chamber – 14th May 2024

Police Report

Insp Paul Cash presented some overview crime figures for the period 01.12.23-30.03.24 (Kettering area) as:
Burglaries 23
Robberies 32
Vehicle Crime: 146
Drug Offences: 32
(all down)

Current operational focus is Op Pacify with nuisance motorbikes in the rural area.

Officer retention has been quite an issue for the force during recent times and they recognise that they have a young in service and inexperienced team but they are working hard to build on this and have some positive measures which are starting to come through in the short term.

Insp. Cash wasn't aware that their reporting figures were no longer being shared with the Rural Forum and has said that this will be rectified for both Town and Rural areas going forward.

Climate Change

The Authority's Climate Change Strategy lapsed in 2023 and is being updated and they are developing a corporate strategy to deliver carbon neutral by 2030. The authority has been reviewed and they are building a carbon management plan to be released in June covering their transport/buildings/waste and procurement.

They are implementing a Climate Change Investment Fund which is prioritising decarbonising projects internally.

Nick Bolton from Electric Places (Social Enterprise not for profit org.) advised that they are assisting the authority with their Strategy and are currently running 3 big projects on their behalf; Decode Corby with the focus being on the manufacturing cluster in Corby to reduce their carbon footprint; NN2N which is focusing on Kettering SME's in building their carbon strategies and reducing C footprint and Journey to N2 for other business decarbonisation.

Big 50 Vision

Presentation by Guy Holloway – this project is to cut away from the usual short term 5 year plans that they have always worked with to develop a longer term strategic view of the area for 2050. Their 'Mission Statement' is *The Best Life for All* and the strategic pillars are Proud/Prosperous/Proactive.

There appear to be a lot of meetings for this project – the LAPS that we had previously attended form part of this.

NB: personal take out from this presentation this evening is that it feels still at this stage that the scope of the project is way too big and lacks clear focus and direction. Feels very aspirational and taking up a lot of people's time.

Grants Update

Kerry Purnell and her community Team delivered news on current funding programmes available:

Rural England Prosperity Fund for Capital Grants (£25k) will end in 03/5

Community Grants (up to £5k) this year will have the focus on public health and wellbeing – total pot is £125k.

There will be a Capital Grant Scheme next year for community organisations (up to £25k) with the focus on delivering energy efficiencies and decarbonising etc. together with a smaller pot for projects looking to deliver safer communities

More detailed info on grants will be shared via the forum.

There was a discussion about the black hole for emails at NNC – Kerry advised everyone that if they were experiencing this or were looking for assistance in knowing where to address a query to share via their email and they would do their best to help:

townandparishes@northnorthants.gov.uk

Kerry also announced that very shortly they will have a dedicated parish liaison officer to help navigate the authority and to help with queries as they have recognised that this is a real issue since the new authority came into being.

FYI Kerry's team currently is Claire, Sally, Hazel Webb and Kerry Purnell.

Flood Volunteer session written report from Cllr Bull

There were no relevant take outs from this session with the only comment I could make is that we should have a village risk register for potential flood victims and record any mitigations we could deliver and be aware of which authority to contact (EA, LA or water company).

26/24. Appointments from external bodies

The following was resolved:

Finance Advisory Committee – Cllr's Scouse, Shrive & Gray.

Pocket Park Advisory Committee – Cllr's Scouse, Shrive, Taylor & Rose.

Policing – Cllr's Scouse & Shrive

Village Hall representative - Cllr Scouse.

Memorial Garden Committee – Cllrs Taylor, Bull & Rose.

Communications Committee – Cllrs Rose, Bull & Gray.

Bentham Charities – Cllrs Bull, Rose, Shrive & Gray

Councillor recruitment working group – Pat Robin Carol Martin Mark. **Action: Cllr Shrive to organise date and time of meeting**

27/24. – Review of policies

- Standing Orders
- Data Protection Policy
- Scheme of delegation
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Social media Policy
- Financial Regs – please note that NALC have now released an updated version but as we are not members, we are unable to adopt their copy (no biggie, ours are fine as they are)

28/24. – Time Capsule – To resolve to move to Annual meeting of the local electors

The meeting noted the countdown for retrieval of the time capsule BPC planted and discussed

the steps taken to ensure the location of this was not lost track of.
Note: This is not the same time capsule that Broughton School planted.
It was **Resolved** to move over to the Annual Parish Meeting in March

29/24. – Insurance Renewal

The insurance quote from Clear Councils for next year is:
1 year deal with tax, admin fee = £836.83
3 year deal with tax and admin fee = £807.59
It was **Resolved** to renew for 3 years.

30/24. – Domain.gov.uk

Cllr's Scouse, Bull, Rose, Shrive and the clerk attended a meeting to look at transferring over to a gov.uk domain.

Hugo Fox is currently in the process of becoming a **registered .gov.uk domain host**, which is part of their ongoing commitment to enhance the services they provide.

All agreed, once their registration is successfully completed, this will allow BPC to more easily upgrade BPC domain to a .gov.uk domain so it was **Resolved** to do so.

Action: Clerk to email Hugo Fox to see where they are currently in their application.

31/24. – Traffic Calming - update on Northampton Road consultation

The scheme has been approved by the Developer Contributions Board, it now needs to go to Departmental Capital Board and the Strategic Capital Board which are both in June. Sarah Barnwell will need to sort out the paperwork for these, and submit it for consideration. Further news will be in end of June.

32/24. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

NK/2024/0219

LOCATION: Land to the west of the A43, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Determination - telecommunications: 1 no. 25m lattice tower supporting 12 no. antennas and 4 no. dishes on 2 no. headframes together with up to 5 no. ground based cabinets, 1 no. meter cabinet and ancillary development including compound fencing and hard standing area

Planning Decisions

None

33/24. Finance Report including Savings account

May 2024 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,093.18

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,030.29

Community - £26,845.39

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account

Interest		£0.00
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account

Transfer		£0.00
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Credits to Community account

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Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 2	Bank transfer	£414.77
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£103.60
A McDaid home working, webpage, phone and reimbursement for plants	Bank transfer	£178.39
A McDaid – Petrol 54 miles @ 43p	Bank transfer	£23.22
H. Bull reimbursement – Memorial garden	Bank transfer	£17.99
Castletree	Bank transfer	£300.00
Broughton Playing Fields & Village Ass	Bank transfer	£16.00
Clear Insurance Management Ltd	Bank transfer	£807.59

Cllr Mark to authorise payments this month.

It was **Resolved** to open a 12 month saver account when available and invest £5k.

34/24. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2023/24

2022/23 audit has now been carried out by external auditor Tino La Torre.

The AGAR was signed off by the chair and RFO and will now be submitted to PK Littlejohn and posted on website.

35/24. Exercise of Public Rights

This year's period for the Exercise of public rights will run from Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July 2022.

36/24. General interest items – for discussion only, no decisions

See below 37/24

37/24. Items for consideration at next meeting

Rural housing – Invite presenter
Recruitment
Available Grant Schemes

38/24. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June 2024

39/24. Any other matters that the Chair considers to be urgent.

The meeting was closed at 7:50pm

Signed:

Dated: