

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 19th December 2024

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr M. Gray

Cllr B Davies

Cllr M. Rose.

Cllr C. Taylor

Ward Councillors present:

None were present

It was noted that NNC ward councillors have only attended three out of eight BPC full council meetings since April 2024.

142/24. Apologies.

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr John Currall (ward)

Cllr Jan O Hara (ward)

Cllr Alex Evelyn (ward)

143/24. Declarations of Interest.

None

144/24. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17th October and 21st November 2024 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

145/24. Public right to speak.

No members of the public were present

146/24. Reports from NNC Councillors.

None were received

It was noted that no reports were submitted in June, July, October, November and December 2024 despite no attendance in those months.

147/24. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

Actions: Clerk to find NNC finance budget for this year.

Clerk to ask NNC how ward councillors are monitored for effectiveness in their role as they do receive an allowance and expenses.

The clerk received correspondence from Heather Brunson, neighbourhood Manager with her intention to serve a community protection warning after the clerk received a number of complaints regarding a property in Carter Avenue

The clerk has been in correspondence with two residents regarding the felling of trees on the corner of Glebe Avenue and Church Street. See below

Village Map – Cllr Scouse has spoken to a resident who has agreed to help with the design and construction. Councillors were asked to nominate buildings/features they would like included and report back in January.

The clerk contacted NNC customer services who in turn reported a car off Podmore Way which has been parked on the grass verge for over a month to ELVIS (End of life vehicle scheme)

It was noted that graffiti on phone and post boxes cannot be reported to NNC, instead having to go directly to BT and the Post Office. Cllr Bull will take pictures and pinpoint locations.

Pocket park pond – Aquaserve will be asked to re-visit and quote again.

Cllr Shrive circulated the latest SID data collected from Oct – Dec 2024.

December 2024 correspondence

- Strategic Town and Parish Forum - Tuesday 26th November - 7pm - Corby and Kettering
- OPFCC Precept and Plan Consultation
- The December 2024 edition of Northamptonshire Talking
- December Newsletter from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
- Kettering and Corby Town and Parish Forum Meeting - November 2024 - Copy of presentation
- Strategic Town and Parish Forum Planning Workshop - January 2025
- Update from the Leader of the Council 13/12/2024
- Planning Workshop for Town and Parish Councillors
- Northamptonshire Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Newsletter
- Kier - November highlight report

148/24. Reports from external meetings

Planning Workshop for Town and Parish Councillors

Town and Parish Councillors have been invited to attend a workshop delivered by North Northamptonshire Council officers which will focus on - Planning Transformation, Section 106, Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

Councillors Scouse, Shrive and Rose will attend on 30th January 2025.

149/24. NNC – to note failure of internal procedures and communications with their departments with consequences

There have been a growing number of incidents where there has been a lack of communications between NNC departments which have impacted on Broughton and its residents. The clerk will now include their responses in full within the minutes.

The clerk will write to George Candler and ask the following about a recent planning application:

- Request an explanation from NNC on how the decision to fell the Willow Tree at Glebe Avenue was decided on (planning application NK/2024/0586)
- Why the tree officers email to the Planning Dept was not referred to or considered/overruled by the planning officer.
- Why was the expert officer's advice disregarded
- Request a copy of the evidence submitted of concerns for the structural integrity of the house
- The negative impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public within the conservation area.

150/24. Community and Police report

New officers will start in the New Year. PCSO Steen Jones and Adam Goodes will take over from Christine Duggan who will be moving areas.

On 9th December, PCSO Duggan and Jones patrolled the school area from 2:45 to 15:30. There were no parking issues, no entrances blocked, and the traffic could flow freely without any obstructions. They will continue to monitor the situation going forward

PCSO Steen Jones sent his apologies for tonight but will schedule attendance for Thursday 16th January.

151/24. – High Street playground project – to note NNC correspondence re maintenance and inspections

1/12/2024 - The following enquiry was sent from BPC to the ward councillors after NNC had failed to provide a response:

The Parish Council had previously resolved to fund some new play equipment in our park which is owned by NNC. In the past when equipment has been funded from external sources the equipment was "adopted" by the Local Authority but we have been advised that is no longer to be the case. The current policy seems a little vague in that while it is clear that NNC will no longer provide new equipment on an existing site or take responsibility for a new site which has been provided by external funding, it is not at all clear whether they will allow additional equipment to be installed on an existing site even if it is paid for, maintained and insured by the Parish Council creating in effect a hybrid site. If they are not intending to allow

this it does rather mean that existing play areas will be stuck in time with nothing new being provided for existing communities.

11/12/2024 - Response from Liam Faulkner – Head of Environment

Many thanks for getting in touch regarding the possible installation of additional playground equipment and the limitations faced with the ongoing maintenance therein. As has been the case with high inflation over the last 2 years playground equipment has experienced steeper increases than other sectors through the supply chain, requirements of statutory safety regulations and the ongoing repair and maintenance costs to ensure equipment remains serviceable and indeed fit for use.

The allocated budget for repair and maintenance to play equipment is already beyond capacity and it is not possible to increase the liabilities associated with the ongoing repair and maintenance of additional equipment. We are willing to work with partners to secure funding for additional equipment and remain open to the ongoing costs associated with repairs and maintenance being met by Parish Councils on an individual basis.

The draft principles of any Service Level Agreement (SLA) would include the provision of ongoing safety inspections and minor repairs throughout the lifespan of the equipment. The SLA would require commitment from any Parish Council in perpetuity to maintain current levels of inspection and adherence to statutory safety requirements.

Action: To request a face to face meeting for the earlier part of next year.

152/24. – Christmas lights

It was noted that the winter lights are in the trees outside the Red Lion and the lights in the tree outside the bungalows are now working but have been compromised by the growth of the tree. **Action: Put on January's agenda to discuss options**

153/24. Housing Needs Survey

Philippa McKenna has confirmed the Housing Needs Survey will be delivered to the chair on 6th January. Cllr Bull to will produce a poster and a covering letter.

Action: Cllr Scouse to ask scouts to help deliver

136/24. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

NK/2024/0634

LOCATION: 1 Lime Close

PROPOSAL: Full, Single storey side extension to create annex

Note: Application was not on planning portal at time of meeting but it was noted a single storey side extension to create an annex was applied and approved before.

KET/2019/0849

NK/2024/0698

LOCATION: 1 High Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Removal of existing polycarbonate and aluminium conservatory roofs. Replacement with timber cut, slate tiled conservatory roofs.

No comment

Tree Preservation Order number 2024/05 - 58 Glebe Avenue Broughton.

Comment: To support

NK/2024/0601

LOCATION: Rev Hobbs. The Parochial Church Council

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Installation of new air source heat pump with timber canopy in rear churchyard.

No comment

Re-notification – change of applicants name

Planning Decisions

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 a sympathetic pruning be a better solution.

Approved.

NK/2024/0605

LOCATION: 12 Northampton Road

PROPOSAL: Full Two storey side extension.

No comment

Approved

Action: It was agreed the clerk would notify planning on the removal of the toilets at 12 Northampton Road. The clerk will also write to Sarah Barnwell and Matt Barratt in respect of ongoing traffic calming plans in Northampton Road

NK/2024/0587

LOCATION: Village Hall, Gate Lane, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Non-Material Amendment: NK/2022/0691 (Front, rear and side extensions and re-modelling to provide for a pre-school, changing facilities, community room with hospitality areas, additional facilities and extended stage area): Reduction in size of rear changing rooms

No comment

155/24. To resolve to support TPO 2024-05, 58 Glebe Avenue.

It was **resolved** to support the TPO which has been placed on the Holly tree in the conversation area on the corner of Glebe Avenue/Church Street and the clerk to email KBC planning and George Brassington directly after meeting.

It was noted there is a lack of TPO's showing on the interactive map. Cllr Shrive spoke to planning regarding this and have asked them to confirm if there are any in Broughton. He has yet to receive a reply.

156/24. Finance Report - to note expenditure for November

December 2024 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,093.18

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,030.29

Community - £19,378.16

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account – 4.25% - down to 4.05% Dec 2024

Interest		£0.00
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 3.20% - down to 3.10% Dec 2024

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 9	Bank transfer	£433.42
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£108.20
A McDaid home working, webpage, phone, C/A	Bank transfer	£53.45
P Scouse reimbursement batteries, wreath, councilor surgery	Bank transfer	£44.03
Room Hire	Bank transfer	£40.00
RBL – Poppy wreath	Bank transfer	£20.00

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

It was **resolved** for the clerk to apply to Barclays for a business card for current account. The application was signed by the finance committee and the clerk will send by recorded delivery.

157/24. Items for consideration at next meeting

Grant Policy

Pocket Park

High Street Equipment

Village Map

Traffic calming

Winter lights project / Christmas light 2025

158/24. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th January 2025

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm

Signed:

Dated: