

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2024

Present: Cllr Hodgson, Cllr B Keane, Cllr M Mossman, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr J Morrison & Cllr R Robson.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

TVBC Cllr A Johnson

0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence had been received from HCC David Drew, Cllr K McAllister, Cllr J Mann, Cllr J Morrison & Cllr C Brooks.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of public present.

Declarations of Interest

3) Cllr Taylor declared an interest in a planning application at his property. There were no other declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Keane, seconded Cllr Robson. All agreed.

Planning

5) **The following decisions by TVBC were noted:**

None

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

24/01278/TREES- reduce height and remove limbs from an oak tree- the Orchard, Rookery Lane- no objection

24/01244/VARS- vary condition 2 on erection of dwelling and package treatment plant- Land Rear of The Cottage, Rookery Lane- no objection

24/01072/VARS- vary condition 2 on agreed application 21/03450/FULLS- Bayards, South Road- no objection

6) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew was absent had circulated a report which can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr Johnston highlighted the latest Mid Test Matters. Cllr Mossman asked if TVBC were able to help with flooding issues- she said that they would be able to supply sand bags if households had problems with flooding otherwise refer to HCC.

Setting up a flood defence team

7) Cllr Mossman reported he has been researching the issue of flooding in Broughton, reading plans and guidelines from the Environment Agency and HCC as well as speaking to some of the riparian owners. The primary cause is due to high rainfall, but also because there is a lack of coordination to respond to exceptional conditions from any authority, in particular regarding when to cut weed. He intends to meet with the authorities and responsible river owners then draft a plan with Cllr Taylor. It is hoped a plan and a response team of volunteers will be in place before next year.

Sports Field Pavilion Update

8) Cllr Keane reported the work to build the new pavilion has recently commenced. As stage payments for the build will be required over the summer break it was agreed Cllr Mann, Cllr Brooks, Cllr Mossman, and Cllr Hodgson will have delegated powers to agree payment.

Play Area Report

9) Cllr Dumper was absent but Cllr Hodgson confirmed the annual ROSPA report had been received and he and Cllr Dumper had reviewed this to establish if there were any matters of concern.

One item that needs to be repaired or replaced is an s shaped bench which is showing signs of wear. Cllr Keane agreed to look at this and see if a repair is possible.

Concerns were raised about the skate park which was compliant when built but since it was built regulation changes mean the railings are not the correct height. Is the facility well used or is it time to consider removal and replacement with other equipment? The situation will be monitored.

Cllr Hodgson had carried out some research into providing outdoor gym equipment which would be attractive to older children and adults alike. The suggestion was this would be best placed on the perimeter of the sports field. Cllr Taylor agreed to carry out further research in types of equipment and prices. A fairly new set of this equipment has been flitted at Nether Wallop and the Clerk will contact their Parish Council for details. She will also research how much S106 funds might be available.

Communication in the village

10) Cllr Mossman said some villagers had commented that communication in the village might be improved and he suggested news from the Parish Council could be distributed in other ways rather than just publishing the minutes.

After some discussion regarding use of emails and social media it was agreed a good starting point would be a regular article of salient points in the Village Newsletter. Cllr Taylor will try and arrange for details of the possible gym equipment to go in the next newsletter and response from villagers will be monitored.

The Clerk referred to an email she had received from a villager about the planning tracker on the Parish Council website. Anyone wishing to see details of planning applications could sign up to receive email alerts however the system no longer works under the current package purchased by the Parish Council. To add this the Parish Council would need to upgrade their subscription and this would cost a further £10.00 per month.

It was agreed this possibility should be discussed at full council and this will be an agenda item at the September meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

11) Cllr Mann was absent but Cllr Mossman was able to report that a meeting of the working group has reviewed the questionnaire following consultation with TVBC. This has now been updated and a timetable for distribution will now be drawn up including a method to respond electronically for those who prefer to respond in this way. It is hoped this survey will be distributed to all households after the summer holidays.

Cyber Crime

12) The Clerk gave details of an email received from Hampshire and IOW Police about a possible visit when they would speak to residents of Broughton about online activity and cybercrime. All Councillors felt this was a very useful subject for villagers to learn about and asked the Clerk to arrange a visit for the autumn.

Notice Board

13) Cllr McAllister was absent but has sent a report to the Clerk regarding the possibilities of local artists painting the backside of the board to make this more attractive to passersby. If Councillors agree she is happy to organise this project in the late summer. Cllr Keane will mention this to the Village Hall committee given the board is in the hall car park. If there are no objections Cllr McAllister will be asked to proceed.

Statutory Documents

14) Following the internal audit The Clerk had reviewed and circulated new financial regulations, a financial risk assessment and an updated model publication document. All Councillors present agreed the revised documents should be adopted. The Clerk will arrange for them to be published on the Parish council website.

Clerks Report

15) The Clerk reported as follows: -

The Clerk confirmed she continued to discuss the outstanding matters on the land transfer at school Lane with the solicitor. She had also contacted TVBC legal department who are awaiting agreement from Lindens solicitor. Both TVBC and Shentons have pressed Lindens recently and the legal director of the solicitors acting for Lindens is now dealing with the matter.

The only outstanding matters from the audit report were Data security and HR policies which the Clerk will prepare for review at the September meeting.

Footpaths.

16) Cllr Morrison was not present but had circulated an email confirming work to footpath 12 at the sluice has yet to be completed, he has contacted some land owners to trim back where it is their responsibility and awaits contact from Countryside Access regarding volunteer training to help with footpath clearance.

Finance

17) To note the bank balances 25/06/2024: -

TSB Charity account £246048.83

TSB Business Instant £73450.95

United Trust £30969.44

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise on line transactions: -

H Bournier sal	£652.93
H Bournier exp	£18.00
HMRC	£68.00
Hugo Fox	£11.99
Grass & Grounds	£503.91
Spire Building Control	£540.00
Carol Davenport	£240.00
Aceliftaway	£390.00

Retrospective

Ten Insurance	£8418.00
BC Page	£286.14
Aceliftaway	£390.00

ii) The Clerk reported that the reserves held at the United Trust bank would mature shortly. Interest of £1555.82 would be added to the deposit giving a balance of £32525.26. If this is reinvested in a one-year bond interest at 5.11% will be earned. All Councillors agreed the deposit should be reinvested.

15) Items to carry forward

Use of Broughton news
Adult gym equipment
Cyber crime
Quarterly finance check responsibility
Website planning alerts

16) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

An email about the Parish Council website and lack of planning alerts

17) New items for next meeting

None at present

Community news

18) Cllr Hodgson noted there is a meeting in the village soon regarding the community heating scheme.

He also noted a dead shrub in the memorial garden. The Clerk will arrange for this to be removed.

The Clerk said the November meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 5th November and would likely clash with the annual village bonfire celebrations. It was agreed the meeting should be delayed by one week to accommodate this. Meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th November

Date of next meeting

18) 7.30 pm on Tuesday September 3rd 2024-

Appendix 1-Report from HCC David Drew

£3.8 million awarded to Hampshire for even more fast-track employment training

Hampshire's Skills Bootcamp training is to run again for a further year, thanks to an award of £3.8 million from the Department for Education (DfE)

This free, fast-track training programme is offered to Hampshire residents and employers, enabling both those in work and job seekers to gain further training and secure higher paid roles, with employers benefitting from upskilled employees.

Skills Bootcamp training will boost Hampshire's economy and increase productivity by helping businesses fill specific vacancies which require skills that currently are in short supply.

The courses are flexible with learning planned to fit around professional and family commitments allowing people in different circumstances to gain the skills employers are looking for.

For most Skills Bootcamp courses, no previous knowledge in the subject is needed. Courses can be classroom-based, on-the-job or online and unemployed participants are guaranteed a job interview at the end of their course.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/24052024employmenttrainingPR>

Let's show domestic abuse the red card

With the UEFA European Championship underway, Hampshire County Council is reminding everyone that there is help available for anyone who may be subjected to domestic abuse and for those needing support to reduce their abusive behaviours. Making a single phone call could make all the difference to someone's safety and wellbeing

While a major sporting event like the Euros is an exciting time for many, during these events the number of incidents of domestic abuse and violence often goes up. Research shows that domestic abuse incidents increase by more than a third when England loses a game and by around a quarter when they win.

Anyone concerned that domestic abuse may be impacting the welfare of a friend, family member, neighbour or colleague, or concerned about the behaviour of someone they know, should contact [Hampshire Domestic Abuse](#) services. People subjected to domestic abuse and those using abusive behaviours often struggle to reach out and get the help they need, so it is vital that others speak up, if they can.

How to get help

- If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse, seek help. Call the [Hampshire Domestic Abuse](#) advice line on 03300 165112.
- If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police. Find out [how to call the police when you can't speak](#).
- If you're concerned about your behaviour towards someone else, help is also available. Call the [Hampton Trust](#) on 023 8000 9898.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240614noexcuseforabuse>

Free activities and food for children this summer!

Don't miss out on a summer of free fun and food! That's the message to parents and carers of children eligible for benefits-related free school meals

1 minute read (215 words)

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Hampshire County Council is reminding families to sign up now to avoid missing out on the many Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) schemes on offer during the school summer holiday (24 July to 30 August 2024).

There is a wide range of fun and interesting crafts, sports and outdoor activities for all ages to choose from, which also include a nutritious meal. Free spaces are available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals and vulnerable children who may benefit from the programme. Many schemes also have paid-for places available.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme makes free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year. This covers four weeks in the summer and a week's worth of activities in the Easter and Christmas holidays.

Parents and carers who want to find out what is on offer locally can search the [Family Information and Services Hub](#) and then [register online](#) to be able to book a space.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240620HAFsummer>

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