

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JANUARY 2022

Present: Cllr E James (Chairman), Cllr G Elliott (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Dumper, Cllr J Mann, Cllr W Baillie, Cllr J Hodgson, & Cllr C Hamilton-Parker.

In attendance: Heather Bournier-Clerk
HCC David Drew
0 Members of public

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies had been received from Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Boulton & Cllr Keane.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest.

Planning

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

21/03181/TREES- tree work 30 North End, -no objections

21/02388/FULLS- demolition of bungalow and erect house, The Wicket, Paynes Lane- permission

21/03096/FULLS- install 5 bar gate, Highfield, 4 Downs Close- permission

21/03266/TPOS- reduce height and laterals of yew, Driscolls, Horsebridge Road- consent

21/03277/TPOS & 21/03273/TREES- tree works The Barn House- no objections

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

21/03634/FULLS- alterations to windows and chimney, Butlers Cottage, Rookery Lane- no objections

21/03665/TREES- tree works The Cottage, High Street- no objections

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew provided a full report which can be seen at appendix 1. Cllr James will circulate any relevant details from the report to villagers via the Broughton email group. **Cllr Drew** also agreed to continue to press Hampshire Highways to carry out work required to roads in the parish, in particular Rookery Lane.

TVBC Cllr Johnston was not present.

Minutes

6) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr Hodgson All agreed.

Streetlight Queenwood Road

7) Cllr Keane was not present but had confirmed by email that the matter was still under review.

Flood response group.

8) Cllr James reported the first meeting of the group will be on 19th January. A report will be given at the February Parish Council meeting.

Defibrillators

9) Cllr Keane had confirmed the cabinet for the machine had yet to arrive. This and the machine will be fitted as soon after their arrival as possible.

Sports Field Update

10) Cllr Elliott confirmed the community shop had made a donation for a clock on the roof of

the new sports pavilion.

Tenders for the new build are to be issued shortly. Cllr Elliott will discuss details with The Clerk who will issue the documents.

School Lane Completion work

11) Cllr Boulton was absent but has sent a report saying he was still awaiting details of any progress from the solicitor. He will continue to press for a resolution.

Clerks Report

12) The Clerk reported as follows: -

An enquiry to HCC had established training for a lengthsman to work on highways was available. Cllr James had discussed the matter with the lengthsman who does not have the required equipment to carry out any major repairs of the type suggested and is reluctant to take on this training given he is unlikely to carry out the work. The Parish Council agreed the costs of this work were prohibitive for them and in almost every case the responsibility for clearing ditches was that of the landowner. HCC had been asked to confirm who was responsible for the maintenance of ditches on Rookery Road, although details had yet to be received. HCC David Drew agreed to pursue this.

A grant of £7000 had been received from Broughton Shop. This is intended for the sports pavilion development.

A potential date for a presentation meeting by TVBC regarding a Neighbourhood Plan or Village Design Statement was discussed. Mottisfont Parish Council are keen to attend this presentation. Cllr James confirmed one parishioner had expressed an interest in this project and Cllr Man has agreed to help. The Clerk will contact TVBC regarding potential dates for a meeting.

Footpaths.

13) Cllr Elliott confirmed the Lengthsman had carried out considerable work to footpaths in the village.

Cllr Dumper suggested the lengthsman might clear brambles and hedges that are encroaching on the childrens play area. Cllr James agreed to review the area with the lengthsman but felt it was more than a one man job. Cllrs Elliott and Dumper both agreed to assist with any work party to clear the area and also review large conifer trees present which may need to be reduced.

Allotments & Centenary Garden

14) Cllr Ballie confirmed he had spoken to all allotment holders about rent increases which were agreed by Parish Council as the costs to water rates, grass cutting, hedge cutting and weed prevention matting have all increased but rents for allotment plots have not. He has asked all tenants to pay the rents due, where possible, by bank transfer. The Clerk will monitor rents received.

He also confirmed he is organizing a work party to prune trees in the centenary garden.

Hedge cutting and grass maintenance contract

15) Cllr Elliot reported on the quotes he has received regarding cutting hedges around the village. Three quotes had been received and all were discussed. The quote considered best value was from a local contractor and all agreed that Cllr Elliott should now approach him and ask him to carry out the work.

He also reported on the work carried out to obtain quotes for grass cutting in the parish. He had received one quote and was awaiting another from a local contractor. The Clerk will ask the contractor used last season to provide a quote for the forth coming season.

Finance

16) Balances in the bank accounts were noted as: -

31/12/2021: -

TSB Charity account £157494.29

TSB Business Instant £71880.75

United Trust £30,000

Payments Resolved: that the following payments be approved, online transactions approved or cheques signed:

H Bournier sal	£420.09
H Bournier exp	£18.00
HMRC	£79.80
George Galea	£170.00
George Galea	£340.00
Barker & Geary	£162.78

Retrospective

Carol Davenport	£51.00
George Galea	£170.00

Items to carry forward

17)

1. Climate change community initiative
2. Moving recycling bins from Village Hall
3. Wildflower turf
4. New equipment at skate park

18) Correspondence

None other than that already discussed.

New items for next meeting

19) None at present.

Any Other Business

20) Cllr James reported that although Cllr Jenkins is isolating he is very happy to carry out any tasks he can from home. All Councillors agreed to consider contact him with any issues they felt he could help with.

Cllr James reported he had received comments from members of the public suggesting Parish Council matters need to be more widely published. It was agreed draft minutes can be circulated on the Broughton Village email.

Cllr Bailie confirmed he will be resigning as a Parish Councillor due to private commitments. The Clerk will arrange for the necessary notice to be published advertising the vacancy.

Date of next meeting

21) **7.30 pm on Tuesday February 1st 2022**

Appendix 1- Report from HCC David Drew

Apply now for grants to run February half term holiday activity and food programmes across Hampshire in February 2022

Community and voluntary organisations that can support struggling families by providing healthy food and activities for children and young people outside of school times, are invited to apply for funding to deliver holiday activity and food schemes, during February 2022's half term.

Hampshire's connect4communities programme is using Department for Work and Pensions Household Support funding to provide activities and food, for school age children and young people over the spring half term. The grant is in addition to previous funding from the Department for Education which has fed and entertained those children who are eligible for free school meals during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays in 2021.

Across Hampshire, there are over 29,000 children and young people who are eligible for free school meals who can take part in fun and healthy activities, local to them and held within a safe, warm environment.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211230haffeb>

Hampshire Trading Standards issues checklist to spot unsafe toys

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is reminding parents and carers to follow a toy safety checklist to help children to stay safe this Christmas.

"Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards team works closely with our Scientific Service unit to regularly assess whether consumer items meet legal safety standards. The most common 'fails' include copycat toys that mimic popular brand-name products, or items that could be a choking or strangulation threat to a small child. This includes flat or button batteries and strong magnets, which if swallowed can be fatal."

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20212312xmastoyscheck>

Staying safe and well – top tips to support the elderly and vulnerable

Hampshire County Council is asking anyone supporting an older or vulnerable person – be they family, friend or someone in their community - to ensure they are well prepared for the festive season, by taking a few simple steps to help keep them safe and well.

"Being prepared during the cold season is especially important for the elderly and vulnerable and is even more so this Christmas with the increase in COVID cases and concerns over the prevalence of the Omicron variant. Knowing what support is available in advance can make all the difference if you need to step in to support someone."

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211221HelpVulnAdultsPrepWtr>

New free weight loss programme aims to help Hampshire shape up for life

A new 12-week weight management programme has been funded by Hampshire County Council for residents who want to achieve a healthier weight.

Offering free professional support either in-person, through regular online meetings or via a mobile app, Shapeup4life Hampshire is available to anyone with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or above* and combines exercise and food choices to make positive lifestyle changes rather than a prescriptive diet. The new service forms a key part of the Hampshire Healthy Weight Strategy 2022 to 2026, which aims to change current trends in the prevalence of excess weight and obesity. The strategy was endorsed by the County Council's Health and Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 9 December.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211210-weight-plan>

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