

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th APRIL 2023

Present: Cllr E James (Chairman), Cllr J Hodgson (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Elliott (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Mann, Cllr R Robson, Cllr J Dumper, Cllr K McAllister, Cllr P Boulton & Cllr J Morrison.

In attendance: Heather Bourner-Clerk

HCC David Drew

TVBC A Johnson

0 Members of public

Apologies for Absence

1) No apologies for absence had been received.

Public Participation

2) There were no members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest. All Cllrs present confirmed no amendments were required to register of interest documents.

Planning

4) **The following decisions by TVBC were noted:** None

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

23/00695/FULLS- demolish cottage & house and erect new dwelling, Drove House, Rookery Lane-no objection

23/00658/VARS- variation of conditions demolish old and build two new dwellings, Bayards, South Road-withdrawn

23/00762/FULLS-demolish conservatory and erect single storey extension, Rockery House, Queenwood Road-no objection

23/00811/CLES, Certificate of lawful development-Copper Leaves, Rookery Lane-no objection

23/00516/FULLS-amended plan, change of use agricultural to residential garden, land at The Barn House, High Street- objection still stands

5) County and Borough Councilors' Report

HCC David Drew had provided a full report which can be seen at appendix 1. He also reported that he will be visiting the village with an officer from HCC Highways to review all the highlighted flooding and highways issues. Cllr James will attend and ensure all those areas about which the Parish Council have concerns are reviewed.

TVBC Cllr Johnston reported that TVBC are hopeful they will secure funds to support Rural Business. She reminded those present of the need for voter ID when voting in person at the next elections. Cllr James will post a notice in the village shop.

Minutes

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

Sports Field Update

7) Cllr Elliot confirmed a further CIL bid had now been submitted to TVBC to help with funding of the proposed new building. The Clerk asked for a progress report on the outstanding ecology assessment. This had been commissioned but was delayed due to staff illness. The report will be sent to The Clerk as soon as it is available for onward transmission to TVBC to support the planning application.

Electric car charging point at the Village Hall

8) Cllr Keane reported he will be meeting with a team regarding the installation of the equipment soon.

Neighbourhood Plan

9) Cllr Mann had no progress to report.

BERG

10) Cllr Morrison confirmed he had purchased a dedicated telephone number for use in emergencies which could be diverted to any land or mobile number required. Cllr Keane confirmed the generator to be purchased from the SEN grant had now arrived. Costs for annual maintenance were discussed. It was agreed the Parish Council would pay this annual charge. The Village Hall management group and the Village shop will be asked to make a donation towards these costs as both will benefit from the generator if deployed. A further invoice for installation will follow.

School Lane Completion work

11) Cllr Boulton confirmed he still awaited a breakdown of the revised financial figures offered for the completion of the MUGA. The solicitor has confirmed he has contacted Linden homes but awaits a reply.

Clerks Report

12) The Clerk reported as follows: -

Parish Council elections nomination papers were delivered to TVBC on the 29th March.

The application for a Councillor grant to help with the costs of installing a disabled ramp at the Village Hall has been agreed. £470 has been granted toward this project.

Street light maintenance costs have increased from £36.70 per unit per annum to £39.07. Revised costs for units of electricity are awaited.

Invitations to the Parish Meeting have been sent.

Footpaths & Grass Maintenance.

13) Cllr Elliott had nothing to report.

Finance

14) Balances in the bank accounts at 31/03/2023 were noted as: -

TSB Charity account £248666.24

TSB Business Instant £72342.48

United Trust £30,285.00

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

H Bournier sal £554.67

H Bournier exp £18.68

HMRC £138.66

DQM Ltd £16232.40

Broughton Village Hall £462.00

DQM Ltd £514.18

Accounts and audit return year ended 31st March 2023

Accounts for the year ended 31st March were discussed and agreed. The Audit return was reviewed. Section 1 was reviewed and agreed followed by section 2 which was also reviewed and agreed, both were signed by the Chairman. The internal audit will take place on 18th May.

Items to carry forward

17) S106 footpath improvements

19) Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed she had received:

An email regarding a memorial bench at the children's play area.

An email regarding parking issues in Dixons Lane
An email regarding a potential planning application
Brochure regarding speed awareness signs.

New items for next meeting

20)

Community news

21)

Date of next meeting

22) 7.30 pm on Tuesday May 11th (AGM following election)

Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 13th April, 7.30 pm at Broughton Village Hall

Appendix 1

County Council welcomes additional money from Government for pothole repairs

Hampshire County Council has welcomed additional funding for pothole repairs confirmed in the Government's Spring Budget on Wednesday 15 March. The Chancellor announced a further £200m for the national Pothole Fund to help local communities to tackle this issue with £5,954,400 confirmed for Hampshire.

Over the winter period, HCC have drafted in extra resources to repair more road defects following a dramatic and sustained increase in reported issues. In total over the last three months, we have repaired 16,748 potholes and other road defects.

The Government's extra funding announcement recognises the significant challenges facing highway authorities across the country and goes some way to help us to bridge the financial gap that we face in managing 5,000 miles of road in Hampshire.

In addition to the annual funding received from the Department for Transport for highway maintenance, the County Council invests an additional £10m each year into proactive structural maintenance through our established Operation Resilience programme, designed to make roads and footways more resilient to the impacts of weather extremes and heavy use, along with an additional £7m each year for day-to-day maintenance.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/17032023AdditionalFundingPotholes>

Community grants made from the Household Support Fund in Hampshire

A clothing bank in Andover, a community farm in the New Forest and a church near Fleet are among the latest recipients of community grants from Hampshire County Council's connect4communities programme, funded by the Government's Household Support Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/supportforfamilies>

In total, we have approved grants of more than £750,000 in the last six months to local groups, schools and community pantries, who are able to reach those most in need and make a positive difference."

The connect4communities website also includes details of schools and community pantries which have received grants from the Household Support Fund, as well as holiday activity and food clubs for school children (funded by the Department for Education).

The County Council encourages any residents who may be struggling during these difficult times to reach out to their local community groups and charities for support.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230317hsfgrants>

Hampshire County Youth Band to celebrate 60 years of music on a high note

The Hampshire County Youth Band will be taking over The Anvil in Basingstoke for an exciting two-day line-up of performances on 15 and 16 April to celebrate six decades of musical performance and education in Hampshire

The Hampshire Youth Band is part of a network of 60 groups run by the County Council's Hampshire Music Service and brings together over 100 talented young musicians from across Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/16032023HampshireYouthBand60Anniversary>



Hampshire Youth Band

Spring into the Easter break with fun, food and friendship for Hampshire's vulnerable families

Hampshire County Council is funding holiday schemes for eligible children at 132 venues over the Easter break, as part of its Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

Using the funding provided by the Department for Education, the County Council – with the support of national and local organisations – has commissioned a programme of activities and healthy meals during the school holidays, primarily for children who receive income-based free school meals during term time.

The upcoming Easter itinerary follows a successful Christmas programme, which provided holiday clubs across 125 sites with 5,637 children accessing 18,500 sessions.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230313-HAF-easter>

Keeping up momentum - County Council finances top the agenda in ministerial meeting

The severe financial crisis facing county councils nationally in the next few years has topped the agenda of a key meeting at Hampshire County Council with Minister for Local Government, Lee Rowley MP. At the meeting held on 16 March, Hampshire Leader, Councillor Rob Humby restated the mounting pressures facing upper tier authorities across the country and highlighted the unprecedented challenges faced by Hampshire County Council in future years – with a forecast budget shortfall of £132million by April 2025.

High praise for Hampshire's social workers following Ofsted visit

Hampshire County Council's child and family social workers are 'knowledgeable, confident and child-centred' and ensure that children have a 'meaningful voice' in decisions about their care.

This is one of many positive findings highlighted by Ofsted, following a focused visit to Hampshire Children's Services. Local Authorities are required to undergo Ofsted inspections every three years, with a focused visit or Joint Targeted Area Inspection in the intervening two years. A visit was most recently undertaken to Hampshire Children's Services on 31 January and 1 February 2023, focusing specifically on children in care.

Cllr [David Drew](#)

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