

Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2018.

Present : Cllr C Thornton (CT) (in the Chair), Cllrs M George (MG), J Salmon (JS), K Salmon (KS), P Dunning (PD), D Rowe (DR) and P Orrock (PO). Cty Cllr M Overton was in attendance for part of the meeting. There were 14 members of the public.

18/71: Declarations of interest : DR in agenda item 9.

18/72: Public question time. CT advised that the affordable housing is included in the number of properties allocated for planning purposes and said that if applications exceed the allocated number then any applicant developer has to show the support of the Parish when submitting an application. A question was raised as to when the new litter bins are to be purchased (this was agreed in July 2017) as she felt this should take priority over any entrance gates. She also asked where funds were coming from to purchase any gates and was advised that as yet, the PC had not decided to go ahead; Highways has to agree siting.

The PC was asked whether we had had any communication from Chris Clay since September and the Clerk advised that since she had taken up the post of Clerk in October, she had not received anything. Footpaths are the responsibility of NKDC and LCC.

Representatives of the PCC, Playing Field Assn and Village Hall spoke about their grant requests.

Finally a resident pointed out that he had not received the draft Minutes by e-mail although he was getting the Agenda. The Clerk said she was waiting for confirmation that the PC allowed draft Minutes to be circulated and it was so confirmed.

Cllr Overton advised that potholes should be improving and that she is pushing for re-surfacing. Potholes should be repaired within 28 days of reporting them. The Government has put £420 million into the budget of which LCC gets £13.7 million, for highways. LCC is also getting its share of allocated funding for Adult Social Care. Rendering sites at Skellingthorpe and Norton Disney were recommended for refusal and finally, disappointingly, the Chief Executive has already gone.

18/73: Footpath 13. A lot of discussion took place between the public and Council on this matter. There is a new application in which relates only to the path between points A and B on the supporting plan. The public have walked this path without a problem and the location is accepted. MG proposed that the PC support the application and DR seconded – there was one Councillor against the proposal.

18/74: Apologies – Cllrs Howe and Woodman.

18/75: Minutes of meeting on 16th October were read and approved and MG proposed that they be signed, seconded by JS and resolved unanimously – CT then signed.

18/76: GDPR policy – PO stated that the generic emails are in place and central storage will be set up. It was agreed that once the new laptop has been set up, the old one will have all

the data removed and be given to PCWorld for recycling (Prop KS and Seconded MG - all agreed). Clerk to deal with GDPR policies required.

18/77: Highways - it was agreed unanimously that the amount offered by LCC for us to arrange cutting of the verges was far too minimal and so we will not take up the Scheme. Traffic calming sign and re-marking of parking areas still outstanding.

18/78: Village entrance gates – The total cost for 4 sets of gates made of recycled plastic is £4,099.28 and a grant of £600 has been offered by reVOLT. £7,000 has been set aside for traffic calming. PD proposed and JS seconded that we get 2 sets of gates for Stragglethorpe – unanimously agreed and MG will arrange to meet with Highways regarding positioning. Highways have still to produce the SID at the playing field.

18/79: Assets and liabilities no movement here as sign sizes and colours are required. JS and PD will walk the villages. The apple tree in the Rectory field needs felling.

18/80: Planning – 18/1124 – variation of condition 14 for single storey extension at land adjacent to Stone Cottage, 18 High Street, BB – approved.

JS gave Councillors a briefing on the proposed crematorium central to Aubourn, Thurlby and Witham St Hughes. A peaceful rural site of about 12.5 acres but residents do not want it there due to traffic implications, although Highways have no issues. As the overall view of the local public to the siting was against the proposal, BB&S PC would maintain a neutral stance.

18/81 – APM – Clerk to advise those that have requested a grant that they must attend this meeting as part of the Grant Application process. JS will do letters to businesses. Fire engine should be in attendance. Suggestion that we provide cheese and wine.

18/82 – Finance:

Grant allocations were considered and it was agreed that we cannot support the supply of T-shirts to the primary school for the DARE scheme. The Pre-school has cancelled its application. The Clerk had produced an actual/projected/budget proposal and CT proposed and PO seconded that we accept the grants and precept – agreed unanimously.

Clerk advised that the Unity Bank Mandate should be finalised by the end of this week and we can then start internet banking. CT advised that whoever signs/authorises payments by BACS should not sign the reconciliation presented at each meeting – all agreed.

Clerk had presented a bank reconciliation with supporting actual-v- expenditure -v- budget spreadsheet – resolved to sign same. Bank balance at 31.10.18 was £24,585.13.

MG proposed and JS seconded that payments of £2,059.96 for salaries, £465 to Peter Barnett, £380 to PFA for grass cutting and £300 for the final litter pick payment be approved – agreed unanimously.

18/83 – Next meeting 22.1.19.

Closed session then followed.

Meeting closed 10.10 pm