

Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held virtually with Zoom on Thursday 23rd July at 7.30 pm – this was in accordance with COVID-19 Regulations.

Present: Cllr M George (MG) (in the Chair), Cllrs K. Cain (KC), P. Dunning (PD), J. Salmon (JS), K. Salmon (KS), and P Thornburn (PT). There were 2 members of the public present.

MG welcomed all present and advised that as we are time limited by Zoom we would need to get through items as quickly as possible.

20/3: Declarations of interest: There were none.

20/4: Public time: An email had been received from a parishioner asking why planning applications were not on the website. Applications that could be contentious would be put on the website but day to day ones (such as tree applications and extensions to properties) would not – all applications are available on the NK website. The planning quota has not yet been addressed by NK – everything is delayed due to the COVID-19 problems but they do currently stand as two more than our requirement.

20/5: Apologies –Dist Cllrs Spray and Green, and Cllr S Swain. Cty Cllr Marianne Overton had said she would attend the meeting but did not sign in.

20/6: Minutes of the meetings held on 5th March 2020 and 28th May 2020 had been read and approved, and it was resolved that they be signed.

20/7: Highways –there was no update to any of the outstanding matters but Cllr Overton is due to meet with Highways representatives on 2nd August; she has our list of concerns.

20/8: Parish/Rectory field: The gates on land adjacent to Rectory Field are now in place. PT said that the gates are frequently left open and it was resolved that he will get appropriate signage for the gates (4 signs) and put them on each side of both gates.

With regard to the manhole in the corner of the Field, Anglian Water had attended site and put a camera down the hole. There is an old, disused septic tank down there with a little water sat in the bottom. It probably belonged to the school or the residences that were the school, prior to mains drainage/sewage being installed (whenever that was). It is not therefore the responsibility of Anglian Water or the PC.

20/9: Insurance: Insurance renewal request had been reviewed and renewed.

20/10: Planning -

20/0024 – tree works at Church – approved.

20/0191 – Spring Cottage – variation of plans – approved.

20/0241 – tree works at 55 High Street – approved.

20/0242 – tree works at Broughton House College – approved.

20/0253 – 18 High Street, BB – outbuilding and car port – approved.

20/0304 – tree works at 4 Meeting House Lane – approved.

20/0396 – tree works at Broughton House College – approved.

20/0522 – tree works at 21 Church Walk – approved.

20/0524 – tree works at 26/28 High Street – approved.

A new application has just been received reference 20/0846 and relates to full planning for the replacement of what was an agricultural dwelling.

20/11: Adoption of Phone Box: It was unanimously agreed that we should adopt the phone box. As it is a Listed Building we need to get the consent of NK and we need a Heritage Statement as part of that application - Clerk to look into this. Consultation with the Parishioners needs to take place as to the preferred use of the Phone box once we have adopted it and it was resolved that a flyer will be drawn up by the Chair and this would go on to Facebook, our noticeboards, into the shop, and be circulated on the e-mail list. This consultation flyer will also ask for ideas for spending the Community Levy of £911.25 and remind people of the grant applications available later in the year.

20/12: Procedural documents: Councillors and Clerk had reviewed all documents and agreed that no amendments were required other than to remove the Chair from any headings (Clerk to address this and update website thereafter). At this point the Clerk advised that a new website has been created by LCC and she is finding it very testing to get to grips with the new site. The old sites are to be closed at the end of December so she is working hard on getting things transferred over but it is very time consuming. With regard to the proposed Model Code of Conduct, Councillors had no comments.

20/13: Finance: Bank balance at 30.6.20 £25,798.87. It was resolved to sign the income/expenditure/budget reconciliations for April, May and June.

Payments since last meeting:

Salaries £1238.64; Bank chg £18; ICO sub £35; Insurance £254.79; Gates £850.99; Legal fees £395.16; Grass cutting £500; Admin £108.26.

Grants: Brownies £314.85; PFA £2667.41; PCC £1231.

Community Infrastructure Levy received £911.25.

Requests had been made by LIVES and Marie Curie for donations but it was resolved that no donations will be made.

20/14: Next meeting – 10th September 2020. Will not know till nearer the time whether this will be a face to face meeting, or virtual. Clerk had requested that the meeting scheduled for 3rd December be brought forward to 26th November and this was agreed.

It was resolved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters of a private nature. Clerk removed public participants from the Zoom meeting.

Meeting closed 8.10 pm.