

## **Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, West Street, Brant Broughton on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr M George (MG) (in the Chair), P. Dunning (PD), J. Salmon (JS), K. Salmon (KS), and P. Thornburn (PT) also Dist Cllr R Eckert and Cty Cllr M Overton. There was one member of the public present.

**21/34: Declarations of interest:** There were none.

**21/35: Public time:** The member of the public was there to answer any questions regarding planning reference 0880 and was asked a question which was answered favourably. **Cllr Eckert** said that he was attending to introduce himself and listen, and would help if needed. **Cllr Overton** has been re-appointed to the LGA. The re-surfacing of West Street is still not on the schedule of works. Church Walk potholes must be reported again. She urged us to respond to the Local Plan as it is essential to get the rules right – housing sites allocation is of particular relevance. **Clerk** then gave an update on the grass-cutting of the playing field.

**21/36: Apologies** – Cllrs Cain and Swain, and Dist Cllr M Green.

**21/37: Minutes** of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> May had been read and a slight amendment was made to the regular meeting minutes. They were then approved, and it was unanimously resolved that they be signed.

**21/38: Highways** –see 21/35.

**21/39: Rectory Field** – PT has not yet sorted the gate but has this in hand. Bedding plants have been put in by the school, and wild flowers have been planted.

**21/40: Trees** – Clerk had spoken with Pearson Nursery and been advised that new costings would not be available until end October. However, based on last years prices, 3 larger cherry trees and 1 smaller would be about £100. Diarise for end October.

**21/41: Phone Box:** has all been cleaned and 3 coats of primer put on. Top coat should go on next week. Glass is being cleaned ready for putting back. Clerk to find out a lead time for installation of the defibrillator, from CHT.

**21/42: Bus shelter:** agreed that the paint type and colour put forward is acceptable – cost £72 approved.

**21/43: School project:** Both planters are at the village hall but these will be moved to the school in due course. MG will contact the school about watering them through the school holidays. The benches have been treated.

**21/44: Planning:** 21/0476 – annexe at 5 Lincoln Road, BB – approved.

**21/0867** – tree works at 120 High Street – approved.

**21/0880** – alterations and new garage/stables at 106A High Street – some discussion took place and it was resolved that the PC has no objections.

**21/1003** – tree works at 32 High Street -no objections.

**21/45: Christmas tree:** it was agreed that we will again purchase a Christmas tree from Doddington Hall this year. It needs to be delivered on the last weekend of November as the lighting ceremony will be on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**21/46: Queens Platinum Jubilee (QPJ) :** (villager's email was noted). It was agreed that the PC will write to all organisations in the village to ask them to appoint someone to come on a QPJ committee for the purpose of agreeing and organising events for this celebration. Clerk to ask Cllr Swain if he will represent the PC. We have £400 in hand at present. Clerk to get a date from the VH for week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**21/47: Finance:** Resolved to sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure sheets at 31.5.21 and 30.6.21. The bank balance at 30.6. 21 is £31,009.56.

**Payments since last meeting:** Salaries and expenses £1,081.63. Grass-cutting £570; Insurance renewal £260.09; phone box refurbishing tools £51.35; ICO sub £35; Grants – PFA £1,401.34.

Clerk had had 4 hours training on the new website by a private individual and in addition, he had re-organised the website. Resolved to make a donation to his chosen charity (Guide Dogs for the Blind) of £50 under S137 of the LGA.

Noted that we are being charged hall hire of £15 per session – agreed that this was acceptable.

Agreed that request for organisations to do the litter pick should be advertised in August.

**21/48:** It was agreed that our grass-cutter should be asked to add maintenance of the strip of land between the church car park and the house boundary, to his list of work for the PC.

**21/49: Next meeting** – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.