

Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held by Zoom on Thursday 22nd October at 7.30 pm.

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); also Cty Cllr M Overton, Dist Cllrs M Green and C Spray. There were 2 members of the public present and a representative of the Village Hall Committee (VHC).

MG welcomed all present and explained that she would not be taking any comments from visitors once the items on the Agenda had commenced, after the public forum.

20/28: Declarations of interest: There were none.

20/29: Public time: Cllr Green reported that NKDC has a new Chairperson. The draft Tree Strategy has been released for consultation (we had notification today). Both our defibrillators are registered with EMAS – she will check where the second one is as we are only aware of the one at the Fire Station. NHS are looking for volunteer responders.

Cllr Overton advised that she has been in touch with Senior Officers regarding the problems outside Spring Cottage and she has also reported it again on Fix My Street. We are in the second wave of Covid and in the medium (lowest) tier – enforcement is expected to be made.

Village Hall - advised that Mr Major is no longer treasurer. The price for the new heating scheme is as quoted and the VH does have funds to pay for it. Agreed that the completed planning application should be sent to the Clerk for signature and that the VH will send the cost by BACs – Clerk to advise of our bank details and of her address.

Member of the public – wanted an update on FP13. Chair explained that there are still concerns over the route of the path and further clarity is required; there are also mapping issues. The agenda item will not be discussed tonight.

There had been some questions from another member of the public by email but all his questions would be dealt with within the Agenda items.

20/30: Apologies – Cllr S Swain.

20/31: Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September had been read and approved, and it was resolved that they be signed.

20/32: Highways – It is imperative that the pavement outside Spring Cottage (121 High Street) and Broughton College on the High Street are dealt with immediately and Cllr Overton will chase this. Some of the potholes have been repaired but not all and not to a very good standard. The stopping up of Green Lane, Stragglethorpe is still in abeyance as the Court hearing has been postponed again.

20/33: FP 13 – deferred pending more information.

20/34: Planning -

20/1003 – double car port at 5 High Street – approved.

20/1086 – extension at New Grange, Sleaford Road – approved.

20/1127 – vehicular access and new gates at The Bothy – pending consideration.

20/1185 – erection of front porch and dormer extensions at 14 Church Lane – pending consideration.

20/1286 and 1359 – tree works at The Heritage Rooms – pending consideration.

20/1330 and 1352 – tree works at 106 High Street – pending consideration.

9 West Street – a new application is to be submitted for one dwelling, Public consultation is underway by the applicant's architect.

20/35: Adoption of Phone Box: Pre-application advice fee has been refunded and the Conservation Officer has said to put in the Listed Building Consent application as he sees no problem with it – there is no fee for this. Clerk has submitted application and is awaiting approval. BT has confirmed they are ready to sell to us and has provided the Agreement. Once LBC is given the Clerk will sign and return the Agreement. The Chair will contact the Newark firm for a quote for refurbishment. The CIL may be used for the cost. Check to be made as to when the CIL has to be used by – *within 5 years of its receipt*.

20/36: Litter pick – We have had 3 applications – one from a member of the public and two from organisations. Agreed Clerk should write to the member of the public and ask for more information before we can consider her request. Resolved that the PFA should carry out this autumn's Pick and the Pre-School the Spring one – Clerk to advise.

20/37: Grants – Chair, Finance Officer and Clerk have met but need a little more information before finalising the grants to be given. This will be reported to the Councillors once finalised and discussed at the next meeting in readiness for the Precept. Clerk gave information on the figures of the PFA's grant for the existing year and it was resolved that the sum of £1,364.02 can be re-appropriated for their new flooring on the proviso that it must be drawn down before 31.3.21. Prop JS; Seconded PD – unanimous.

20/38: Christmas tree – there is no tree available free of charge. Clerk to find a cost for a 16' tree to be delivered – suggest Hill Holt Wood and Grays. The date for putting up the tree is 5.12.20 – whether there will be activities will depend on the Covid pandemic situation. JS, PD and a member of the public will put up the tree and decorate it.

20/39: Finance: Bank balance at 30.9.20 £22,016.13. It was resolved unanimously to sign the income/expenditure/budget reconciliations for September.

Payments since last meeting:

Salaries and expenses £656.99; Planning £75 (*to be refunded*); Training £27; Bank charge £18; PFA grant £470; Litter pick £300; PCC donation £1500.

20/40: Next meeting – 26th November 2020. Will more than likely be a virtual meeting,

Meeting closed 8.15 pm.