

Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe Parish Council

Notes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019.

Present: Cllr C Thornton (CT) (in the Chair), Cllrs P. Dunning (PD), M. George (MG), P. Orrock (PO), D. Rowe (DR), J. Salmon (JS), and K Salmon (KS). Dist. Cllr Woodman. Cty Cllr M Overton arrived at 9 pm. There were 4 members of the public.

18/99: Declarations of interest: DR in agenda item 11.

18/100: Public question time. A member of the public asked what the drainage works are on High Street and was advised that it is possibly work to do with previous flooding.

Cllr Woodman said that there is a PC briefing on 12.3.19 at 6 pm for clerks, and new or existing councillors at NK. NK is an area where they are trialling a polling ID requirement so photographic ID will be required when voting in May. The increase in Council Tax will be £5 per month for a Band D property. The NK Plan for 2019-2021 is a 10-year vision. The next Cluster meeting is at Witham St Hughes on 15th April.

18/101: Apologies – Dist Cllr Howe.

18/102: Minutes of meeting on 22nd January had been read and were approved and KS proposed that they be signed, seconded by JS and resolved unanimously – CT then signed.

18/103: GDPR policy and Standing Orders – GDPR policy deferred to April meeting. Standing Orders adopted as slightly amended – Prop MG : 2nd JS – 6 agreed and 1 abstention. Code of Conduct to mirror changes.

18/104: Highways – Closure of High Street at A17 is in place and lasts for 3 weeks to end March.

18/105: Footpath 13 - Diversion Order has been issued and any comments must be made by 11th March.

18/106: SID – A new SID will be purchased for the Lincoln end of BB. LRSP/Highways are suggesting a different lamp post to the one proposed. The suggestion is that we have a 4-week trial period with a temporary SID to make sure there are no problems for neighbouring properties. This was agreed. Likely cost is £3,000 + VAT. A suggestion had been made that the SID at the south end of BB be moved nearer to St Helens Close but it was agreed that this should not be done. Prop MG ; 2nd PD – all agreed.

18/107: Village entrance gates – the gates to be installed have been agreed; the problem is finding an accredited contractor to install them – MG.

18/108: - Tree inspection – agreed that Jason Hartwood should be sent the survey results and then quote for necessary works. PD

18/109: Assets and liabilities: JS had presented a price comparison schedule. Glasdon offered the best price with litter bins at £107.26 and dog waste bins at £86.52. Prop PD and 2nd KS agreed unanimously that 3 Topsy 2000 bins be purchased and 1 Fido 25. No fixing posts are required. Mr Barnett to be asked to install where necessary. Clerk to enquire whether there are stickers available for litter bins, stating that they can be used for dog waste.

Mr Barnett has stated that he will assist the PC where he can.

Bus shelter window clean will be £70 for a one-off clean. Prop KS ; 2nd PD – agreed unanimously that this should be carried out – JS.

KS has put wedges in at the gate into Rectory Field so that the post is no longer wobbly and the gate now closes properly. The posts are rotten and will need replacing in about a year's time.

Signage of Church footpaths will be deferred to next meeting. PD

The post of the Millennium sign is completely rotten. A new oak post is required at 15 feet in length and 6" x 6" – PD will get three quotes. Mr Hollingworth will assist with installation.

18/110: Planning – 18/1502 Footpath 13 – pending consideration; 18/1618 – approved; 19/0066 tree works – pending consideration; 19/0138 – tree works at 101 High Street BB – withdrawn; 19/0167 – hedge removal at Handley Farm House – pending consideration; 19/0125 – single storey extension at East Barn Holmes Farm – PC has no objections; 19/0227 – fell Hornbeams at 35 High Street BB – PC has no objections.

18/111 – Revision to CLLP Policy LP2/4 – PC has exceeded its allowance for new build and therefore any new build applications will now have to be agreed by neighbours and the PC – if we don't agree with the application we can oppose it -with good reasons. Any applications have to demonstrate clear local community support.

18/112 – Next Cluster meeting is on 15th April and JS will attend with MG. CT proposed that this PC offers to pay £50 per annum towards secretarial facilities for cluster meetings with the proviso that all other PCs within the cluster do the same. 2nd JS and unanimously agreed.

18/113 – APM – MG to ask Mr Clark if he will give a short presentation regarding the Forest School movement. CT will be away. PD will do tea and coffee.

Cllr Overton – Centralisation of health services means more travelling. Skellingthorpe surgery is to close. Highways received £13.7 million extra this year. The Clays and Mill Lane, BB need urgent attention for repairs. Highways are responsible from hedge to hedge and this includes road edge repairs (called haunching). March 22nd is the start of clean up month - we already do two litter picks. There are plans to close a number of Heritage venues. There is a visit to Beeswax Farm on 20th March – advise MO is you wish to attend.

18/114 – Finance:

Bank balance at 31.1.19 = £21,237.08. Resolved unanimously to sign bank reconciliation. Payments since last meeting and to date: Salary and expenses £710.20. LRSP £40; Bank charge £18; NK tree survey £89.10; PFA £150 pay area inspection; Primary School grant £150.

18/115 – Next meeting 10.4.19 at 6 pm (APM). Regular meeting 30th April.

Meeting closed 9.34 pm