

# **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

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## **Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)  
Cllr R. Shrive  
Cllr B Davies  
Cllr. H. Bull  
Cllr C. Taylor  
Cllr M. Gray  
Cllr M. Rose

### **Ward Councillors present:**

None were present

### **196/24. Apologies.**

None were received

### **197/24. Declarations of Interest.**

No declarations were declared

### **198/24. Minutes to be resolved.**

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

### **199/24. Public right to speak.**

Two residents attended to ask for an update on the current enforcement situation on the fence that has been erected at 58 Glebe Avenue without planning permission.

The clerk advised that she had emailed Lorcan Lynch on the 18<sup>th</sup> March for an update and is still awaiting a reply.

The residents have tried to get an update themselves but have not been answered so were advised to make a formal complaint via an online form.

[https://forms.northnorthants.gov.uk/service/Have\\_your\\_say\\_about\\_North\\_Northamptonshire\\_Council](https://forms.northnorthants.gov.uk/service/Have_your_say_about_North_Northamptonshire_Council)

**Action: Clerk to copy in David Brackenbury and Kerry Purnell/Strategic Town & Parish into the chase up email.**

A resident spoke about the ivy growing over the stone wall in the High Street.

**Action: Cllr Shrive to report through FixmyStreet.**

One of the residents offered the Rotary Clubs help if needed to restore the conservation area and clear the ivy if needed.

#### **200/24. Reports from NNC Councillors - Empowerment fund.**

The application form for the Empowerment fund was signed by Cllr Scouse and submitted back to Cllr O'Hara

#### **201/24. Report from clerk & correspondence**

##### **Clerk Report**

The Clerk contacted NNC to ask them if the tree outside the bungalows is safe and if they have any plans to remove it in the near future. The lights are still attached so will also need removing. **Ongoing**

Action has been scheduled to fix the marker sign on A43 after an accident.

Cllr Bull advised she had been in touch with Fran Osborne who confirmed that the walking group had nothing to do with the Defibrillator which was situated at the Co-Op. Resident will ask the Rotary club if they could help.

The clerk received Notice of Hearing for the application for a Variation to a Premises Licence at Morrison's Daily, 19 High Street, Broughton NN14 1NF which will take place at 10:30am Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at North Northamptonshire Council Offices, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 1BP.

It was noted that the shop is already operating outside the current licence.

Cllr Scouse and the clerk will attend the hearing.

##### **March 2025 correspondence**

- Update from the leader 21/02/2025, 07/03/2025
- Members Planning Training - The Role of the Local Flood Authority Team
- RSN Rural Funding Digest - March 2025 Edition
- Kettering East LAP Meeting 13 March 2025
- Northants ACRE February update
- Village Halls Week- Networking events, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March
- PLR Update - March 2025
- Publication of the North Northamptonshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- CPRE - UK Government's petition on large solar scheme

#### **202/24. Reports from external meetings**

Strategic Town & Parish Forum - 17th March 25

Attendees from Broughton Parish Council : Hilary Bull, Martin Rose, Robin Shrive

Unfortunately there was no Police attendee, apologies had been received. We then had a brief update on the Big 50 Strategy which just shared again an overview of the project and

announced that they had now elected a Board with parish representation appointed (arbitrarily!) to NCALC.

Two further updates were presented:

- ACRE - this was a generic presentation
- NNC Customer experience work that has been ongoing.

It is difficult for NNC to share progress here as not everything that was going on was visible but they are trying to align the various systems across all four legacy bases so that going forward whoever you contact or visit, you should be able to have a unique experience e.g. you could go and pay your Kettering tenancy or council tax in Corby.

The biggest debate was why NNC were not extending the member portal to smaller towns and parishes when there is the capacity to do so.

David Howes was with the room and robust in his challenge as Chair on this point as everyone is having the same poor or non-existent experience. It is something that they will be able to do as the system is cloud based so no capacity issue, it is more a resource issue their end for the time being.

In the meantime, parishes are being urged to use the Strategic Town & Parish email address for any issue or query we have for NNC. We should do this on every occasion so that they are clear on the issues as it was evident from their side that the Head of Customer Service doesn't have any knowledge on all of our woes from our perspective of it being a poor service. Transparency of their information sharing reflecting unnecessary poor customer service was also called in to question by Cllr Shrive especially for the recent budget papers.

Kerry Purnell then went on to brief the forum of the desire to deliver a strategy for devolved or a transfer of service in a managed and sustainable way - it is the directive of the Chief Executive that she is being tasked with this project but the emphasis is for it to happen. Kerry is trying to establish what is in scope or out and will work with everyone to find the best solutions but that nothing will be transferred unless it is wished for.

Cllr Bull challenged this with the mandatory devolvement of election costs that came in 18 months ago and then shared our playground equipment and service level agreements situation which prompted a substantial debate across the varied parishes of different experiences and concerns e.g. Mawsley have had equipment taken out by NNC because they wouldn't and didn't have an SLA with them and Rothwell have just submitted a funding bid to Mick George, approved by Dave Lane in which they have agreed that maintenance will be NNC.

Kettering Town Council have confirmed that they do not pay for any play equipment so a Service Level Agreement is a real mess. Kerry announced that some meetings are being organised with the larger towns regarding devolvement and is happy to share outcomes and have some parish representation but understandably is unable to invite all.

The first meeting has been issued to some and is on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Items for future meetings put forward by Broughton: Neighbourhood Plans & Local Plan and volunteering in the community and how communities are changing.

Meeting cadence will move to Quarterly at the request of the parishes as just two a year is not deemed sufficient.

END

After the meeting, Cllr Bull emailed Guy Holloway on the subject regarding parish representation on the Big 50 Board and asked for clarification on the appointment of NCALC as parish councils representation and if it has been structured by NNC as a requirement of

their board role because they do not communicate with parishes who have not subscribed to their service.

Guy Holloway replied:

The BIG50 Board is not a North Northamptonshire Council board. It has an independent Chair and I cannot talk on behalf of the Chair or the Board. However, I can help explain the history and decisions leading to its creation.

Before the BIG50 Board was established, there was a steering group made up of a number of different organisations. NCALC was on this steering group along with a number of other partners. NCALC made a very constructive contribution. Independent external advice was sought and it was suggested that NCALC sat on the Board, along with a number of other representatives from organisations across the area.

My understanding is that a number of workstreams have been set up which will help to drive forward delivery of the BIG50 vision for the area.

I am conscious that BIG50 as a strategy covers everyone in the North Northamptonshire area. The aim will, I am sure, be to engage and involve as many people as possible, but in the right way. Regarding NCALC, I am aware that NCALC have made a commitment that they will include all councils, whether they are in their membership or not, when they are ready to engage with councils to feed into the workstream plans they are responsible for. NCALC themselves will be better placed to confirm this with you but Lesley has certainly made that point.

Subject to the decisions made by the Board, I suspect communications channels will be established to keep all stakeholders and interested parties up to speed with developments and to make people aware of the opportunities to get involved. I am sure that this communication will not be reliant on membership of any bodies or organisations.

I will also ensure that I raise your points with the Chair of the BIG50 Board. One of my colleagues will be meeting the chair soon and I will ask that your points are communicated for completeness.

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#### **203/24. Police and Community**

A log was made to the police regarding Morrisons Daily at 11:40pm, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. ASB - a car was parked in the road on the zigzags for the zebra crossing and there was shouting and repeatedly beeping of the horn over several minutes. Assumedly to hurry people from the car who were inside the shop.

#### **204/24. – Village Map project – report from working group**

Cllr Shrive was asked if he could make contact with the person who put the original map in and remove.

#### **205/24. Housing Needs Survey**

The outcome of the HNS will be received over next few days and results shared at the next meeting.

All agreed the results should include the number of respondents.

It has been requested that the Local Plan will be on the agenda for the next Strategic Town & Parish Forum.

NNC Public consultation is estimated for next January

NB: BPC will need to know how our existing Neighbourhood Plan will fit in with the new local plan and if the Joint Core Strategy will still be relevant.

#### 206/24. – Traffic calming project – report from working group and NNC Highways

The road priorities for Northampton Road were questioned during a review of the design.

BPC Councillors are meeting Matt Barrett tomorrow for an onsite meeting.

It has been suggested there should be around £35k left to put calming measures in place on Kettering Road

#### 207/24. – High Street Playground Equipment

The clerk emailed Liam Faulkner and requested a letter from NNC to support grant applications or explore a lease agreement.

Julie McKinnin, NNC Principal Community Property Officer replied:

We will consider a lease arrangement; this would be through the Community Asset Transfer process. I am not sure where responsibility currently lies regarding inspection, repairs, and maintenance of the play area, under the lease this would be the Parish Council's responsibility.

We would also consider a letter of support, but North Northamptonshire Council would not take on the responsibility for any new play equipment installed.

The clerk submitted a request to Wicksteed via their website asking if they had any potential interest in Broughton trialling their play equipment

Cllr Scouse contacted Sutcliffes and Proludic to look at their play equipment and quotes which was shared with members. Special focus was given to Proludic;s Active Ninja range, embankment slides and IXO multiplayer

The clerk confirmed there is currently £3536.00 in the budget set aside for play equipment.

**Action: Clerk to ask Rothwells clerk about their playground.**

**The meeting was postponed at 8:10pm to conduct the Annual Electors Meeting and reopened 8:21pm**

#### 208/24. Elections 2025 – Delivery of nomination papers

All current parish councillors filled in their nomination forms and the clerk checked them over and witnessed some signings.

Cllr Bull will deliver all nomination papers in person to NNC in Kettering on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Publication of statement of persons nominated	All	Not later than 18 days (4pm)	Not later than 4pm on Thursday 3 April
Publication of final election notice of alteration	All	5 days	Thursday 24 April
<b>Polling day</b>	All	<b>0 (7am to 10pm)</b>	<b>7am to 10pm on Thursday 1 May</b>

#### 209/24. Deed of variation for existing lease – Land registry

Broughton Playing Field & Village Hall Association - Deed of Variation for Existing Lease  
The Association have made progress regarding the transfer of the Village Hall lease from Broughton Parish Council to Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association CIO.  
It was **Resolved** to sign Deed of Variation and Licence to Assign. Cllr Shrive signed on behalf on BPC and Cllr Scouse signed as a witness.

#### 210/24. Development control / Planning Report.

##### **Planning applications**

NK/2025/0068

LOCATION: Bessemer Road (land adj. to unit 2) Broughton

PROPOSAL: Outline Application: Reconfiguration of existing public EV Hub and development of a commercial fleet EV charging station with access only considered

NK/2025/0075

LOCATION: Rathmine Lodge, 42 High Street

PROPOSAL: Full. Conversion of existing house into 3 no. dwellings with associated parking  
**Supported**

NK/2025/0090

LOCATION: 28 Grange Road

PROPOSAL: Full. First floor side extension over existing garage

##### **Planning Decisions**

25/00207/LAPVAR

LOCATION: Morrisons Daily, 19 High Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Premises Full Variation. Extend Opening Times

- Monday to Sunday - 00:00 - 23:59  
Extend Sale Of Alcohol Times - Monday to Sunday : 00:00 - 23:59  
Add Late Night Refreshment - Monday to Sunday : 23:00 - 05:00  
Change to Layout Of Store

**Comment: Broughton Parish Council believe that extending this licence would have a significantly detrimental impact on the local community, particularly concerning the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance.**

**Our primary concerns are as follows:**

- Noise Pollution:** A 24-hour operation will inevitably lead to increased noise levels throughout the night. Deliveries, customer traffic, and staff activity will disrupt the peace and quiet that residents of a residential area expect and deserve, especially during sleeping hours. The constant noise will be particularly disruptive to families with young children, shift workers needing rest, and elderly residents. We are concerned about the potential for amplified noise from vehicles, conversations, and potential late-night gatherings outside the premises.
- Light pollution:** The immediate neighbours are already suffering with the artificial light being emitted from the premises and entering into their property. Artificial light at night can interfere with the body's natural sleep-wake cycle, making it difficult to fall

asleep or stay asleep. This in turn can lead to health problems and increase depression.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** The granting of a 24-hour licence will likely attract individuals engaging in anti-social behaviour, particularly late at night and in the early hours of the morning. This could include loitering, public intoxication, and vandalism, leading to a decline in the quality of life for residents and a rise in crime in the area. The presence of a 24-hour establishment may also encourage increased traffic of taxis, motorcycles and other vehicles at all hours, further contributing to noise and disturbance.
- **Impact on Residential Amenity:** The cumulative effect of the noise, anti-social behaviour, and increased traffic will significantly detract from the residential amenity of the area. Residents will no longer be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of their homes. This will negatively impact property values and the overall sense of community.

We believe the above all constitute as statutory nuisances (Environmental Protection Act 1990)

We understand that businesses are an important part of the community, but their operation should not come at the expense of the well-being of residents.

The granting of a 24-hour licence in this residential area is disproportionate and unacceptable. The shop is embedded in a residential street in the centre of the village. It is not in a separate retail zone.

The previous shop held a licence to stay open until 10pm but closed at 9pm, due to lack of footfall.

We urge the Licensing Authority to carefully consider the potential for public nuisance and refuse this application. We believe that granting a licence with more reasonable operating hours would be a more appropriate compromise.

**cc'd Jonathan Waterworth, Graeme Kane and Cllr O Hara**  
**END**

NK/2025/0047

LOCATION: 37 Church Street

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1-T6 Sycamore - re-pollard to previous points; T7 Holly - crown reduction by approximately 3m

Target decision date: 13/03/2025

**No comment**

NK/2025/0003

LOCATION: 39 Wellingborough Road, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Full Planning Permission: Front porch and new footpath

Target decision date: 17/03/2025

**No comment - Refused**

**Yeomans house, 25 High Street is cutting down and burning trees with no permission**

**[210/24. To resolve to pay annual subscriptions for commencing year](#)**

The following subscriptions were considered for payment:

ICO - £52.00. Resolved to pay

NACRE - £35.00 plus VAT £42.00. Resolved to pay

Bus shelter - £65. Resolved to pay  
SLCC – TBC. Resolved to pay  
NCALC - Refused

### 212/24. Finance Report - to note expenditure for March

#### **March 2025 statements**

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,093.18

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,030.29

Community – £16,396.13

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account – 4.05% Dec 2024

Interest		£0.00
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 3.10% Dec 2024

Transfer		£0.00
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Credits to Community account

Hugo Fox	17 <sup>th</sup> March 25	£20.99
Hugo Fox	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 25	£11.99

Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 12	Bank transfer	£433.42
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£108.20
A McDaid home working £12.00, travel Kettering & Harlestone £28.80 @ 0.45p per mile	Bank transfer	£40.80
Chapel Room hire – March	Bank transfer	£25.00
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£6.47
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99

Cllr Gray to authorise payments this month.

The payment card has arrived and the clerk has used this to set up direct payments for the phone and HugoFox. Payments will be made on 25<sup>th</sup> of each month

Hugo Fox took a payment of £20.99 & £11.99 from the account on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. This was an error and it was refunded 17<sup>th</sup> March

EE - after **31 March 2025**, the price you pay for your mobile plan for the following number will increase by **£0.41 a month**.

Nationwide has asked for additional information to keep the Business Savings accounts open. The clerk will complete paperwork.

### 213/24. Items for consideration at next meeting

Village Map

Winter light project

Traffic calming

HND results

**195/24. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The meeting was closed at 8:50pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**