

UPPER BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 29th August 2017, held in Rose Cottage, Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Councillors: Copley (Chair) Barry Hill
Bailey Flood Parkinson

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Tina Combellack, the Clerk – Jo Cartmell and three members of the public.

1. Apologies: Were received and accepted from Notts County Councillor Cottee and Cllr. Watson.
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Tim Flood relating to Item 10. Village Hall windows.
3. Acceptance of minutes of meetings held on 11th July 2017: Cllr. Bailey proposed that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true record of the meeting; seconded by Cllr. Flood and passed.
4. Open session for the public **limited to 15 minutes**.
Mr David Bowsfield addressed the council on his concerns relating to the reduced bus service. He noted some of the most well used services had disappeared and the remaining bus runs were often over-crowded. Parishioners no longer had a service that was sufficient enough to dissuade them from using their cars which will only further provide justification by the bus company to continue to reduce the service and increase the number of cars travelling into the city centre. Mrs Lacey supported the concerns of Mr Bowsfield and noted she was reliant on the bus service and the impact of the reduction of the bus service for those in a similar situation was significant.
The Clerk noted that the response from the Bus Company and Notts County Council was that significant savings had been made by Leicestershire County Council because of the reduction and ticket numbers showed that the hourly bus service was not viable to maintain.
Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the County Council and ask for the data relating to the bus service to be obtained especially as overcrowding seemed to be an issue.
Action: Clerk to write to NCC.
5. Councillor's Reports:
Borough Councillor Combellack noted that as Chair of Community Development, one of the priorities for the forthcoming year was to look to promote the planting of trees throughout the Borough. The loss of many mature trees and the lack of an active planting campaign was of concern to the Borough Council and options were being considered for how best to encourage tree planting within local communities.
6. Neighbourhood Plan:
 - i) Update: The Steering Group were looking to distribute the questionnaire to the parish, which was in the final stages of design. There was a meeting on 4th September to finalise distribution methods.
 - ii) Finances inc forthcoming expenditure: The Clerk notified members that the purchase of stickers, envelopes and the cost of printing the questionnaire was likely to be incurred prior to the next meeting. Members agreed that the Clerk should proceed with these purchases which would be ratified at the next meeting.
7. Planning matters.
Applications:
The following application was discussed in between meetings:
17/01702/FUL – 1 Bottom Green, Upper Broughton.
New front porch
No objection
17/01179/LBC Broughton Grange Fosse Way Upper Broughton
Replacement of existing double glazed UPVC windows and French doors at rear of property with timber double glazed replacements
No objection
Decisions.
17/01339/AGRIC Sulney Nursery, Station Rd.
Agricultural barn, potting shed and storage.
Prior approval not required.
8. War Memorial Restoration: The Clerk was awaiting a response from the War Memorial Trust and as soon as this had been received, it would be forwarded to councillors for consideration.
Action: Clerk to forward response to members.
9. Correspondence:
The Royal British Legion: Lamp post poppy campaign – Members agreed to order 12 poppies for siting on lampposts around the parish. Cllrs Flood and Hill volunteered to put these up.
Action: Clerk to order poppies and obtain size.

10. Village Hall.

Restoration/replacement of windows: The Clerk was awaiting a response from the Borough Council in relation to advice on whether planning permission would be required for UPVC windows. Members agreed to defer any decision on the next steps until this advice had been received. If UPVC windows were deemed as acceptable by the Borough Council then members were keen to see samples prior to placing any order.

Action: Clerk to forward response to members.

11. Village Pump: Repairs – Quote from NCC Highways for the installation of cast iron bollards had been received. The cost would be £776.13 +VAT.

Members voted unanimously to accept the quote and ask the County Council to proceed with the work.

Action: Clerk to order work from NCC Highways.

12. Highways & Footpaths.

i) Traffic Calming measures on Station Rd: NCC installation complete and the Clerk had contacted Cllr. Cottee for further information relating to the funding of village gateways.

ii) Bus Shelter – A606

Members had received news from the County Council that instead of carrying out repairs to the bus stop as requested, the County Council were proposing to remove the shelter and replace with a bus stop sign. Members were vehemently opposed to these proposals. The repairs that were requested were intended to be only for the replacement of felt on the roof and members could not see how the County Council can justify the proposal to spend money removing the bus shelter and making good the boundary with the property to the rear against the cost of replacing a couple of pieces of roof felt. Members considered the structure to be sound and noted that it requires minimal upkeep so the fact the Council were considering removing the shelter seemed nonsensical.

Members also noted that with the reduction of the regular bus service from every hour to once every two hours, there was a likelihood that more people will be waiting for the buses and maybe for a longer period of time so this supported the case for the retention of the bus stop.

iii) Hedge/Verge on Top Green: The Clerk had asked to investigate the possibility of getting the hedge on the north-west side of Top Green trimmed by the County Council. A map had been provided which seemed to indicate that the hedge was the responsibility of the County Council which the Clerk would be forwarding for consideration by the Highways department. If the County Council did not accept responsibility for the hedge, then unless there was a road safety issue, the owner would not be asked to trim it.

iv) Chapel Lane – resurfacing.

The Clerk was asked to obtain an update from the County Council in relation to the situation with the resurfacing of Chapel Lane.

Action: Clerk to speak to NCC relating to items ii, iii & iv.

13. Cross Green:

See-saw – Proludic were investigating the findings of the RoSPA report and had identified that there was a minor movement with the ground post of the see-saw. They had committed to ensuring that this was fixed and this would be done over the next couple of weeks.

Cllr. Parkinson to check the remaining action points from the RoSPA inspection report.

Action: Cllr. Parkinson to follow up on RoSPA report.

14. Finance: Business Account – 31st July 17 = £29,438.60 (including £3,826.00 NP grant)

Payments due: (Neighbourhood Plan payments are highlighted in grey)

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
537	Get mapping PLC	Membership fees	£57.60
538	K. Wadkin & Son	Half year Cross Green Maintenance	£786.60
539	NALC	Replacement cheque (533) - subs	£17.00

Cllr Bailey proposed that the above payments be made; this was seconded by Cllr. Hill and passed.

Action: Clerk to forward payments.

15. Items from members for the next agenda: to be forwarded to the Clerk a week prior to the meeting.

16. Late items and Chairman’s matters.

Fly-tipping: There had been an incident of fly-tipping on Shires Way which the Clerk was asked to report to the Borough Council.

Action: Clerk to contact RBC.

17. Date of next meeting: 24 Oct, 12 Dec, 6 Feb, 20 Mar, 22 May, 17 Jul, 11 Sep

No further business: Meeting closed at 9.10pm