

UPPER BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held on Tuesday 13th December held in Rose Cottage, commencing at 7.30pm

Councillors: Copley(Chair) Barry Hill
Bailey Flood

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

1. Apologies: Cllr. Watson.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Acceptance of minutes of meetings held on 1st November 2016: Cllr. Hill proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting; this was seconded by Cllr. Bailey and passed.
4. Open session for the public **limited to 15 minutes**.
Mr Reece attended the meeting to follow up on this issue of speeding on Station Rd. He noted that other speed reduction schemes in the area had managed to secure funding where the roads, due to their layout, were far less susceptible to speeding issues. He noted that one of the County Council's criteria for installing speed restrictions was sufficient public demand; Mr Reece felt that he could easily produce evidence of sufficient support for speed reduction schemes on Station Rd. He noted simple changes could be made to road markings and the village entrance to increase driver awareness of the speed limit on Station Rd. Cllr. Combellack pointed out that changes to public highways required consultation and could never be classed as simple.
Neither NC Cllr. Cottee nor Cllr. Parkinson were present at the meeting and the task of convening a meeting with NC Highways was being sorted by them, so the Clerk was asked to obtain an update and ask Cllr. Parkinson to liaise with Mr Reece about the forthcoming meeting.
5. Planning matters.
Applications:
16/02831/VAR Mr. P Ellis, Railway Test Track, Station Rd, Upper Broughton.
Variation of condition 3 on planning permission 08/01324/FUL relating to mitigation measures for badgers.
No objection – unanimous.
16/02411/OUT Mr Le Blond - Land North East of Hill View, Top Green, Upper Broughton
Outline planning permission for the erection of one house on land North of Top Green.
Members voted to object unanimously to this application as they felt that the proposals would be detrimental to the conservation area. The applicant described the proposals as in-filling but the green field site only has adjacent properties on the west side. The loss of the green open space in such a prominent area of the village would have a significant detrimental impact on the street scene and the conservation area and would also have a negative impact on the grade two listed property which sits directly across the road from the site.
16/02654/FUL Mrs Diane Login, The Golden Fleece, Main Rd, Upper Broughton.
Construction of new single storey extension, 2no. new patio doors and relocation of existing kitchen extract. Change of use of retail unit from Shop (A1) to part of public house, Drinking establishments (A4)
No objection – unanimous.
6. Correspondence: None.
7. Neighbourhood plan.
Update – Cllr. Parkinson was not present at the meeting but it was reported that the sub-committee were at the stage of looking to hire a planning consultant and were about to interview representatives from two companies. The date would be confirmed and it was hoped that a parish council representative would attend the presentations given by the two companies.
8. Village Hall.
The slate on the gable end had been re-sited. There was nothing further to report at this time.
9. Highways & Footpaths.
Traffic Calming measures – Station Rd, item covered under Item 4 - Open Session.
The Clerk was asked to write an advisory note for parishioners in the parish magazine highlighting that speeding on Station Rd was an issue and that all residents should observe the 30mph speed limit as monitoring would be taking place in due course.
Action: Clerk to forward a note to the magazine.
10. Village Entry Signs: Damage to the Station Rd sign.
Cllr Copley reported that the repair to the sign had been completed and the Clerk had been asked to write a note of thanks to both Peter Copley and Malcolm Lane for enabling the repairs to be completed with minimal delay.

11. Cross Green:

Public seating on Cross Green: Cllr. Copley reported that Cllr. Parkinson had removed the iron benches from Cross Green and as agreed both the Clerk and Cllr. Copley had made enquiries about sourcing a replacement seat. Cllr. Copley had obtained a quote from a local firm and the Clerk had looked online and the prices for a replacement solid teak bench ranged from £179 - £750. Councillors agreed that as the local firm were competitively priced, the seat would be best purchased from them and Cllr. Flood proposed that the Clerk and Cllr. Copley purchase a teak bench up to the value of £250.00; this was seconded by Cllr. Barry and passed.

Action: Chair and Clerk to purchase seat.

12. Annual Risk Assessment:

Cllr. Copley and the Clerk had carried out the annual risk assessment and were pleased to inform members that there were no major action points for any of the parish council's assets. The Clerk noted that there was one slab in front of the village hall which was slightly wobbly which required monitoring. All assets were deemed safe and secure and present minimal risk.

13. Finance: 31st October 2016 - Business Account balance: £20,382.91

Payments due:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
523	K. Wadkin & Son	Cross Green Maintenance	£ 786.60
524	J. Cartmell	Salary – ¾	£ 520.00

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

Action: Clerk to forward payment.

14. Items from members for the next agenda.

Review of Standing orders, Financial regulations and Risk assessment.
March agenda – village pump and VH windows

15. Late items and Chairman's matters.

Kids UB - Village amenities for the young: Cllr's Copley and Flood had been contacted by two parishioners who wish to run village events for the children to try and engage with the younger generation of the parish. They presented their ideas to Cllr. Flood who was acting in his capacity as Village Hall Chair. The parish council were favourably inclined to consider any request for funding and would look at the possibility when members had all the information.

16. Date of next meeting: 7th Feb, 21st Mar, 16th May.

No further business: meeting closed 9.05pm