

UPPER BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 held in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Councillors: Copley(Chair) Flood Parkinson
Bailey Hill Watson

Also, in attendance: NC Councillor John Cottee, Borough Councillor Combellack, the Clerk – Jo Cartmell and two members of the public.

1. Apologies: Were received and accepted from Cllr. Barry.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Acceptance of minutes of meetings held on 12th December 2017: Members agreed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
4. Open session for the public **limited to 15 minutes**: None.
5. Planning matters.

17/03033/FUL Partial demolition of the boundary wall and construction of new vehicular access including new brick piers. White House, Bottom Green, Upper Broughton
Council members voted to object to the proposals outlined in this application for the same reasons that were identified for the previous application which was very similar.

Firstly, due to the bend in the road heading west down station road, the view from the proposed exit will be restricted and visibility reduced and therefore the parish council does not believe this is a safer option. Exiting the property through the current entrance also gives greater visibility of traffic exiting the A606 on to Station Rd.

Secondly, the wall has previously been identified as a feature of historical importance within the conservation area, the loss of this wall would have a negative impact on the street scene in the view of the Parish Council. The wall may need repairs, but this isn't a justification for its demolition and it could be restored to a reasonable standard with relative ease.

The final point is that the uninterrupted kerbside on Bottom Green provides roadside parking for events at the Village Hall. There are no other areas to park and if the driveway is installed, parked cars will be pushed back along Bottom Green and closer to where the road narrows near Cross Green, which is likely to cause traffic obstruction.

18/00032/LBC Structural repair and support work to west and east facing gable ends.

Willow Cottage, Bottom Green, Upper Broughton. No objection.

17/03030/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings, the construction of a single dwelling and garage with a reduced curtilage, the change of use of the remaining land to amenity space associated with the neighbouring premises including the creation of a pond, the construction of a 2.4m high bund adjacent to the A46, and new boundary treatment.

Monyash House, Fosse Way, Upper Broughton. No objection subject adhering to the points raised in the letter from Rushcliffe Borough Council and forwarded to Mr Ling dated 29th January 2018.

Action: Clerk to forward responses.

Decisions.

17/02874/FUL Demolish disused slaughterhouse and pie factory. F Bailey and Son, Station Road

17/02743/FUL Demolition of existing detached double garage. The Croft, Station Rd and 17/02680/FUL Demolition of garage, new dwelling, conversion of coach house to ancillary residential accommodation, and erection of replacement garage with new access. The Croft, Station Rd.

17/02506/VAR Vary condition 2 of 15/02394/FUL to allow replacement beech hedge along south-east boundary.

Belle Voir House (Formerly known as Land South of Sulney Fields) Colonels Lane

6. Neighbourhood Plan:
 - i) Update: The Clerk reported that the Steering Group was in the process of producing the final draft of the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan. A decision still needed to be made as to whether a Design Guidance Statement needed to be produced and if so, would the Steering Group look to employ a Design Consultant to produce this. The Clerk noted that the Hickling Steering Group were also going through this process and the cost had turned out to be significant. The Steering Group would approach the Parish Council once a decision had been made.
 - ii) Finances inc forthcoming expenditure: The grant period had now ended and a total of £648.94 of unspent funds needed to be repaid. Further funding would need to be applied for in the near future.
7. Councillors Reports.

NC Cllr. Cottee reported that the County Council were looking to allocate £20m to potholes and rural lanes in next year's budget. Cllr. Cottee added that due to the fact that funding from central government had been reduced by 50% since 2009, he would no longer be able to support the Council Tax staying at it's current level. A proposed increase of 2% on the basic council tax and a further 2.4% on Adult Social Care tax was likely to be approved shortly.

The County Council had responded to the drains issue on Station Rd and the village was due to have the old drains replaced in the near future. Cllr. Cottee hoped to have confirmation of when that was likely to be shortly.

Borough Cllr. Combellack reported that the Borough Council were looking to prioritise the planting of trees, rural transport and reducing the use of single-use plastics.
8. War Memorial Restoration: Update from working group. Cllr. Watson updated members that the memorial was gently being cleaned with a pressure washer. The washer had produced some good results and had improved the appearance since it had been treated with Algon. It was going to have another treatment with warm water this would then mean that the memorial was in a satisfactory condition, ready for marking the centenary. Cllr. Copley thanked the working group for their work.

Action: Working Group to complete the cleaning of the memorial.

9. Correspondence.

Cllr. Barry: Letter had been received from Cllr. Barry informing the council of his resignation.

Action: Clerk to notify RBC.

East Leake Parish Council: Open letter to members relating to concerns regarding the powers of its Neighbourhood Plan.

RBC: Parish Forum – Thu 1st March 2018 09.30-12.30 – The agenda and further details would follow shortly, councillors were asked to notify the Clerk if they wished to attend.

10. Village Hall.

Restoration/replacement of windows: Members accepted the quote for the complete replacement of new windows and surrounds with double-glazed pre-painted sash at a cost of £12,656 +VAT. The Clerk was asked to submit an application to Big Lottery Fund for £10,000 to go towards the cost of the replacement and also to contact the contractor likely to be awarded the contract and ask for some finer details relating to the quote prior to confirmation of the appointment.

Action: Clerk to apply to Big Lottery Fund and contact contractor.

11. Noticeboard – the glass had been ordered by Malcolm Lane Ltd and was likely to be fitted over the next couple of days. The Clerk asked the council to approve the payment of the invoice for the work subject to the Chair being satisfied with the work.

12. Registering Assets of the Community – Cllr. Copley reported that the owner of the Golden Fleece was happy for the it to be registered as an asset of the community.

Action: Clerk to complete registration.

13. Highways & Footpaths.

Bus Shelter: Cllr. Copley updated members on the meeting that was held with NCC and residents whose properties were adjacent to the bus shelter. A proposal had been forwarded to members which would see the current old bus shelter replaced with a steel framed wooden bus shelter, the dog bin replaced, and an access created to the sides and rear of the shelter to ensure maintenance could take place. Members agreed to support the proposal.

Speeding vehicles – Station Road. The Clerk reported that an application to the LIS had been submitted for a grant of £2,000 to co-purchase an interactive speed sign with Hickling Parish Council to be shared with the two parishes.

Salt bin: It had been reported that the salt bin on Colonel's Lane was running low on salt. Cllr. Bailey noted that there was still enough to last at present, but two broken bags of salt would be collected from the Clerk and placed in the bin.

14. Cross Green: None.

15. Finance: Balance: Current Account

a) Budget: The budget was agreed by members as outlined below.

	Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018 to date	Est Yr End 2017/18	Difference	Proposed Budget 2018/19	Diff +/- from 2017/18 budget
Audit	100.00	45.00	45.00	-55.00	100.00	0.00
Clerks Salary (inc HMRC)	2288.00	2236.00	2236.00	-52.00	2288.00	0.00
Clerks Expenses	40.00	0.00	43.20	3.20	40.00	0.00
Postage/Phone	40.00	0.00	0.00	-40.00	40.00	0.00
Printing & Supplies	20.00	531.33	539.58	519.58	20.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	20.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00	20.00	0.00
Insurance	750.00	672.58	672.58	-77.42	750.00	0.00
Subs	130.00	142.00	242.78	112.78	130.00	0.00
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Defibrillator	40.00	0.00	0.00	-40.00	40.00	0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	300.00	348.66	3037.06	2737.06	300.00	0.00
Community	300.00	260.00	465.00	165.00	300.00	0.00
VH Maintenance	11000.00	90.00	90.00	-10910.00	11000.00	0.00
VH Other	50.00	0.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00
Cross Green	1500.00	1384.50	1384.50	-115.50	1500.00	0.00
Other	50.00	0.00	776.13	726.13	50.00	0.00

b) Precept: Members agreed by 5 votes to 1 to increase the precept by £500. The increase would not affect parishioners due to the increase in the tax base.

c) Payments due: Neighbourhood Plan highlighted in grey (*Payments made between meetings)

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
546	Plan-it X Consultants	NP Consultancy Fees	£3,228.08
547	Groundworks UK	Repayment of Grant	£ 788.94
548	NALC	Subs	£100.78
549	VIA East Midlands Ltd	Bollards – village pumps	£931.36
550	Malcolm Lane Ltd	Noticeboard Glass	£246.00
551	UB Village Hall	Hall hire fees	£140.00

Members agreed that the above payment be made.

Action: Clerk to forward payments.

16. Items from members for the next agenda: None.

17. Late items and Chairman's matters.

18. Date of next meeting: 20 Mar(APM), 22 May, 17 Jul, 11 Sep

No further business: Meeting closed 9.15pm