

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, BROUGHTON ASTLEY**

PRESENT: Councillors J Bateman, G Brown, R Capewell, R Gahan, C Golding, D Howe, S Oliver, R Patrick, C Porter, A Rowe, M Swinfen and R Tomlin

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs S Hendy, C Grafton-Reed, M Graves and Mrs M Stell

CLERK: Mrs D Barber – Parish Manager

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor W Liquorish and Mrs A Wood, Deputy Clerk

1171 **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs S Hendy, C Grafton-Reed, M Graves and Mrs M Stell.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Colin Porter took the Chair for the meeting.

1172 **2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**
None were declared.

1173 **3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 15 and 26 OCTOBER 2015**
The Members confirmed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 and 26 October 2015 to be a true record with minor amendments. Councillor Patrick proposed and Councillor Capewell seconded the acceptance of the minutes. A show of hands was unanimous in favour of accepting the minutes.

1174 **4. PROGRESS AGAINST OUTANDING RESOLUTIONS**
A report of progress in completing Parish Council resolutions was presented by the Parish Manager. Councillor Golding requested that PC986 be reinstated to the outstanding resolutions until a definitive answer has been received from Harborough District Council. No further comments or issues were raised and the report was accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

1175 **5. CHAIRMANS TIME**

STAFF VACANCY

The vacancy for a new Premises Officer has now been filled. The successful candidate is Mr Colin Noyce who lives in Broughton Astley and started his employment with the Parish Council on Tuesday 17 November.

COUNCILLOR BILL LIQUORISH

Councillor Bill Liquorish will become Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council in May next year. One event which incorporates his Civic Service is the County Service which he has requested is held at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley on 2 October 2016. Use of the Village Hall for robing before the event and the reception afterwards has been requested and I would ask that our hall is made available for this.

NOTED: That the Parish Council agreed that the Village Hall would be made available for use on 2 October 2016 before and after the County Service that is to be held at St Mary's Church. Congratulations were extended to Councillor Liquorish on his appointment.

DOG BINS

You may have been aware that there has been an issue over emptying the dog waste bins in the village over the last three weeks. This appears to have been resolved with the contractors, but will be monitored closely by the Parish Office staff. Harborough District Council are currently undertaking a consultation with a view to adopting new dog laws, which will take into account such things as dog fouling and dogs off leads in public open spaces. I would urge you all to consider completing this consultation that runs until 29 December 2015.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY BRICK QUARRY

Naturespot are organising for the Hawthorne at the Brick Quarry to be thinned out on Thursday 26 November. If anyone would like to volunteer to lend a hand could they please meet on site at 9.30am. Also if you have any loppers or a bow saw, could you bring them too?

COUNCILLOR TABLETS

A reminder to those Councillors who need to collect their tablet devices to do so as the Parish Office needs to set up the group contact details to enable a test email to be sent out before going 'live'

1176 **6. PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman suspended the normal business of the Council at 7.40pm.

No members of the public were present.

The Parish Council meeting resumed at 7.41pm

1177 **7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

No reports were available.

1178 **8. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

County Councillors Report

Councillor Liquorish

- Gave an update on the hatching work on the junction of Six Acres and Frolesworth Road. A petition was received in March 2013 to improve the markings. Councillor Graves commented at the last Parish Council meeting that he felt that this solution was not enough given the speed and volume of traffic using the road which he felt required some kind of traffic calming installation. Councillor Liquorish took the comments back

to LCC. They are unable to make road safety measure of this kind at this point in time.

- The footway along Frolesworth Road between the recreation ground and cemetery will at some stage have the verge trimmed back from the footway.
- Councillor Liquorish expanded on comments he made at the previous Parish Council meeting regarding the double lining outside the shops on Main Street. During the November 2012 consultations it came to light that a Councillor was raising objections with local business which brought the consultation to a halt. In March 2013 the consultation was reinstated, but a points system had been implemented and as a result Main Street came in at Medium so no further action was taken. Councillor Liquorish stated that he wishes to resurrect the investigation into having the road lined with double yellow markings as he feels strongly about the situation and problems that occur on the road in this area. He recommended that the Parish Council send a letter supporting the road markings once he has put in his report.

Councillor Swinfen commented that he thought that bollards would be a better option than line marking particularly outside Wilmslow Audio and the shops opposite as restrictions would have to be enforced.

Councillor Liquorish offered to take this point forward.

District Councillors Report

Councillor Liquorish

- Councillor Liquorish informed the Members that Harborough District Council were to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to consider Charging for Green Waste Collection on Thursday 26 November at the Council Chambers.

Councillor Bateman asked how the collection operators would know who had paid the fee for collection. Would this not just encourage people to place all their waste into the black bins instead?

Councillor Liquorish explained that each bin that had paid the fee would have a sticker and a list of participants would be carried by the collection operatives. It may be a penalty would be enforced for placing green waste in a black bin.

Richard Tomlin

- Informed Members that there are two consultations running at present. One on the new dog laws and the other on drinking areas.
- Reported that he had recently attended a training course which included information regarding affordable housing. He informed Members that if it was not deemed viable for affordable housing to be placed on a particular development, it could be transferred to another site.
- Former Parish Councillor for Broughton Astley, Neil Bannister is standing as the next Police Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Golding asked the District Councillors present if they had any comments on the leaflet that has been distributed by the South Leicestershire Labour Party which has been delivered to all households in the district. He felt that the statement concerning the 'increasing drink problem with on-street anti-social drinking' in Broughton Astley was unfounded. He requested that the local policing unit are contacted for their comments and

any evidence they may support this claim. Further to which the Parish Council should formulate a response to the South Leicestershire Labour Party. All Members were in agreement to the suggested course of action. The Parish Manager will circulate a copy of the leaflet to all Members for reference.

NOTED:

- **That the Parish Council is to formulate a response to the statement enclosed in the leaflet.**
- **That the Parish Manager will circulate a copy of the leaflet to Members for reference.**
- **That the local policing unit is contacted for their comments and evidence that may support the claim made.**

1179 **9. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF OCTOBER 2015**
The Parish Manager presented the schedule of payments made for the period until 31 October 2015. Councillor Golding proposed and Councillor Tomlin seconded that the schedule of payments are received and accepted. A show of hands carried the proposal unanimously.

1180 **10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF OCTOBER 2015**
The Parish Manager presented the financial statements for the period ending 31 October 2015, providing Members with an update on outstanding payments. Councillor Golding proposed and Councillor Swinfen seconded that the financial statements are received and accepted. A show of hands carried the proposal unanimously.

11. TO CONSIDER A PRE-BUDGET REPORT AND DRAFT PRECEPT

The members considered a report prepared to summarise the Parish Councils financial position and to alert them to any significant changes to the proposed budgets for 2016/17. Various capital projects were discussed and it was agreed that

- The remaining budget for 2015/16 – Cottage refurbishment was accrued and an additional amount was added to enable a complete refurbishment to be undertaken.
- The staff budget be increased to allow for additional training for new starters
- The dog waste bags budget was increased to continue supplying residents with bags.
- The IT budget accrued the surplus and an additional amount added to provide the office with new equipment.
- The budget was increased for Noticeboards to allow for replacement, repair and maintenance.
- The Localism budget is increased to allow for procurement of the new leisure facility.

Members agreed that the report provided a good 'bare bones' background to take to the Precept setting meeting on 17 December 2015, when the amount of grant to be allocated and the Tax Base figure from Harborough District Council will be known.

Members were asked to consider any further items for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Manager was asked to bring to the next meeting costs for replacement chairs and curtains for the Village Hall and to investigate the cost of having the outside windows of the Main Hall decorated.

Consideration should also to be given as to whether the Parish Council continue to pay for the Security Services at the Frolesworth Road recreation ground. Advice is to be sort from the local policing unit by the Parish Manager.

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RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Members should consider the Pre-Budget report thoroughly and provide the Parish Manager with any identified projects, comments and suggestions for these to be included with the Agenda papers for the next meeting, when the Precept will be set**

2. That the Parish Manager should investigate the cost of replacement curtains and chairs for the Village Hall and the cost to refurbish the main hall windows.
3. That the Parish Manager will contact the local policing unit to seek their views on the proposal to dispose of the Security Service at the recreation ground.

12. MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MONITORING AND DELIVERY GROUP – 3 NOVEMBER 2015

Members received the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring and Delivery Group held on 3 November 2015. Councillor Porter proposed and Councillor Patrick seconded that the minutes are accepted as a true record. A show of hands carried this unanimously.

13. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committees held on 15 and 26 October and 9 November 2015; noting the planning decisions made since the Parish Council meeting on 15 October 2015.

The Vice-Chairman thanked the Members of the Committee for their continuing hard work on the deliberation of planning applications.

14. STREET NAMING FOR NEW JELSON DEVELOPMENT

The Members considered a report requesting that the Parish Council make suggestions for the street names on the new Jelson housing development. They supported the suggestion the Royal British Legion made to Harborough District Council to use the names of the fallen, especially in this the centenary year. A proposal was put forward by Councillor Tomlin which was seconded by Councillor Bateman that the names of the fallen are used for this purpose. After a debate it was agreed that the Presidents of both the Men's' and Women's' sections of the British Legion are approached to pick names from a hat to put forward to Harborough District Council. As a member of the British Legion, Councillor Brown volunteered to act as liaison. Once the names have been selected, an article will be written for Broughton Matters for information.

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RESOLVED:

1. That the Presidents of the Men's and Women's sections of the Royal British Legion will be approached to pick names from a hat to put forward to Harborough District Council for street names on the new Jelson development.
2. An article will be inserted in to the next edition of Broughton Matters giving the full details.

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15. MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

None received.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

..... Chairman

Dated