MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2019
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, BROUGHTON ASTLEY

PRESENT: Councillors:
G Brown, R Capewell, R Davis, R Gahan, C Grafton-Reed, D Howe,
G Mallaghan, R Patrick, C Porter, A Rowe, Mrs M Stell, M Swinfen, Mrs L Teague

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Graves

CLERK: Mrs D Barber – Parish Manager

2007 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Golding and Oliver and District Councillors.

2009 2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

A non-pecuniary declaration was received from Councillor Rowe on items 16 and 17 on the agenda as an allotment plot holder.

3. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Members received a copy of an application from a resident applying for one of the vacancies on the Parish Council. The applicant, Mr David Glenis, was invited to address the Members. Following his address, the Members went to a vote to co-opt Mr Glenis to the Council. A show of hands carried the decision as unanimous. The newly co-opted Member was asked to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Astley Ward and take his place at the Members table.

2010 RESOLVED: That Mr David Glenis of 20 Burnside Road, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire LE9 6UD is co-opted on to the Parish Council to represent the Astley Ward.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members confirmed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 December 2018 to be a true record. Councillor Grafton-Reed proposed and Councillor Swinfen seconded that following the amendment to the apologies the minutes are a true record of the meeting. A show of hands carried this proposal unanimously.

2011 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council held on 20 December 2018 are accepted as a true record.
5. PARISH COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Grafton-Reed provided an update from Councillor Golding in his absence that Ref: 986 and 1824 were to be discussed at the February Executive meeting in February.

The report of progress in completing Parish Council resolutions was presented and accepted.

6. CHAIRS TIME

Rodney Briggs

Rodney will be celebrating his 70th Birthday on Thursday 7 February 2019. The Parish Office staff would like to have a collection to be able to present him with an appropriate gift in recognition. He is a popular and long serving member of staff who is well liked in the Parish. If you would like to contribute to his collection, then please either see the Parish Manager or drop in to the Parish Office to do so. A card will be available in the Parish Office should anyone wish to sign it.

Leisure Facility Update

Now the planning application has been approved, we are working hard with Parkwood Leisure to have work start on the leisure facility in February 2019. We are hoping to hold a ‘spade in the ground’ event on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 4pm with appropriate press releases etc.

Consultations

You have all been sent links by the Parish Manager to current consultations running with both the District Council and Leicestershire County Council. Harborough District Council’s consultations are on the Council Budget Proposals and the Local Plan modification. Leicestershire County Council are running a consultation on their Budget Proposals. Please ensure you have a look at these as they do have an affect the residents of Broughton Astley, particularly at HDC’s new budget charge of special expenses for the village in their proposals. I would urge you to read and respond to the consultations accordingly.

Photocopying

I would remind all Members that ALL photocopying that is not Parish Council business must and will be paid for at the time of copying. The payment will be receipted for audit purposes. I will request that the Parish Manager sends out an email reinforcing this along with a copy of the current photocopying charges.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair opened the public forum at 7.53pm as no members of the public wished to speak, the Chair reconvened the meeting at 7.54pm.
8. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Liquorish – Apologies received but no report provided
Councillor Tomlin – Apologies received but no report provided
Councillor Dann – Apologies received, no report provided other than to say that the District Council budget will be debated at a Scrutiny meeting next week.

Councillor Graves

- Crowfoot Way – any complaints regarding the state of the highways from the new development should be directed to myself.
- Cordonnier Close – Although the fence has been removed, the land has not been put back to its original condition. Planning enforcement are not looking at pushing the enforcement through but are writing to the land owner to reiterate the conditions of the enforcement.
- Special Expenses – whilst I voted against the Special Expenses levied against Broughton Astley for the Devitt Way and Holbeck Drive play areas and open space, the three other Broughton Astley District Council’s voted in support. My longer-term concerns for the village are that all the open spaces currently maintained by Harborough District Council, and even the carpark in the village centre could be subjected to this additional charge in the future. The District Council received a commuted sum from developers for the upkeep of these open spaces.
- BOSS – Broughton Open Space Society are in dialogue with the District Council to seek a resolution to the problems that have arisen from the sale of the open spaces in Broughton Astley. They have reported that the District Council have not ruled out purchasing areas of public open space.

Councillor Mallaghan requested Councillor Graves to obtain from the District Council a schedule of works for the two areas of land related to the Special Expenses levy and share it with the Parish Council.

Councillor Graves left the meeting at 8.15pm

9. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Parish Manager presented the schedule of payments made for the period to 31 December 2018. The schedule of payments and the month end statement were received and accepted unanimously by the Members with a show of hands. The Chairman signed the Bank Reconciliations, on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments and the month end statements for the period 31 December 2018 were received and accepted unanimously. The Chairman signed the Bank Reconciliations, on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Parish Manager presented the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2018. A show of hands accepted the Financial Statements unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the financial statements for the period to the end of 31 December 2018 are accepted.
11. SECTION 106

The Members were presented with a statement as at 30 November 2018 detailing the S106 payments and expiry dates allocated to Broughton Astley Parish Council. Included in the report was confirmation that the housing occupation numbers had been achieved to release S106 developer contributions.

RESOLVED: That the statement as at 31 December 2018 detailing s106 payments and expiry dates for Broughton Astley Parish Council are accepted.

12. ROSPA INSPECTION REPORT

The Members noted the outstanding issues from the RoSPA report and requested that the comments are updated.

RESOLVED: That the review of the outstanding RoSPA report is accepted.

13. PLANNING AND LICENSING MINUTES

Members received the minutes from the Planning and Licensing Committee meetings held on 22 November and 3 December and noted the schedule of planning decisions made since the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2018. The Chairman thanked the Members of the Committee for their continuing hard work on the deliberation of planning applications.

1244.18 – 18/01979/FUL

RESOLVED: Committee Members, after carefully reviewing the presented planning application, noted there is no impact to the street scene or neighbours and the materials match existing so there were no objections.

1245.18 – 18/02015/FUL

RESOLVED: Committee Members were presented with the planning application and after a careful and considered discussion agreed there was no impact on the street scene or neighbours, materials match existing and therefore, no objections were raised.

1250.18 – 18/02042/CLU

RESOLVED: The Planning Committee noted the Certificate of Lawfulness.

1251.18 – 18/02044/FUL

RESOLVED: Committee Members noted that the material match existing and would have no impact on the street scene or neighbours so, therefore, have no objections to the proposed application.

1252.18 – 18/02060/FUL

RESOLVED: Committee Members have no objections to the planning application as all materials match existing and there is no impact on the street scene or neighbours.

1253.18 – 18/02096/FUL

RESOLVED: Committee Members, after considering the proposed plans, had no objections as there is no impact on the neighbours and materials match existing. However, due care needs to be taken during construction so that the footpath used by school children adjacent to the site is not compromised.
RESOLVED: Committee Members, after considering the proposed plans, explained to the resident history of Dunton Road and the amount of traffic noise that has created problems throughout the years. The Parish Council has always and will continue to object due to the access onto Dunton Road in order to support those residents who have objected in the past. The Committee could see no impact on the street scene or neighbours but noted that there are some trees that will need to be felled so advised the resident to seek guidance from Harborough District Council to ensure those trees being removed are not protected.

14. S106 GRANT APPLICATION

Members received a copy of the completed S106 Grant Application Form which is to be submitted to Harborough District Council in relation to the new Community Leisure Facility. Having read the prepared application, Councillor Capewell proposed and Councillor Swinfen seconded the approval of the application for submission to the District Council.

RESOLVED: That the S106 Grant Application form is accepted and is submitted to Harborough District Council for consideration.

15. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Members received a report prepared by the Parish Manager detailing the proposal from the Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church to provide a drop-in session for parishioners who may be suffering from mental health issues, loneliness, need a space to think or just to find someone to talk to. They considered the proposal to allow the Baptist Church use of the Cottage for one day a week for three hours at a time. Whilst a couple of Members raised concerns over setting a precedence letting the Church use the Cottage without charge to run this café, the majority of the Members were supportive of the Parish Council being able to provide the facilities for the community to promote Health and Wellbeing. The Parish Council request that feedback is provided by the Church after six months. Councillor Grafton-Reed proposed, and Councillor Porter seconded the proposal placed before them. A show of hands, with one abstention, carried this unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church is provided with the use of the Cottage with no charge for one day a week, three hours at a time to run the ‘Renew Café’.

16. ALLOTMENT RENTAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

The Members were provided with a report detailing the background to a request from an Allotment plot holder for a retrospective reimbursement of rent following a re-measurement of four plots on the Sutton Site. Following a brief discussion, Councillor Howe proposed, and Councillor Mrs Stell seconded that it that the four tenants on the Sutton site allotment plots SS01-SS04 are reimbursed retrospectively.

RESOLVED: That the four tenants on Sutton site allotment plots SS01 -SS04 are reimbursed retrospectively following the remeasurement of the plots.

17. ALLOTMENT TENANCIES

A report was presented to Members detailing a request for an additional plot from tenants who are already renting two plots from the Parish Council. The recommendation was considered that
a maximum of two plots per residential address are allowed in future to allow for fair availability and distribution to all residents.

RESOLVED: That tenants are restricted to a maximum of two allotment plots per household.

18. PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH

Members considered the report provided by the Parish Manager detailing the position of the permissive footpath following the land transfer from Jelsons to the Parish Council. They briefly discussed the merits of retaining the motorcycle inhibitors at each end of the path and agreed that for the medium term the benefits of keeping them in place out ways the negatives. Councillor Swinfen proposed, and Councillor Capewell seconded that the motorcycle inhibitors are retained in the medium term. A show of hands, with two abstentions, carried this motion unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the motorcycle inhibitors placed at each end of the permissive footpath are retained in the medium term and that the Parish Council Grounds Maintenance staff regularly inspect the condition of the permissive path.

19. MEMBERS MOTIONS

No Members motions were received.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Dated.............................................