

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Of Broughton Parish Council
Held at St Marys House, Wykham Lane, Broughton
On Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present

Mrs Leech (Chairperson), Mr Byrne, Mr Hands, Mr Howarth and Mr Mills

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and two villagers

19/69. To receive apologies for absence

None.

19/70. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

19/71. Public participation session

A villager spoke about the new notice-board outside St Marys House. She felt it was prominent and too high in its current state. She did not think it practical to move to the other side of the path and be put on land owned by the Almshouses.

The drain outside Windrush, Wykham Lane requires attention. To be reported.

19/72. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

19/73. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

White Lining at the top of Wykham Lane – The work is still outstanding. Cllr George Reynolds has even offered to pay for the work himself. A villager reported the one way signs at the bottom of Wykham Lane as being too low and facing the wrong way.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report the one way signs to Fix My Street.

19/74. To receive an update on the positioning of the new notice-board outside St Marys House

It was first noted the quote of £800.00 discussed at the last meeting was for a brand new notice-board to be made. Several proposals to alter the positioning of the board that is in place now were put forward and discussed. One option is to place the notice-board lower, further back and at an angle. Four Councillors voted for this option and one voted against. The work will be done when the weather is drier.

19/75. To discuss the positioning of the VAS

A villager complimented the Parish Council on Speedwatch and suggested the VAS could be more effective nearer the junction with Danvers Close. The VAS has to be put on a pole and poles are limited within the village.

Speedwatch was discussed. Since the scheme started, 183 people have been caught speeding. On 21st October, the speed van was in the village twice, morning and afternoon. On 22nd October four drivers were caught in 30 minutes. More exact numbers can be obtained of speeding vehicles from the Traffic Safety Camera Team. Broughton is very fortunate to have a reliable team of volunteers, many of whom are retired.

19/76. Financial Report

a) Update on bank balances

The Clerk reported an account balance of £6632.64.

- b) *The following payments were approved*
£480.48 to CDC (dog bin emptying)
£19.99 to S Leech (weed killer)

19/77. To receive an update on Planning

Nothing has been received since the last meeting.

19/78. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

Villager, Access to field by Main Road

CDC, Review of Cherwell Polling Places and Districts – Second consultation

OALC, VE Day 75th Anniversary May 2020

CDC, Invitation to Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting on 13th November

Villager, Access to field by Main Road. In the past villagers have been able to access the field alongside the Main Road to walk their dogs. After the summer, the gate was locked and the stile into the field was removed. The question was asked if the Taylors could be asked to re-open the field once new signs were in place for a trial period through the winter. It was noted that as there is not a public footpath through this field, the owners have the right to close the field.

Action: The Chair to reply to the email.

OALC, VE Day 75th Anniversary May 2020. In the past CDC have given grants for special occasions but nothing has been mentioned yet. In the correspondence there is no mention of VJ Day which is a significant day.

19/79. To receive Councillors Reports

The strimmer was discussed. It will be emptied and serviced in the Spring.

The caravan parked in Giants Cave layby has been reported to CDC and is being dealt with.

Nick Jesson has taken over Neighbourhood Watch. It does not fall under the remit of the police.

First Aid Course – It was agreed to hold another course on a later date. The Parish Council to discuss again in January and put an item in the newsletter.

Lady Saye has suggested play facilities for the village but there is no suitable land this side of the village.

Cllr Mills has updated the Advertising Policy. A donation will be given instead of an invoice and the Chair will issue a receipt.

A village 'Whats App' group has been set up. Councillors are to think about how to engage with the group.

The water treatment plant has flooded. There will be increased traffic activity.

19/808. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 27th January 2020 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.