

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Of Broughton Parish Council
Held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm
At St Marys House, Broughton

Councillors Present

Cllr Leech (Chairperson), Cllr Howarth, Cllr Byrne and Cllr Mills

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and four villagers

23/11. To receive apologies for absence

None

23/12. Co-option of New Councillor

Nicola Hilsdon was welcomed and co-opted onto the Parish Council. She signed the Acceptance of Office form.

23/13. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/14. Public participation session

The members of the public were at the meeting to discuss the OCC, Banbury Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure Plan covered under agenda item 23/21. The consultation finished on 26th February 2023. The Chair and a villager attended the open event held at Banbury Town Hall. 16 people responded to the consultation and their comments were forwarded to OCC before the deadline. An initial consultation was held in May 2022.

There will be funding from the Department of Transport and some of the proposed road schemes will be one way. In 2017 the Chair contacted MP Victoria Prentis regarding a footpath between Broughton and Banbury. The Chair was told the cost would be £100K and the idea would be kept on file. In 2021 MP Victoria Prentis was contacted again. She was sent photos of the B4035 and where a hedge could be cut back to make a wider verge to walk on. The hedge by Mole End is owned by a villager.

At the consultation one villager was told that no trees will be knocked down. It is very clear that landowners have not been contacted about bridleways going through their land.

The Parish Council will continue to inform the village once more information is received.

23/15. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023

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

23/16. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

- a. Electrical work along the B4035 and damage to verges. More traffic is using Wykham Lane to avoid the traffic lights on the B4035 and the verges are being damaged. This cannot be helped and will be monitored.

23/17. To discuss the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III in May

A celebration will take place on Sunday 7th May at St Marys House. The Chair has booked the hall and a bouncy castle. The arrangements will be similar to the Jubilee party last year. The event last year was organised by the Parish Council and St Marys House. St Marys House have a lot of expenditure to pay for this year so the Social Group will work with the Parish Council. A small profit was made which was split between two charities. The same will be done this year.

Action: Cllr Mills to research the purchase of eco cups and plates for the event.

23/18. Financial Report

a) Update on bank balances

The Clerk reported an account balance of £9238.82.

b) The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £574.80 to Parish Clerk (online payment for First Aid Course as company do not accept cheque payments)

23/19. To receive an update on Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider.

23/20. To receive Councillors Reports

The Chair has paid for the two brown bins at St Marys House costing £72.00. It was agreed St Marys House will pay for one bin costing £36.00 and the Parish Council will reimburse the Chair for the other cost.

The first aid course went well and was attended by 14 people. Another course will be booked in 3 years.

Details have been received about a litter pick. Litter is already collected by villagers when out walking.

CDC have confirmed the area to the left of the village car park is a capped landfill area and nothing can be placed on it.

It was noted that cyclists often go down Wykham Lane the wrong way. Highways have confirmed they will put No Entry road signs on yellow backing boards as part of the 2023 Signs Maintenance Programme.

23/21. To receive the following correspondence:

- OCC, Banbury Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure Plan. Discussed under public participation session.
- St Marys House, Donation thank you letter
- Cherwell Local Plan 2040 - The proposed consultation has not been approved yet as comments have been made.
- Cherwell District Council, Spring Clean 2023
- OCC, Planting of parish tree. A tree will be planted at the back of the Broughton Estate. It will be the responsibility of the parish to look after it long term.

23/10. To note next meeting date and time

Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April 2023 at 7.30pm. The Chair to write her report.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.