

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**Of Broughton Parish Council**  
**Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm**  
**At St Marys House, Broughton**

**Councillors Present**

Cllr Leech (Chair), Cllr Byrne, Cllr Hilsdon, Cllr Howarth and Cllr Mills

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and four villagers

**23/65. To receive apologies for absence**

None.

**23/66. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**23/67. Public participation session**

The members of the public were present to discuss the 20mph proposal.

**23/68. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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

**23/69. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda**

Cutting of hedge on Wykham Lane – It was agreed at the last meeting to ask a gardener to quote for this week as the hedge is very high. The hedge outside St Marys House was also mentioned as the hall cannot be seen.

*Action: The Chair to ask a gardener to quote to carry out the hedge cutting work both on Wykham Lane and outside St Marys House.*

**23/70. To discuss the 20mph consultation and agree a response**

The deadline to apply has been brought forward. The deadline is now 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was agreed at the last meeting to post a flyer through each door to gauge the level of interest. 22 responses were received out of 130 houses. This equates to a 16.9% response rate. 15% supported the initiative, 2% objected and there was a 10% rejection rate.

The matter was discussed *before* in May 2022 but there was little interest to proceed then. Members of the public noted there have been no serious accidents in the village and cars do slow down at the S-bend by the pub. They also felt it more acceptable to lower the speed limits outside schools as in Adderbury. Council members considered that other deterrents could be explored i.e. speed cameras or a yellow Gatso. Speedwatch should be continued and the speed van still visits sometimes as early as 7am. The more people that report speeding on 101 the better the police presence will be.

Councillors voted, four voted against and there was one abstention. The matter was considered carefully but a large percentage of the village have not expressed an interest. Therefore it was agreed not to pursue this.

**23/71. Financial Report**

*a) Update on bank balances*

The Clerk reported an account balance of £12,239.48.

*b) The following payments were approved under statutory powers:*

£12.60 to Signs of Cheshire Ltd (noticeboard key)

£267.70 to CDC (Dog bin emptying)

It was agreed to pursue the new online bank account with Lloyds Bank.

**23/72. To receive an update on planning**

There were no applications to consider.

**23/73. To receive the following correspondence**

- Complaint from villager re dog muck on a field. The field in question is behind the houses on Danvers Road and accessed from the open section on the Main Road. Dogs are being walked, mess left and it is not a footpath.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to write to the landowner.*

**23/74. To receive Councillors Reports**

The Chair spoke about Speedwatch. The swing board previously purchased is heavy to move about when doing the sessions. It was agreed to look at permanent signage that Swalcliffe and Tadmarton have.

A lot of dog mess is still being left at the top of Danvers Road.

**23/75. To note next meeting date and time**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.