

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Of Broughton Parish Council
Held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.00pm
At St Marys House, Broughton

Councillors Present

Cllr Leech (Chairperson), Cllr Hilsdon and Cllr Howarth

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and one villager

24/43. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Byrne (holiday) and District Cllr Chris Brant (work)

24/44. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

24/45. Public participation session

No matters were raised.

24/46. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 23rd May 2024

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

24/47. To note the resignation of Cllr Mills

Cllr Mills has resigned from the Parish Council due to other commitments.

Action: The Parish Clerk to write a thank you letter and advise CDC of the vacancy.

24/48. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

- Update on Project Gigabit. A teams meeting was held recently with neighbouring villages which the Parish Clerk could not attend. She will ask for an update.

24/49. Financial Report

Update on bank balances

a) The Clerk reported an account balance of £11,537.20.

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

£18.00 to Parish Clerk (SLCC membership)

£700.00 to Andrew Bathe (grass cutting)

£377.31 To Parish Clerk (hours)

£94.20 to HMRC

24/50. To receive an update on planning

- 24/01524/F, *Construction of car park to serve existing office at Laws and Fiennes, Warren Lodge, Main Road.* No comment by PC.
- 24/01332/F, *Demolition of front porch, erection of single storey extension to rear, new porch to frontage and internal alterations at 2 Danvers Road.* No comment by PC.

24/51 To discuss grass cutting in the village

Earlier discussions in the year included leaving some of the churchyard wild. The Chair has visited both Kirtlington and Bloxham churchyards but more work is involved than first thought. A new grass contractor will be needed for 2025.

Action: The Parish Clerk to start making enquiries.

There is strimming to be done in the village opposite the pub. The number of volunteers who can trim has reduced. The vegetation by the bottom noticeboard on the Main Road is overgrown.

Action: The Chair will cut the vegetation back by the bottom noticeboard.

24/52. To receive an update on Speedwatch

Two new volunteers have come forward but had a problem with the training course. Hornton Parish Council have advised they may buy their own Speedwatch equipment. Councillors discussed purchasing new Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and asking County Cllr George Reynolds if they can apply for funding from his Councillor Priority Fund. It was agreed the village should be consulted first as the signs are expensive.

Action: The Chair to email the village.

New permanent signage for Community Speedwatch is to be ordered. The cost is £284.74 including VAT. It was agreed to accept the cost.

Action: The Parish Clerk to confirm the order.

24/53. To receive the following correspondence

- Email from villager re dog fouling. It was agreed to respond to the email.
- Highways, Road closure on Banbury Road, North Newington on 3rd September 2024. The official notices will be displayed on 20th August.
- OCC, Spruce up your signs. OCC have kits to loan out to villages to clean their own road signs. The details will be kept on file.

24/54. To receive Councillors Reports

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village.

24/55. To note next meeting date and time

Monday 16th September 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.