

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Of Broughton Parish Council
Held on Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.00pm
At St Marys House, Broughton

Councillors Present

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

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles

24/56. To receive apologies for absence

None.

24/57. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

Cllr Howarth declared an interest as a member of St Marys House Committee.

24/58. Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

24/59. Co-option of New Councillor

Trevor Crawley was co-opted onto the Parish Council. He signed the Acceptance of Office form and was passed a ROI form to complete.

24/60. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2024

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

24/61. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

- Update on Project Gigabit. The Parish Clerk has chased but there is no further news.

24/62. To discuss including St Marys House on the village whats app group and renaming it

St Marys House belongs to the village but many think it belongs to the Church. The hall is self funded. The project was driven by the Church in the beginning and was a common room for the elderly. It attracted a bigger grant. It was agreed to rename the group and call it Parish Council/St Marys House (Village hall).

Action: Cllr Howarth to write a history of the hall for the newsletter.

24/63. To receive an update from the new committee of St Marys House

The committee is now bigger and has new members. Julie Taylor will step down as Treasurer in 12 months time. Then a new treasurer will be needed.

24/64. To discuss the grass cutting contract for 2025

Andrew Bathe will finish cutting in Broughton this year as he has moved away from the area. His nephew has offered to take over the grass cutting. It was agreed to get another quote to compare.

Action: The Parish Clerk to get quotes.

24/65. To receive an update on purchasing new VAS signs

New VAS signs, whether solar or battery powered cost about £3.5K each. If a pole is needed the price will increase to about £4.5K. Cllr George Reynolds has agreed to give a grant from his Councillor Priority Fund of £1.5 - £2K. It was agreed a letter would be sent to the village asking for their views with a deadline of one week to respond.

Action: The Parish Clerk to draft a letter.

24/66. Financial Report

Update on bank balances

a) The Clerk reported an account balance of £14,358.34

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

- £89.98 to S Leech (weedkiller x 2)
- £8.34 to S Leech (petrol for strimmer)
- £20.68 to S Leech (blades for strimmer)
- £700.00 to A Bathe (grass cutting)
- £284.74 to Sign Wizzard Ltd (speedwatch signage)

24/67. To receive an update on planning

One new application had been received.

- 24/02200/F, Demolition of front porch, erection of single storey extension to side, new porch to frontage and internal alterations – revised scheme of 24/01332/F) at 2 Danvers Road. No comment by PC.

24/68. To note the following correspondence

- OALC, To discuss the proposed Increase in subscriptions for 2025/26 and whether to support or not. OALC are proposing to increase their fees by 7%. Last year the price was £140.00 & VAT. This will increase to £180.00 & VAT. OALC provide help and support and provide training. It was agreed to support the increase.

Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to OALC.

- Highways, Preparing for Winter. The Chair to check the salt bins to see if they need filling.
- Katharine House Hospice, Bereavement Volunteers. On the notice-board.
- AGE UK, Changes to Winter Fuel Payments. The Chair to circulate on the email list.

24/69. To receive Councillors Reports

Cllr Crawley spoke about the sides of the roads which are full of weeds. The Parish Clerk knows a company who will spray the weeds twice a year.

Action: The Parish Clerk to contact them and get a quote.

The nettles behind the bottle banks are very high and require spraying.

Action: The Chair to spray.

24/70. To note next meeting date and time

Monday 25th November 2024 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.