

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Of Broughton Parish Council
Held on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.00pm
At St Marys House, Wykham Lane, Broughton

Councillors Present

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

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles

24/71. To receive apologies for absence

None.

24/72. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

24/73. Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

24/74. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2024

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

24/75. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda

- Update on Project Gigabit. There is no further news on a start date.
- Change of name on Whats app group. The name has not changed yet. A meeting will be held on 3rd December. Cllr Howarth has written the history of the hall and passed to Sarah Crawley.
- Nettles behind the bottle bank. These have been strimmed.

24/76. To discuss the consultation results on the purchase of a new VAS and the benefits of 20mph limit

The results have been analysed. 130 papers were printed and delivered. 10 replied yes and 17 replied no. This represents a 16% response rate. The village were consulted on 20mph in October 2023 and the response was low. There are more traffic calming options available without street lighting but the parish would have to pay for them. Therefore this motion, to purchase a new VAS, will not be taken forward as the cost benefit is not there.

24/77. Financial Report

Update on bank balances

a) The Clerk reported an account balance of £13,868.01.

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

£350.00 to A Bathe (grass cutting in October)

£267.70 to CDC (dog bin emptying)

£425.08 To Parish Clerk (hours)

£106.20 to HMRC

£38.44 To Parish Clerk (expenses)

Councillors to think of future spend ideas ahead of setting the precept for 2025-26 in January. Suggestions were a replacement notice-board for the Main Road, a speed survey in the New Year and more road signage for Wykham Lane.

c) *To discuss the quote to control the weeds*

The Parish Council have got a quote to spray kerbs and back edges. This will improve drainage, stop weeds breaking up kerb settings/pavements and for aesthetic reasons.

Weeds in gutters will cause litter debris to build up. The cost is either £190.00 & VAT for 2 sprays in May and September or £220.00 & VAT for 3 sprays in April, June and October. It was agreed to proceed with 3 sprays next year and ask if the car park on Wykham Lane can be included.

Action: The Parish Clerk to confirm with the contractor.

24/78. To receive an update on planning

- 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. Granted by CDC.
- 24/01524/F, Formation of car park to serve existing office at Laws & Fiennes, Warren Lodge, Main Road. Granted by CDC.

24/79. To discuss the grass cutting contracts for 2025 and agree a new contractor (details circulated)

Three contractors were approached to quote for the work in 2025, Thomas Fox Landscaping, SW Services and 4th Corner Landscaping. Two quotes were fairly similar but it was agreed to award the contract to Thomas Fox Landscaping for 2025.

Action: The Parish Clerk to confirm this in writing.

24/80. To note the following correspondence

- CDC, Review of Cherwell District Polling Districts. The current polling station arrangements at St Marys House are adequate and suitable.
- OCC, School Applications for Reception (September 2025). A poster is on the noticeboard and the deadline for applications is 17th January 2025.

24/81. To receive Councillors Reports

The Chair attended the Banbury Rural Community Forum. The top priorities are Speeding, Parking at schools and Anti Social Behaviour. Buffer zones were discussed and in particular for roads where speeds are 60mph to 20mph and 40mph to 20mph. The next meeting is 29th January.

The recent poppy collection raised £207.85.

The new green noticeboard at the top of Wykham Lane was hit by a motorist. It has been pushed into the hedge behind. The Parish Clerk to get a quote to replace the old notice-board on the Main Road.

24/82. To note meeting dates for 2025

13th January, 3rd March, 28th April, 19th May, 30th June, 8th September, 20th October and 1st December.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.