

Minutes of the Brogborough Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Village Hall, Brogborough which started at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P Hinson - Chairman, A Moss, D Tuitt, M White & Mrs Lyman –The Clerk.

2341. **To receive apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs A MacDonald & J Newberry and CB Cllrs S Clark, K Matthews & R Morris.

2342. **To accept Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and they were duly signed.

2343. **To discuss Matters Arising:**

2291a Dog waste signs: Cllr Moss has put up a lot of signs around the village.

2326d The damaged wooden fence at Manor Farm has been removed and trees have been planted.

2335a The picnic table in the meadow is broken and hazardous. Cllrs Hinson & Moss will check what is there at the moment and what might be best then costs can be obtained.

**Action: PH/AM**

2335f Fence at the top of Badgers Meadow which is in the wrong place: Cllr Moss tried to get in touch with Pippa Cheetham at O & H but she is no longer the person to contact. She was put in touch with Neil Perrins (Bidwells) who manage the land for O & H. We have been given the option of a) leave the existing fence where it is but have a new fence erected where it should be or b) have the existing fence taken away and have the new fence where it should be. It was agreed to have the old fence taken away. As the farmer (who rents the land) needs access, it was agreed we need a legally binding access agreement in writing which O & H should pay for. The farmer has already been working the land recently. Neil Perrins and Cllr Moss will be having a site meeting to discuss this in the near future. The land in question amounts to roughly 2 acres which is obviously very valuable. This whole issue was first raised in March 2017.

**Action: AM**

2335g The possibility of ploughing an area in Badgers Meadow and scattering seeds for the birds: Cllr Moss is investigating obtaining a grant from Grantscape (The Mick George Community Fund).

**Action: AM**

2338 Letter of complaint regarding cars parking on a grass verge in Highfield Crescent: It appears the cars have stopped parking at present.

2344. **Open Forum:**

***Residents will have the chance to raise anything relevant to Parish Council business but they will not be able to discuss the subject more than once. A maximum of 2 minutes per subject will be allowed. Residents were advised of what the PC has no restriction over ie private gardens etc.***

There appears to be a rising amount of rubbish around the village. It was noted that a car has started to park on the service road behind Ridgway Road quite regularly although it is not thought rubbish is being dumped by the driver.

Repair work is taking place on the railway line.

Regarding the subsidy which was discussed at the February meeting, it is understood that some residents intend to rip up any forms they receive as they think it is a bribe from Covanta which it so obviously isn't. It is a bona fide offer so the forms should not be ignored. This is being organised by Grantscape.

Cllr White advised that she is standing as a Ward Cllr in the forthcoming elections as well as a Parish Cllr.

Cllr White said the last thing to be renovated in the Village Hall are the toilets for which Section 106 funding has been allocated.

Cllr Moss had a list of the Section 106 monies which had been allocated in 2012 regarding the traffic calming on C94 which she circulated for information. She also circulated the Public Notice re traffic calming which was erected in June 2017. The traffic survey was completed in March 2015.

Regarding the strip of land owned by the Parish Council to the rear of the service road between residents properties and the service road to the rear of Ridgway Road: any residents wishing to cross this strip to gain access to their properties have to sign tenancy paperwork which lasts for 5 years – it was last done in 2017 so won't need renewing until 2022. This agreement goes with the residents so if the property is sold, a new agreement needs to be signed if access is required.

Some street light issues were reported and the damaged kerb stone at the entrance to the layby was reported. (CBC Ref 324201).

2345. **To consider Correspondence/Planning:**

Bedfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner is inviting parishes to finance a PCSO for their parish. This will be extremely expensive annually and unfortunately, the PCSO could be taken away for emergency duties etc at any time. After discussion it was agreed not to take this up.

B & MK News March edition was circulated.

Local elections take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The Clerk has a supply of Local Election Nomination Packs. Packs were circulated to all existing Cllrs. The Clerk has spare packs should any residents feel they could genuinely offer their services as a Parish Councillor.

**Planning:**

See Reports below.

2346. **To Accept Finance:**

Balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019: Comm a/c: £200.00    BP a/c: £35,771.66    BP 2 a/c £15,429.36

It was **RESOLVED** that the following invoices be paid:

**Expenditure:**

Andy Muskett Ltd	54.00	101072
4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ st Itg maintenance		

Mrs Lyman Apr 18 – Mar 19 Clerks Expenses	54.40	101073
BSAA Hall Hire	96.00	101074
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – March	100.52	s/o
e.on Monthly Energy Charge February	18.83	d/d
	323.75	

(The Clerk explained that new salary rates for Clerks come into place for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 so as the last years increase bank mandate never came into operation, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be paid a lump sum for the last 12 months increase and a new mandate be completed when the new rates are known).

2347. **To receive Reports:**

***CB Cllr Clark:*** No report available.

***CB Cllrs Matthews:*** No report available.

***CB Cllr Morris:*** No report available.

***Neighbourhood Watch:*** Nothing to report.

***Marston Vale Stakeholders Meeting:*** This had been set up by Lisa Newlands of CBC on behalf of O & H. It was chaired by CB Cllr Sue Clark. Cllrs Hinson & Moss and The Clerk attended. 15 attended representing Brogborough, Cranfield, Hulcote & Salford, Husborne Crawley, Liddlington, Marston Moretaine, Millbrook, Ridgmont, Stewartby & Wootton,

One of the main issues appears to be that we are on the edge of both Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedford Borough Council and both Councils work differently. It was also thought that the Councils don't think that Parish Councils speak to each other!

Of the 5000 houses spoken about, there could potentially be 500 and 116 houses for Brogborough. The next meeting is to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

***CBC Planning meeting:*** Despite Maria Spearing (Chair of Ridgmont Parish Council) and CB Cllr Clark speaking on our behalf, unfortunately the Goodes Yard site planning application was accepted. Prologis said that Raja Pack had outgrown their site and wanted to move to a larger site (which this would be) and had said if this planning application wasn't successful, they would move elsewhere – which was rather threatening and sounded like blackmail!

It was pointed out that, if we have to have industry, it needed to employ more local people – not just a few. CB Cllr Clark argued that Brogborough would disappear under all the building applications that are being submitted and the traffic calming has not yet been put in place on the C94. It must be ensured that HGV's turn out toward the M1 Junction 13 and not go up through the village.

CBC pointed out that there is a cycle path which runs along the old Salford Road which is supposed to meet up with other cycle paths, but obviously cannot. They would intend to install a Pelican Crossing to allow cyclists to cross!!!

Prologis has been told they are to pay for a pedestrian crossing in the village, more definite signs barring HGV's through the village and the Village Gateway must show we are a village. But this has not been put in writing.

Despite all the questions raised CBC didn't have answers as they were un-known, the application was passed 7 – 3. Maria Spearing and CB Cllr Clark were thanked for all their help.

The residential application for 116 houses is still live.

***O & H invitation:*** O & H have invited two Cllrs to attend a site visit to an estate they have built - The Hamptons in Peterborough on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Cllr Moss and the Clerk will be attending.

2348. **Play Equipment:**

The Section 106 forms are now in the process of being completed. (The hall is owned by the village but run by the Village Hall committee).

2349. **To confirm Date of the next meeting:**

Cllrs agreed to get together un-officially to complete Election forms.

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Peter Hinson - Chairman