

Minutes of the Brogborough Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 in the Village Hall, Brogborough which started at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P Hinson - Chairman, J Newberry, D Tuitt, Lyn Lyman – Clerk and 3 residents

In attendance: CB Cllr K Matthews.

2435. **To receive apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Moss and CB Cllrs S Clark & R Morris.

2436. **Parish Councillor Vacancies (3):**

There are vacancies for 3 Parish Councillors.

Interest received from: Denise Harris, Veronica Woodward & Neil Wright.

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Harris, Mrs Woodward and Mr Wright (who were present) be nominated to fill the vacancies. They were asked to complete the Declaration form on CBC website using the following link:
https://forms.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/officeforms/ROI_Application_Form.ofml

2437. **To accept Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th December 2019 and they were duly signed.

2438. **To discuss Matters Arising:**

Container Break-in: The Clerk has spoken to the insurance company and agreed a settlement figure for items which were stolen from the container.

Traffic signals are still out of sync on Bedford Road. (Report number 330028 & 332071). As this is still wrong, it is to be reported yet again. (Subsequent report number 334794). CB Cllr Matthews agreed to follow this up. **Action: KM**

2417b Greensand Country Gateway signs: This is ongoing (Cllr Moss). **Action: AM**

2432c Street Lighting – CBC possible ownership: The Clerk had contacted at CBC again but no response has been received. CB Cllr Matthews agreed to follow this up. **Action: KM**

2433 Scrap business seems to be running in one of the garages to the rear of Highfield Crescent. Cllr Hinson had made contact but they said they only lease the garages out, they are not concerned with what they do with them. CB Cllr Matthews agreed to invite the Enforcement Officer to check out what appears to be happening. **Action: KM**

2439. **Residents request to Speak:**

Anything residents wish to discuss must be sent to the Chairman/Clerk at least 3 days before the meeting. A maximum of two minutes will be allowed per item. The item will only be discussed once at the meeting and must be relevant to Parish Council business. (Residents have been advised previously of what the PC has no restriction over ie private gardens etc).

A resident said it would help if the footpath by the roundabout in the area of 21 Ridgway Road could be altered as vehicles are going on the grass and also damaging the kerb stones because

they cant get round the roundabout properly. As present it is not easy for residents who need walking aids either.

There is still a lot of litter and dog waste appearing around the village.

Security Lights are not working properly on the footpath by the brook. Cllr Tuitt agreed to check if the column has a number on it. So that this can be reported to Prologis.

An observation was made about the latest building on Marston Gate being green and not blue like the other buildings.

2440. **To consider Correspondence/Planning:**

An insurance claim is being made against the Parish Council for possible subsidence to one of the garages (17) on the Highfield Crescent service road due to trees/bushes causing a crack in the brickwork.

It was noted that the garages are old and have had no maintenance work carried out to them (with the exception of one). They have no footings and at present the ground is exceptionally sodden. It was noted that garage number 17 had been cleared round the outside. The lintel is not the right size. Previous dry circumstances caused the clay to shrink. This is to be reported to the Parish Council insurance company so that they can take it forward. Cllr Hinson is also going to get Michael of ATM to look at the situation too.

Action: PH

CBC Budget Consultation information: the consultation ends on 30th January.

Marston Vale Stakeholder Group meeting is being held on 27th January at 7pm at Marston Moretaine VC School. Cllr Hinson and the Clerk agreed to attend.

Planning:

No planning issues raised.

2441. **To Accept Finance:**

Balances as at 31st December 2019: Comm a/c: £200.00 BP a/c: £40,156.60 BP 2 a/c £15,460.15

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

HMRC 3 rd ¼ PAYE	85.20	101102
Andy Muskett Ltd 2 nd ¼ St Ltg Maintenance	54.00	101103a
Andy Muskett Ltd 3 rd ¼ St Ltg Maintenance	54.00	101103b
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – January	114.52	s/o
Eon Monthly Energy Charge Dec	20.77	s/o
Eon	21.46	s/o

2442. **To receive Reports:**

CB Cllrs Matthews: Was told that the drain on the opposite side of the village hall, Ridgway Road is blocked again has caused flooding across the road and actually going into the hall. The Clerk was asked to report this to Mark McDonald and let CB Cllr Matthews know what he says.

Action: LL

Local Plan: The Inspector has asked for a timetable from CBC which he has been given. There may be two further hearings as The Inspector wants further evidence re the latest Prologis application on A507. If the Inspector is then satisfied, the Local Plan may be adopted by the end of the year.

A Consultation is about to come out from CBC regarding putting cctv into 180 taxis, hackney or private hire vehicle. This will be on the CBC website.

CB Cllr Clark: Had forwarded her report advising that she visited Brogborough last Friday with Paul Salmon to look at snagging re the new 7.5 ton limit scheme. She had requested comments/observations beforehand and comments from the meeting are highlighted in yellow below:

1. The bus lay-by could be narrowed with signs saying 'no parking', shortening or whatever is needed to make it a designated bus stop only. **This is being dealt with.**
2. The entrance to the closed off road that was once entrance to the picnic site could be closed off in line with the C94 road edge or blocked by whatever means possible. HGVs use this to park up overnight and also to do complete direction changes across the Bedford Road - which is very dangerous in darkness and for traffic approaching south over the hill.
3. The lay-by at the top of the hill serves no purpose now that the picnic site doesn't exist and could be closed off with some notice deterrent set up just further north where HGVs have been known to drive up and overnight park along the bridlepath (this is suggested to be the reason that the fencing at the entrance was wrecked when the HGVs reverse back across the bridge to get out). **Both of these entrances are being blocked .**
4. A speed indicator (smiley/angry face with actual speed shown) to help deter vehicles failing to slow down when reaching the speed limit. **PS looking into doing something about this.**
5. A roundabout (same as Marston Moretaine which is 1/2 mile from the start of the C94 weight restriction at the entrance to a housing estate to improve safety of exit at Hill Crescent. This would be a bonus as this is a very difficult exit for residents along with the north end of the shop lay-by. **I am not going to be able to get you a roundabout sorry.**
6. It would be good to see a designated crossing for the use of residents in Bowling Close and the six houses, bungalow and residential buildings at Highfield Farm. **I need to follow this further.**

Also pointed out:

1. No yellow lines with Bus Stop to identify it as it looks like a lay-by or passing place. **Bus stop being dealt with .**
2. Arrows for turning in both roads are too narrow and inviting an accident eg people to pass on the near side. **Paul assures me it is safe, there is the correct spacing and the camber makes it look worse.**
3. The red SLOW painted on the road impedes the hatch marking.

4. The lay-by in and out are the wrong way round which makes it difficult to exit. The layby doesn't have a designated one way or designated in and out, the arrow is simply to denote an entrance.
5. The white gate: the gate on the left hand side going towards the traffic lights is uneven and back to front. Couldn't see what Jeannette meant here sorry.
6. The flashing 50 sign has been removed and no replacement 40 has been added. This is in hand with Paul.

The HGV ban round signs will be backed by reflective yellow to emphasise them and the main no HGV sign on the roundabout will be checked for positioning.

Paul noted 2 HGVs coming through the village and took their details and he also noted several cars bombing over the hill doing way over 40, which was very helpful for him to witness.

CB Cllr Morris: No report available.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr Tuitt advised of various issues: ie a milk float came round the village at 2.30am one other morning; a builders van has been broken into again etc

2443. **To confirm Date of the next meeting:**
Wednesday 5th February 2020.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Peter Hinson – Chairman