

BROUGHTON HACKETT PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 7.00 pm in St Leonards Church

ATTENDEES:

Nick Capell - Chair of meeting

Maggie Pearse - Clerk

Linda Robinson - District and County Councillor

Sue Bate, Roger Bibby, Bob Brierley, Myra Brierley, Pete Bull, Andrea Bull, Jess Butler, Marion Capell, Paul Cooper, Sarah Cooper, Ivan Crouchley, Debbie Crouchley, Fred Curruthers, Hazel Curruthers, Stephen Draper, Helen Draper, Margaret Eastwood, Nick Edwards, Vicki English, Marilyn Farbrother, George Hamilton, Sarah Hamilton, Christine Harrison + 1, Jenny Hughes + 1, Barry Luxton, Becky Lewis, Suzy Morton, Melanie Nichols, Nigel Pemberton, Peter Penhallow, Bob Phillips, Pauline Phillips, Sarah Seccombe, Barry Smith, Sue Stanley, Jon Stone, Jan Stone, Andrew Temple Cox, Mike Tomlinson, Duncan Varnes, Keleigh Varnes, Peter Ward and Cate Webb-Jones.

Jeremy Marshall (Chair, WLA Parish Meeting)

Roger and Janet Clark – on video link

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- The Chair of the meeting (Nick Capell) welcomed everyone.
- Apologies were received from Matt Lilburne, Phil Newbury, Calum Peterson, Eve Robson, Darren Seaborn, David Simms, Dianne Simms and Ainsley Williams.

2 APPROVAL OF NOTES ON PREVIOUS MEETING

- The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st June 2021 were approved by the meeting, and signed by Nick Capell.

3 MATTERS ARISING

a. Lengthsman

- Roger Clark reported that Carl Brassington had submitted a report prior to the meeting, and this had been circulated. The main items are lay-by waste bins, blocked road drains and the footpath from Broughton Hackett to Upton Snodsbury. Regarding the recommendation in Carl's report to have more or bigger waste bins, this could work two ways, one being that extra or larger bins could just encourage people to bring even more rubbish to Broughton Hackett.

b. Horne Hill

- Wychavon are monitoring this.

c. Village White Gates

- Village white gates for BH are recommended in the A422 study report but have not yet been installed. The WCC Highways Liaison Officer, Barry Barnes, has indicated that the WCC Transport and Infrastructure Team have taken this issue up with Ringway who appear to have neglected to install all of the village gates that were

planned as part of the A422 survey. They will have to return to install them, but no date has yet been set. As soon as they know more, they will let us know.

d. Footways

- The condition of the footway between the March Hare and Upton Snodsbury has again been reported to WCC. It is now considered dangerous to walk. Linda Robinson requested that she be sent a photograph of the footpath.

4 FINANCIAL

a. Parish Accounts

- The accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. Total income was £2606 and total expenditure was £2014 giving a surplus for the year of £592. At the time that the accounts were prepared there were two outstanding lengthsman payments from WCC. These have now been paid and will go into the next accounts. The Balance Sheet indicates that there was £1655 in the bank account on 31 March 2022.
- The accounts have been thoroughly checked by George Hamilton as internal checker and Roger Clark expressed thanks to George.
- The accounts were approved by the meeting, as proposed by Maggie Pearse and seconded by Nick Capell.

b. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

- Roger Clark explained that each year we have to produce an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The Certificate of Exemption then gets submitted to the external auditor before the end of June, otherwise we will be subject to a formal external audit for which we will have to pay.
- The AGAR was circulated prior to the meeting and was approved by the meeting, as proposed by Peter Penhallow and seconded by Marion Capell.

c. Precept 2021/2022

- Roger Clark suggested that the precept for 2023/2024 should again be £1000. This would result in about £11 or £12 per annum for a Band D Council Tax and proportionate amounts to other bands, which was the case for 2021/2022 and is the case for 2022/2023. This was agreed by the meeting, as proposed by Marion Capell and seconded by Nick Edwards.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

a. North Farm

- Agricultural building to be used for storage of fodder and machinery.

b. 1 The Croft

- Two story side extension and single-story rear extension.

c. Marlow

- Construction of a porch.

d. Broughton Manor

- Proposed development of outdoor storage, change of use of dwelling to office space/storage and the provision of new vehicular access.
- Nick Capell presented pictorial evidence of the current site in Harvington in 2016 and 2021 showing the increase in the numbers of HGVs, tractors, etc plus the rusted remains of old vehicles.

- Linda Robinson confirmed that Wyre Forest Council has planning history with this particular company which Wychavon is now aware of.
- The applicant has ignored all eviction and enforcement notices over the last 3.5 years.
- Another application at Callimore Farm by the same applicant is stalled at Appeal. Serious questions were raised about vehicle movements at night plus parking on the main road outside the site.
- The meeting unanimously objected to this planning application and reasons for objecting were discussed by the meeting.
- It was suggested that a committee should be formed of Nick Capell, Roger Clark, George Hamilton and Andrew Temple Cox to discuss the points that should be raised for objection. This was proposed by George Hamilton and seconded by Marion Capell.
- Should it be considered necessary to obtain professional advice, it was agreed by the meeting that BHPM funds could be used for this purpose.

6 COUNCILLOR

a. County and District Councillor - Linda Robinson

- Linda thanked Rob Adams for his advice as she got to grips with her role at County. She also thanked Roger and Maggie for keeping her informed of issues in the village.
- Linda has been made Vice-chair of Planning and Regulatory Services at County, which is far more strategic than District, and is a member of Hereford & Worcestershire Fire Authority.
- Covid-19 is now easing back but actual infections are significantly higher than the headline rates. 44 patients were admitted to hospital this last week. We should all take care to stay safe. Hospitals are reporting that the age of people arriving with Covid-19 is increasing with more people over 65 presenting. Visit the Worcestershire Covid-19 dashboard for the latest infection rates data.
- Some vulnerable adults have now received a fifth booster and the fourth booster will be available for the over 65s in the Autumn.
- Homes for Ukraine update - there are currently 126 hosts (at 24th May) in the district with an anticipated 301 guests although some refugees are choosing not to travel so this number should be viewed with caution. The main priorities are the need for translators, access to healthcare (particularly mental health/trauma), school placements and support with financial matters. Further guidance is to be given. As of last week, 172 applications for school places had been received countywide with 81 children and young people already offered places. There are currently 23 applications still to be processed.
- Cost of living crisis – as part of the Government scheme to help households living in Band A to Band D properties, these households will receive £150 payment to help with recent increases in energy bills. Fraudsters are around who have been claiming they are from the council and asking for bank details, etc. If concerned, then contact www.actionfraud.police.uk.

- Gritters - new machines have been added to the fleet, now 36, and roads covered last year totaled 69,972 miles and spread 5,341 tonnes of salt.
- Road surfaces – there is a programme to restore the highways this coming summer. www.worcestershire.gov.uk/surfacing gives the programme of road closures.
- Tree planting (Queen's Green Canopy) – 16,000 trees have been planted in Worcestershire to date, some being planted at the recent Jubilee celebrations.
- Linda thanked everyone for their hard work over the last year.

7 VILLAGE

a. Notice Board

- There are funds remaining in the VoC bank account and the VoC committee propose that part of the money will be used to contribute to new notice boards in each of the villages. The contribution to BH will be £500.

b. Wychavon Parish Games

- These are going ahead this year but unfortunately not many people have come forward from BH. Some events that might be of interest and do not require too many people are;
 - Cross Country 4th July
 - Pentanque 24th July (2 players)
 - Rounders Sunday 10th July (minimum team of 6 needed)
 - Junior/ Senior Table Tennis 9th October (minimum 2 players)
- Further information on these games can be obtained from Calum (calumpeterson_7@hotmail.co.uk).

c. Village of Culture

- As part of the remaining funds for the VoC it has been decided to provide £100 per community for the purchase of a legacy tree and plaque. Each village can choose type of tree and the proposal is that this would be planted in the churchyard. Discussions will need to take place with the PCC regarding type of tree and location in the churchyard.
- A Legacy Book is being prepared and will be given to every household in the community.

8 AOB

There was no AOB and the meeting closed at 9.25 pm. Nick Capell was thanked for his input to the meeting and chairing the meeting.

9 NEXT MEETING – to be arranged