

Minutes of the Brogborough Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 starting at 7.30pm.

Due to Corona 19 Governmental Regulations, face to face meetings are unable to be held until further notice so this meeting was held by Zoom Conference Facilities.

Present: Cllrs P Hinson – Chairman, T Elsdon, A Moss, J Newberry, D Tuitt, V Woodward, N Wright & Mrs Lyman.

In attendance: CB Cllr R Morris.

2531. **To receive apologies:**

Apologies were received from: CB Cllr K Matthews. CB Cllr Clark will try to join the meeting later. (Unfortunately the meeting has just finished when CB Cllr Clark tried to join).

2532. **To accept Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and they will be duly signed.

2533. **To discuss Matters Arising:**

2432c Street Lighting – CBC possible ownership: CB Cllr Matthews says the contact is now Andy Clark. CB Cllr Matthews said he had received no response from Andy Clarke. As we haven't heard from him either, CB Cllr Matthews said he would speak to Andy Clarkes Manager.

**Action: KM**

2439a 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. At present it is not easy for residents who need walking aids either. Cllr Moss has spoken to John Chandler at CBC as have Cllr Tuitt and Richard Ashdown but John has not come back to any of them. Cllr Moss will follow this up again. Still nothing heard.

**Action: AM**

Cllrs Moss & Elsdon reported 27 items using 'Fix my Street'. Now they will check to see if anything has been actioned.

**Action: AM / TE**

2468j Regarding the water issues, it is known that tree routes are blocking part of the drain. There is also another problem with water by the Chinese Takeaway. Cllr Moss was advised to speak to Jack Bowers - CBC Highways Liaison Officer. CB Cllr Matthews was asked to take this up so he will contact Jack Bowers and John Chandler

**Action: KM**

2477 The redundant container has been sold for £450.

Speed limit was thought to be 40mph all the way along the C94, need 50mph taking out and all at 40mph. As the speed limit is unclear, CB Cllr Matthews agreed to check with CB Cllr Clark as to her understanding of it. At present it seems totally confusing. Nothing been done as yet.

**Action: KM / SC**

Cllr Moss has planted daffs which are coming up nicely. Michael (ATM) has cut the grass and Cllr Moss has strimmed. More trees are to be planted.

2534. **Residents requests 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 rear access roads, private gardens etc).**

Can residents be considerate when lighting bonfires please. Residents are hanging out washing and bonfires are being lit at the same time. An article is to go on Facebook.

Marston Vale Development Brief – what is the next time line? It has got to be approved by DMC but it wont be as the development brief is very poor at the moment. Consultation is being done by O & H. Planning application is not likely to be heard until after the Local Plan has been accepted.

Planning, Local Plan was discussed and closure and movement of Ridgmont Station (East West Rail). Health services and traffic infrastructure were of great concern to residents.

East West Expressway has now been cancelled.

Easter Egg Hunt went off really well. Cllr Hinson will put something about this on the Facebook page. Scones were circulated for which thanks were given.

Ringworks: Cllr Spearing – Chair of Ridgmont Parish Council has been working with CB Cllr Clark and has produced a letter regarding the Ringworks by The Round House. This area could be damaged should the Local Plan go ahead in its present form. Copies of the letter have been circulated to every house in Brogborough and Husborne Crawley. As many responses to this would be appreciated.

Contents of the website and notice board are to be updated.

A Planning Application has been submitted for a Gypsy site at Liddlington in the vicinity of the School and the railway station. A previous planning application for this area was refused on access grounds. Nothing has changed in the area so there should be a very strong case for the application to be refused again. The application has been called in by CB Cllr Morris.

The garage which is sinking into the ground behind Highfield Crescent: Godbolds insurance Company did not accept that we had done the required work. Cllr Hinson has sent photos and copy invoice of tree clearance to our insurers. Should we engage a solicitor? They had asked for the area to be cleared which was done. The same claim has been re-submitted to our insurers despite us having had the work done! We need them to clarify what they require from the second claim. This should all be left to the insurance companies to sort and we should not be intervening. Originally, the new garage was tacked onto the end of the garages badly (17) when it was done. Mrs Easter was thought to have rented 17 and she took photos of the state of it at the time. The garage is coming away from the others and there is damp egress. Cllr Moss will speak to Mrs Easter. Cllr Hinson will speak to our insurers again and explain the situation as far as he can.

**Action: PH/AM**

The Clerk pointed out that in June, she will have been Clerk to Brogborough Parish Council for 25 years!

2535. **To receive Reports:**

**CB Cllr Matthews:** Several items have already been covered above.

**CB Cllr Clark:** Had sent the following e.mail:  
Dear All,

Forgive me as I know I have already sent this to some of you.

Further to our conversation at the end of the Marston Vale Stakeholder meeting last week, this is the leaflet Maria Spearing (Ridgmont PC) and I have prepared to raise awareness about the Roundhouse/ringworks ancient monument on Brogborough Hill.

As some of you know, some of our residents are familiar with the Round House ruins tucked away behind Brogborough Village, but for most people the Ringworks or medieval castle earth works that the Round House is located inside is a revelation. Both the Round House and Ringworks are located on a spur of the Greensand Ridge a wonderful defensive position that takes advantage of amazing views along the Marston Vale, over to Ridgmont and along the Greensand Ridge - in short for a full 360 degree

Residents really don't know of the Ringworks existence or historical significance. The site is unmarked, looks a bit like a spoil heap, is in private ownership and in a very overgrown condition. However, once you get your eye in there are many substantial defensive earthworks that are clear to see. If Historic England hadn't raised the ringworks ancient monument as part of the Local Plan Hearings we would probably still be none the wiser.

Along with Cllr Spearing and others I am very keen to raise awareness about this fascinating site for 2 reasons. Firstly, I am currently working internally at CBC to raise awareness and in discussion with officers and Historic England with regard to this ancient monument and its location in the proposed country park as part of the Marston Valley allocation. If this were to be part of the MV development (it is currently excluded) there is a great opportunity to make this site safe and accessible so that it, and the amazing views from it can be enjoyed by all. It could be a fantastic focal point in the country park, with it's future secure.

The second and more urgent aspect though is the harm to the 'setting' of the Round House and ringworks of the proposed warehousing allocation at Marston Gate (site SE2). This site has been reduced in size and the proposed height of the warehousing has also been reduced, but in our opinion this hasn't gone far enough in terms of reducing the harm on the 'setting'. The modifications to this site are currently being consulted on as part of the Local Plan Main Modifications consultation.

It would be great if we could show the Inspectors by responding to the Local Plan consultation that we care about this site, and the effect the warehousing would have on it. To date there has been no public interest or comment as part of the Local Plan process, simply because no one realised it is there!

Anything you can do to raise awareness, and/or feedback your comments on this aspect of the local plan modifications would be much appreciated.

Please also note that the Marston Valley application site (SA2) also has some proposed modifications that are also being consulted on.

There has been some great work done on this by Maria Spearing and Alison Moss at Brogborough PC, who has done some brilliant detective work. Thank you also to Lidlington, the Lidlington Action group and Jennie Thomas at Millbrook for your support.

Cllr Spearing has created a dedicated facebook page and twitter account: **@savetheringwork**

Appreciate there is a lot going on at the moment, but the window re Marston Gate is small, as **comments have to be in by noon on the 5th of May.**

Kind regards  
Sue

**CB Cllr Morris:** Confirmed that as from 9<sup>th</sup> May no further virtual meetings (Zoom) can legally be held.

2536. **To consider Correspondence/Planning:**  
BMK News March newsletter.

The annual insurance renewal has been received. The Parish Council does not insure the hall.

2537. **To Accept Finance:**  
Approx balances as at 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021: Community Account: £200, BPM 1 £44,871.74  
BPM 2 £15,472.25

**Income:** Precept £8,800

**Expenditure:**

HMRC PAYE 4 <sup>th</sup> ¼	85.20	101129
Louws Landscaping Grasscutting 270.00 Oct A Grasscutting 180.00 Nov B	450.00	101130
Ms A Moss Gravel, cement and Title Deeds to The Round House	20.00	101131
Andy Muskett Ltd 4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ St Ltd Main	54.00	101132
BATPC Annual Affiliation Fees	93.00	101133
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary April	114.52	s/o
	816.72	

(BATPC has advised that negotiations are still ongoing regarding Clerks Salary annual increases but it has been agreed that Clerks should be paid £6 per week (£26 per month) allowance for working from home. This was unanimously agreed).

Mandate duly completed for signature – April 2021

2538 **Section 106 Play Equipment Update:**

The Section 106 forms submitted to CBC have now been agreed and we can go ahead and order the play equipment.

(Red Lynch Leisure quote is for £78,938.30 (inc VAT) which covers safety surfacing in all areas and new equipment in all areas).

The Clerk has re-checked what Section 106 funding the PC has left and it is £53,547.40 leaving the difference of £12,234.60 which it was agreed will come out of Parish Council funds. These figures do not include VAT.

The order has now been placed and will take in the region of 8 weeks from date of order.

2539. **Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings:**

Legislation regarding remote Parish Council meetings comes to an end on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Despite lobbying, legislation does not look as though it is going to be changed.

The May meeting should be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council meeting so start is normally 7.15pm. This will be the final Zoom meeting unless legislations changed.

2540. **To confirm Date and Format of the next meeting:**

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021, this will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. These will be held by Zoom facilities.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Peter Hinson – Chairman