

Minutes of the Brogborough Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 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, V Woodward, N Wright & Mrs Lyman.

In attendance: CB Cllrs S Clark & K Matthews.

2522. **To receive apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Cllr Tuitt and CB Cllr R Morris..

2523. **To accept Minutes of the previous meeting:**

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

2524. **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 will speak to Andy Clark and come back to us.

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. It was suggested that a message on social media usually gets results.

Action: AM

CB Cllr Matthews said we should use the CBC ‘Fix My Street’ app where you can report anything. Cllrs Moss & Elsdon agreed to walk round the village to take photos of things which need reporting. There is also a very large pothole on the hill as you come from Marston Moretaine it is about 150 yards from where the wall used to be.

Action: AM / TE

There is a loose bin which either needs cementing in or taking away. Cllr Moss will speak to Lisa White (2) who works for Paul Salmon. Cementing in would be Highways but removing would be Craig Siddle.

Action: AM

HGV’s are still parking in the layby over the hill. If CB Cllr Clark is provided with details, she will follow it up. The same HGV is parking every morning. Cllr Moss had spoken to ex Cllr Green about the layby by the picnic area which was designated for parking to Reynolds Wood so HGV’s should not be parking there. It has to be officially hard standing. CB Cllr Clark said she will speak to Paul Salmon to see the way forward. This is ongoing.

Action: SC

The dead end piece of road which used to be the picnic site entrance is being used for parking overnight. A lot of rubbish is being left there. CB Cllr Clark said she would chase this too. This is ongoing.

Action: SC

An Outline planning application for 5,000 houses for Marston Vale has been submitted but no decision has been made as yet. Before it comes up for decision, a development brief will be going out for consultation which will set out parameters. CB Cllr Clark spoke of the development brief which CBC rejected as not being good enough. Mark 3 development brief is out for consultation now. It is not a statutory document but should be setting the vision and aspiration of the development.

CB Cllr Clarks observations on the Development Brief are: the schematic plans are not clear, there are no photos of how the vale is at the moment. There are lovely houses in the existing vale which are missing. The viewpoints from the road are not the amazing views which they could be. It would be good to have the Round House repaired, then the views would be good as it is an important landmark/viewpoint.

Cllrs Moss, Elsdon & Wright have been looking at the development brief and they have further comments. Cllrs Newberry & Woodward will also look at it. The consultation finishes on 16th March, but if we require extra time, we should not be put off. The PC should respond and individuals could do so too. (with copies to the Ward Cllrs).

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**

Drain blocked on the way down to Prologis, Jeanette contacted Prologis, Environmental Heath Etc but no response received from Prologis. This is ongoing.

C94 water issues: when it rains it runs right across the road down the hill by Barretts entrance. It was freezing and was sheet ice recently. Apparently the C94 should be gritted although the road is still very slippery and lethal. Cllr Moss was advised to speak to Jack Bowers. CBC has completed 25 gritting routes. **Action: AM**

2477 Cllr Hinson has measured the redundant container in readiness to advertise on Facebook, buyer to collect! **Action: PH**

2507b Ward Cllr Grants start again in April. We could apply for a small grant (which has to be match funded) which could go towards the stone painting project as it is a community project. This is on the CBC website or CB Cllr Clark can help. CB Cllr Matthews suggested we e.mail the three Ward Cllrs with a proposal and objective together with an approximate price and they will check that the project would be eligible. Ward Cllrs want a vision of what we would like and will check if we can use it. It must be match funded. (It was suggested that a college be put together out of stones in memory of Covid 19 and set in concrete). **Action: AM /KM/RM**

A window display was organised to celebrate the Chinese New Year on 12th February. This was excellent and resulted in a final display in and outside the village hall on Friday and Saturday. Well done to all who took part.

2516a 7.5 ton weight limit sign needs moving as it is not visible at the crossroads by DC10 Prologis. Cllr Moss agreed to speak to Jack Bowers but as she has not received a response, CB Cllr Matthews will take it forward. Not sure whether the 7.5 ton weight limit is in force as yet. **Action: KM**

2516b Cllr Elsdon said there is a scheme in Milton Keynes (Terracycle) which recycles quite a lot of different items cardboard coffee cups etc and funds from this go towards charity. Cllr Elsdon was asked to put the idea in writing, he has been doing more research and will then write a report. **Action TE**

2516c The Roundhouse was tagged over Christmas using bright colours but we are unable to do anything about it as it is on private land, the owner would need to take action. CB Cllr Matthews said CBC has recruited staff to combat Anti-Social Behavior. This would come under Craig Siddle. Cllr Moss agreed to speak to Craig and ask him to deploy an officer to come and check it out. No response as yet. It is a heritage asset. Cllr Moss agreed to obtain details of ownership through the Land Registry. Historic England is looking into it too. If the owner has walked away from it, CBC may be able to make it safe and put a charge on the owner. Try contacting Historic England first. Cllr Moss agreed to take it forward. **Action : AM**

2525. 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).

Cllr Woodward spoke of the issues with Broadband signals since the new Prologis building has been built. (See 2527).

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. **Action: KM / SC**

Cllr Moss and a resident have filled the pots with compost on Badgers Meadow. This has been mentioned on the activities group in readiness for planting in the Spring. The pots have been tidied up at the front of the village. Cllrs Moss & Wright have been planting more trees in Badgers Meadow and the grass needs cutting (in both parts). Cllr Hinson will organize.

There have been a few issues recently with drivers parking vehicles to go walking. They are then getting stuck in the mud. This has only been happening since lock-down. This is on the back access to Ridgway Road. Need to put up no parking signs. The verge, the road and Badgers Meadow belong to PC.

2526. To receive Reports:

CB Cllr Matthews: Spoke of the Development Brief. Cllr Hinson said it doesn't seem to show footpaths and cycle paths. This should be included in our response. The outline planning application won't be approved until the development brief is determined. This will go to the DMC, if approved, the outline application would then have to be amended to parameters of the Development Brief. Footpaths, cycle paths and bridleways don't meet our requirement. The waterway (canal) has a protected route.

The Oxford/Cambridge expressway is still in abeyance. This has subsequently been cancelled.

Medical Centre was discussed. There is a planning application about to be submitted for Cranfield. The nearest one is in Marston.

New schools were discussed. One primary school should replace Ridgmont, Husborne Crawley and Woburn but the site for the largest property is unknown.

The Local Plan: the Inspectors raised concerns of the rising ground along the A507. The Inspectors have asked for it to be taken out. This would be a modification which the CBC has taken on board.

Central Bedfordshire is the 3rd happiest place to live according to a recent survey and Office of National Statistic and new paper.

CB Cllr Clark: The next consultation will be East West Rail. They want to upgrade the full service for Oxford/Cambridge. Aspiration to run trains at twice the speed they are running at present. Closure of some crossings will take place and solutions will be offered. This is an important consultation to take part in.

CB Cllr Morris: No report available.

2527. **To consider Correspondence/Planning:**

A complaint has been received from Highfield Farm advising that the telephone signal has been affected very badly ever since the new warehouse on the crossroads has been completed. This is to be reported to the planners but the resident needs to contact his network provider officially too.

Planning:

CB/20/03890/Full North Common Farm, Woburn Road, Liddlington. Resubmission of planning permission CB/20/03282/Full. Construction of plant hire facility incorporating offices, viewing area, repair centre and wash down zone and recladding of existing assembly shop. No objections so long as it doesn't involve any further HGV's.

2528. **To Accept Finance:**

Approx balances as at 29th January 2021: Community Account: £200, BPM 1 £45,106.38
BPM 2 £15,472.25

Expenditure:

Cancelled		101126
HMRC PAYE	85.20	101127
ATM Tractor Hire (2 invoices)	468.00	101128
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary March	114.52	s/o
e.on Monthly Energy Charge	21.46	d/d
	689.18	

There are two further outstanding invoices for Louws Landscaping : 24/10/20 270.00 and 14/11/20 180.00. He has also been reminded to put the address on his invoices.....

The working from home allowance for the Clerk (£26 per month) is still to be set up.

2529 **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.

2530. **To confirm Date and Format of the next meeting:**

Wednesday 7th April 2021

The Annual Parish Meeting can be held when face to face meetings resume.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Peter Hinson – Chairman