

## **BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Sargeant Memorial Hall 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllr G Morgan Chairman  
Cllr T Barnell  
Cllr H Barnell  
Cllr S Dorey  
Cllr Allingham  
Cllr M Clarke, NCC  
0 members of the public

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr K Ward  
Cllr C Clarke, SNC, Cllr S Hollowell, SNC

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (20.11.17) – These minutes had been circulated and were corrected and adopted as a true record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – To receive declarations made under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**  
(Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).  
None was declared.

4. **PUBLIC VOICE** - Members of the public are invited to address the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes, each member of the public may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Discussion may take place, decisions can only be made on items already included on the agenda. Members of the public may not take part in any other part of the Parish Council meeting.  
No public present.

5. **MATTERS FOR REPORT – NOT COVERED BY AGENDA**

#### **6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND REPORTS IF AVAILABLE**

See item 8 loss of bus subsidy below. Governance of NCC and their budget management is currently being scrutinised by Government Inspectors. Not sure what outcome is going to be, the financial position is very serious at NCC. It can only increase council tax by less than 2% unless a referendum is

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held however they are allowed upto another 3% which is ringfenced for adult social care, which NCC are proposing to make. There is discussion around the proposal for two unitary authorities which may be an option. Inspection will be complete in mid March.

Emailed report from Cllr Hollowell re NCC Peer Review

7.Planning – A) Local				
<u>S/2017/2849/FUL</u>	1 Furze Road Brafield On The Green NN7 1BG	Single storey side and rear extension	30/11/2017	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer
<u>S/2017/2805/FUL</u>	St Laurence Church Church Lane Brafield On The Green NN7 1BA	Re-build part of existing boundary wall reduced in height by 30 cm to match wall on left side of gate, topped with cock and hen stones, using existing stone and lime mortar	22/11/2017	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer

## B) STRATEGIC

Agreed that Cllr Morgan will ask Cllr Hollowell to assist in making a date as there has been such a delay in moving the village proposals forward.

- 8. NCC PROPOSAL TO REMOVE BUS ROUTE SUBSIDY** - Deborah Rush, Clerk to Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council holding a meeting on 24.1.18. John Ellerby (NCC principal bus officer), Cllr Michael Clarke, DCllr Steven Hollowell, Ian Denton Chair Grendon PC, Jon Bailey Chair Cogenhoe & Whiston PC. And also hoping to get a representative from Centrebus to attend. (Subsequently know that they have declined). Cllr Allingham will try to attend and will let Cllrs Barnells know if she cannot. Cllr Morgan stated that Parish Council is very disappointed at loss of service and because recently purchased new bus shelter. It is well used by elderly of village. Cllr M Clarke – NCC has no monies available to run service which costs £56000 per year. Possibility the extra 1% on the Council tax could be used but this is being called on for other uses as well. Cllr Clarke stated this was a high priority on his budget suggestions. Suggested writing to SNC to support Cllr Clarke's case.

## 7. ESTATE MATTERS

### A) FOOTPATHS -

### B) LIGHTING – Clerk has reported light out at top of Grove Road

**Cllr Dorey** reported on her work on Sox lighting which would reduce cost of supplies by Aylesbury Mains.. Suggestion to do 10 at a time (58 lights in village)- £110 per light (for 24 W PL- L conversion kit ). She will obtain a formal quote, find out when work could be done and circulate with a view to putting in a request before the end of the financial year. No grant available.

Also to clarify how many hours the bulbs are expected to last, costs of the bulbs and the on-going maintenance costs. **Cllr Allingham** will carry out a return on the investment.

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C) GREEN & POND – grass damaged by a lorry. Cllr Barnell will add item to newsletter about damage to verges by vehicles

D) PLAY AREA – **Clerk** to ask Wicksteed to do an Annual Inspection of equipment.

E) GENERAL ESTATE MATTERS new bus shelter cleaner – withdrawn.

But now Tracy Newman has started on 8<sup>th</sup> January. **Clerk** to inform her of the terms of payment (as 2 monthly) and make the appropriate arrangements with Barbara Osborne.

#### **8. BUS SHELTER WINDOWS – Parish Council to consider replacing windows.**

‘Jackie of All Trades’ would charge £188.40 to replace the wood and Perspex. This was proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Allingham. **Cllr Morgan** will contact the company.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should replace the damage done now and consider applying for grants to replace all the windows and re-paint the walls as the mural has become shabby.

#### **9. SOCIAL & COMMUNITY MATTERS**

A) POLICE MATTERS – anti social parking - see item12

B) CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

C) GENERAL COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Cllr H Barnell circulated Denton’s directory for interest.

- Cllr T Barnell reported that there was a power cut on 1<sup>st</sup> January for 6 hours and asked whether it had affected everyone in the village.

#### **10. HIGHWAY ISSUES – REPORTS OF PROBLEMS**

- **Church Lane lorry – lorry still present ?– reported – ref 913342 – assumed this has gone., matter closed.**
- **Bridle Close lorry – reported ref 913343 – **Cllr Dorey** will report to Police 101 and also mention Green Road Turning into Green Road from Bedford Road – bad parking on the junction- reported Ref 913346 – still occurring**

#### **11. PARISH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS WEBSITE UPDATE AND COMPLIANCE WITH TRANSPARENCY LAWS – COMMUNICATIONS.**

This must be discussed at an informal meeting provisionally booked on 6th February, 7.45pm.

Current website is up to date with Transparency information.

**Clerk** to contact Danny Moody at NCALC and find out whether on line payments are acceptable and what are concerns around audit.

#### **12. CORRESPONDENCE - OUTGOING / INCOMING**

##### **Out-going:**

Highway issues reported.

Request to repair window of bus shelter – see item 10 on agenda

##### **Incoming Emails/ letters circulated to councillors:**

- i. **Northants CALC** - eUpdate , November/December 2017 – circ

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- ii. **Rough Sleeper Estimate 2017** for South Northamptonshire Council
- iii. NCALC - Last Call for Transparency Fund Applications
- iv. Parish Mapping - Events Added to the Northants CALC Training Calendar
- v. **NCALC** - Last Call for Transparency Fund Applications
- vi. **NCALC** - Local Government Pay 2018 – 2020, increase of 2%
- vii. **Public Health** - Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation
- viii. **NCALC** - Audit Update, more to follow
- ix. **NCC** Cllr Heather Smith - Budget 2018 Northamptonshire County Council
- x. **NCC** - Northamptonshire County Council 2018-19 Budget Consultation: Phase 2, close 30.1.18
- xi. **NCC** - January's update from Northamptonshire County Council
- xii. **Local Council Advisor Service** - Urgent Data Protection Advice and Service
- xiii. SNC - Wongs Renewal Street Trader – renewal of licence
- xiv. ITV - New TV Programme is looking for Grandparents to take part
- xv. NCALC - Login details

### 13. FINANCE

#### PAYMENTS AGREED:

JS Landscapes	Invoice 1146	£200.00	Chq 144
B. Osborne	Pay roll Oct -Dec	£60.00	Chq 145
V Hartley	Salary Oct – Dec	£537.36	Chq 146
HMRC	Tax Oct – Dec	£135.40	Chq 147
Litter Picker	Salary Oct – Dec	£96.50	Chq 148
E-on	Supplies Oct – Dec	£770.38	Chq 149

#### Bank Balances:

- C/AC at 15.1.18 - £7247.80
- D/Ac at 17.12.17 - £12894.10

14. **AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2018/19 – AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2018/19 – Agreement and Resolution to apply for Precept for 2018/19 – The Clerk had circulated a draft budget. (attached) The Council resolved to approve the budget of £13,000** that is appended to these Minutes, proposed by Cllr Allingham and seconded by Cllr Barnell. The Council then resolved to maintain the precept for a further year and apply for £ £13,000 from SNC to cover the amount required by the budget.

### 15. SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS FOR COUNCILLORS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING – Councillors listed their actions for the next meeting.

### 16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

– Bus Service funding issues to go under Social and Community matters to enable us to keep informed and be aware of the implications of the potential loss of this valued service

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**17. ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER** - Cllr H Barnell listed items for newsletter.

**18. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS –**

**Dates arranged: 19.3.18, 21.5.18 at 7pm, 16.7.18, 10.9.18, 21.11.18 all at 7.30pm with the exception of the May meeting.**

**Meeting Closed at 9.20pm**

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