

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of BROUGHTON ASTLEY PARISH COUNCIL will be held in the Alan Talbott Room, Village Hall, Station Road Broughton Astley at **7.30pm on Thursday 29 September 2022** for the transaction of the following business. Your attendance is requested.



DATED: 22 September 2022

DEBBIE BARBER
Parish Manager

AGENDA

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a one-minute silence will be observed to pay respect to HM Queen Elizabeth II following her death on 8 September 2022.

1. Attendance and apologies.
2. Request for dispensations and Declaration of Members' Interests on any matters to be placed before the Council.
3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2022.
4. To consider progress in completing Parish Council resolutions.
5. Chair's Time – to inform Members of items of current interest.
6. Public Forum
7. Reports from outside bodies representatives
8. County and District Councillors Reports
9. To approve the schedule of payments for the period ending 31 August 2022.
10. To consider the financial statements for the period to the end of August 2022.
11. To review the s106 statement as of 31 August 2022.

12. To review the Grant Application status as of 31 August 2022.
13. To review the outstanding tasks following the annual RoSPA Inspection at Frolesworth Road recreation ground.
14. To receive the minutes from the Planning meeting held on 16 August and 5 September 2022.
15. To receive a letter from Harborough District Council
16. To receive a letter from Broughton Astley Volunteer Group.
17. To consider a report on the External Auditor Appointment
18. To receive and accept the conclusion of the Annual Audit 2021 – 2022
19. To consider a report on s106 funding deadlines
20. To receive a grant application from Broughton Astley Volunteer Group
21. **Members Motion** – 01/22 Councillor Colin Golding

Service as Chair

Records will show that over the previous twenty years, with the exception of one year, only two councillors, myself being one, have held the position of Chair of Broughton Astley Parish Council.

It is all too easy for councillors to sit on their hands and simply re-elect the current incumbent ad infinitum.

My honest opinion is that this role is not a fiefdom, and a more “regular” change of Chair would be beneficial to the council, with a fresh face and impetus brought to the table at a more regular interval. It is for this reason that I would wish the full council to debate succession planning as a forward step.

To begin the debate, I would like to suggest that BAPC considers changing its Standing Orders, and I would put forward the suggestion that the tenure of any future Chair or Vice Chair of BAPC should be for no longer than four years (the life of any single elected council), with voting taking place annually as is the current practice. This would allow the incumbents a significant period of office and allow the Vice Chair to gain sufficient knowledge and experience to move seamlessly into the Chair position (if so elected) at the end of the designated period.

22. **Members Motion** – 08/2022 Councillor David Glenis

Winter Support

As members will be aware, there are many villagers who will struggle to cope financially with the rising costs of energy this coming winter. The Village Hall is kept warm for use during the day.

Does this Parish wish to consider offering support to these villagers by for instance, by allowing them to come and spend some time in the village hall?

Would we want to offer warm drinks or even a hot meal?

Would we find grants or volunteers to support this?

The purpose of this motion is purely to ask the question, 'does this Council wish to consider providing winter support to villagers who may need it?'

NB: The meeting will adjourn at Item 6 on the agenda and will re-convene within half an hour or earlier, to allow members of the public to raise matters of concern following the Chair's Report. Whilst the public have no statutory rights to speak at a Parish Council Meeting, they may normally do so under this item with consent from the Chair.