

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, BROUGHTON ASTLEY**

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Beasley, G Brown, R Gahan, D Glenis, C Golding, S Oliver, R Patrick, P Shipman, Mrs M Stell (Chair), and Mrs L Teague.

**CLERK:** Parish Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:** The Responsible Finance Officer and 2 members of the public and 2 candidates for co-option.

**1. APOLOGIES**

3792/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That apologies were received from Councillors Miss A Butteriss, R Davis, and Grafton-Reed. No apologies were received from Councillor M Graves**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

3793/07/2024 **RESOLVED: No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received.**

**3. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS FOR BROUGHTON SOUTH AND SUTTON WARDS**

The two candidates applying for the casual vacancies on the Parish Council addressed the Members. They then left the room whilst the voting took place. The Parish Manager also left the room to avoid any conflict of interest. Mr Luke Dickinson and Mr Mark Barber have been elected on to the Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Mr Dickinson for the Sutton Ward and countersigned by the Parish Manager. A Declaration of Office was signed by Mr Barber for Broughton South Ward and was countersigned by the Responsible Finance Officer to avoid any conflict of interest.

3794/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That Mr Luke Dickinson and Mr Mark Barber have been duly elected on to the Parish Council. Declarations of Acceptance of Office have been signed and witnessed.**

#### 4. LOCAL POLICE BEAT TEAM

3795/07/2024 Pc Tom Glover and Sgt Charlie David came to speak with the Members and provided current information on crime in and around the area. Broughton Astley, in comparison to other areas within the Market Harborough area has one of the lowest crime rates. They assured those present that patrols are carried out in the village. Communication was discussed and that concerns had been made to office staff regarding Beat Surgeries being held in supermarkets and how that made some member of the public. This was noted by the Police. Other suggestions made to improve communication with the parishioners is to attend the local coffee morning in the church and to place articles in the bi-monthly InTouch magazine. The Chair of the Parish Council thanked both officers for their time and has extended an invitation to future Parish Council meetings.

Sgt Davis and PC Glover left the meeting at 20:10hrs

#### 5. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024

3796/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That the Parish Council minutes of Thursday 20 June 2024 were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Glenis and Mrs L Teague as a true record and were duly signed.**

#### 6. PARISH COUNCIL OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS

Outstanding resolutions report has been updated to reflect any comments or developments identified during the meeting.

3797/07/2024 **RESOLVED: To accept the Parish Council's outstanding resolutions.**

#### 7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

3798/07/2024 There was no communication from the Chair.

#### 8. PUBLIC FORUM

3799/07/2024 A member of the public addressed the Council raising concerns over the amount of public money that had been spent recently on various aspects of the councils' finances and accounts. It was requested that the councillor, identified as Cllr Mark Graves, who made the objections to the External Auditor and who raised a Members Motion during the last financial year causing a review of the councils' financial procedures and processes now accounts for their actions and justifies to the public the reasoning as to why a large amount of taxpayers' money has been spent. This accountability action was supported by Members with guidance given to council with regard a vote of no confidence.

#### 9. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

3800/07/2024 **RESOLVED: No County and District Councillors were present, however, the two reports received from Cllr Bannister and Dann were read to the council, copies of which can be found in Appendix A.**

**10. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY AND 9 JULY 2024**

3801/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That the minutes from the planning meetings held on 01 and 09 July 2024 are received.**

**11. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

3802/07/2024 Cllr Glenis advised members that the annual carnival went ahead and was well attended. He thanked the Parish Council for their grant towards the medical cover on the day.

**12. PARISH MANAGERS REPORT**

3803/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That a copy of the Parish Managers report can be found at Appendix A.**

**13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

3804/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That the Parish Council, by a unanimous show of hands, receives and approves the following prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer:**

- a) **Balance of accounts as of 31 May 2024**
- b) **Bank Reconciliations of 31 May 2024**
- c) **Income and Expenditure as of 31 May 2024**
- d) **Current Debtor and Creditor listing**

**14. ACOUSTIC TREATMENT FOR THE ALAN TALBOTT ROOM**

Members received the report provided by the Deputy Clerk on the initial investigations carried out to improve the acoustics in the Alan Talbott Room. There was a unanimous agreement that this should be investigated further and asked that the Deputy Clerk to pursue and obtain quotations from additional companies to bring back to full council for consideration.

3805/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk is requested to obtain additional quotations for council to consider at the next available meeting.**

**15. REPAIRS TO SKATEPARK**

Members received the report detailing the need to make repairs to the skatepark on Frolesworth Road Recreation Ground. It was noted that the last major repairs were undertaken in 2019. Councillors Patrick and Glenis proposed and seconded that the quotation provided from Fearless Ramps for £3,135.00 excluding VAT is accepted. This was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

3806/07/2024 **RESOLVED: That the repairs to the skatepark are undertaken by Fearless Ramps at a cost of £3,135.00 excluding VAT.**

## 16. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT RIDE-ON MOWER

Members received a report providing quotations for three like-for-like ride-on mowers to replace the John Deere mower that is now over 30 years old needs repair but as parts have become obsolete repairs can no longer be carried out. It was agreed that the purchase of an Iseki SF224 mower (ex-demo) is purchased from Chandlers Farm Machinery at a cost of £16,250 excluding VAT and that a service / maintenance contract quotations will be sought to future repairs.

3807/07/2024

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That an Iseki SF224 ex-demonstration mower is purchased from Chandlers Farm Machinery at a cost of £16,250 excluding VAT.**
- 2. That a service / maintenance contract is also sought.**

## 17. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Members were provided with details regarding carrying out a Community Speed Watch programme in 2025. The Parish Council has registered its interest in taking part and now needs to provide Leicestershire County Council with up to four locations. It was agreed that the Parish Manager puts out an email to all councillors for them to provide four locations they may be aware of that can benefit from a speed watch being undertaken. The responses will be collated and provided at the next Council meeting for approval.

3808/07/2024

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Manager circulates an email to all Councillors for them to provide up to four suitable locations for a speed watch programme to be undertaken in 2025 which will be approved at the next full council meeting.**

## 18. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

3809/07/2024

**RESOLVED: That Councillors Golding and Patrick proposed and seconded that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the discussion to be held on agenda item 19 as it contains commercially sensitive information.**

## 19. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DELIVERY AND MONITORING GROUP HELD ON 8 AND 11 JULY 2024

3810/07/2024

**RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group meetings held on 8 and 11 July are received.**

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**Meeting closed at 21:19hrs.**

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

.....Chair

Dated.....

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