

BROUGHTON HACKETT PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.30 pm

in St. Leonards Church

ATTENDEES: Mr. Roger Clark – Chairman
Mrs. Maggie Pearse (Secretary)
Mr. Rob Adams – County Councillor
Mrs. Linda Robinson – District Councillor
Mrs. Janet Clark, Ms Margaret Eastwood , Mr. Nigel Pemberton, Mr. & Mrs. Neal Parish, Mr. Jon Stone, Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. Nick Capell, Mr. Jamie Wyllie, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Grice, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Luxton, Mrs. Sue Stanley.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mrs Rachel Edwards.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 2017 were signed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

a) **Traffic Speeds** – See items below.

b) **Grass Verges** – The Chair thanked Mr. Jon Stone for his efforts to try to prevent parking on the grass verges which churns them up and damages the grass. The damage detracts from the enjoyment of the village. With the help of Mrs. Linda Robinson and officers within Wychavon District Council (WDC), Rooftop (the Housing Association who manage certain of the houses in the village) were contacted and ‘no parking’ signs posted. Tenants of Rooftop were also contacted and there has been some improvement in this respect. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. Nigel Pemberton and Ms. Margaret Eastwood for their ‘donation’ of materials and labour to improve the look of the areas previously damaged.

c) **Superfast Broadband** – The Chair thanked Mr. Nick Capell and Mr. Philip Dunn for pursuing this.

d) **Adult Care and Vulnerable Children** – Mr. Rob Adams explained that 70% of the Worcestershire County Council (WCC) £326 million budget was allocated to the care of people in their own homes before the highways budget is considered. Currently the aim is to keep vulnerable adults and children in their own homes as much as possible. A separate company is being set up to manage their care.

e) **Worcestershire Parkway Station** – Mr. Rob Adams said that this station is due to be ready on time in Spring of this year, subject to weather.

f) **Worcester Technology Park (now known as Worcester 6 Tech Park)** – The originally estimated 5,000 jobs to be created is now unlikely. Mrs. Linda Robinson said that there was some good news for this development as more businesses were coming in including a medical supplies company. The Council are trying to avoid it becoming a large distribution

centre. General landscaping of the area is under discussion which would include screening bunds being increased in size and trees planted for screening purposes.

- g) **M5 Junction 6** – Both Mr. Rob Adams and Mrs. Linda Robinson confirmed that there are concerns regarding the narrowing to single carriageway of the section of Pershore Lane that approaches the roundabout and that they are pushing for updates from Highways England on the management of the works and general progress but this was proving difficult. The final design seems to be undefined by Highways England.

4 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Log Cabin Workshop at Henley** – Planning Permission has been granted for this to be erected in the garden of Henley. A planning application was required because the cabin will be 2.8 m high and planning consent is required over 2.5 m.
- b) **Brookside Kennels** – Proposals have been put forward for a Care Farm at Brookside Kennels, south of the A422. There are a number of these being set up locally to provide education and interest to disadvantaged adults and children in the care of animals. However, this would require an application for charity status and further consideration is required. Mrs. Linda Robinson said that there is ample parking at the location.
- c) **Call for Sites and Associated Map** – The Call for Sites issued in May 2018 is part of the review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). The Call for Sites enabled anyone who had an interest in land that could be suitable and deliverable for potential development to register it by completing a form on a website with a closing date of July 2018. A map has been published showing the locations of these sites. Apparently some sites have been put forward without the permission/knowledge of the owner of the land. Mrs. Linda Robinson explained that Councils are learning from their experiences in publishing the map which had caused some problems particular in respect of creating unnecessary concern. The sites on the map include land on Rye Hill Lane, land opposite the Oust Houses and a strip of land from the rear of houses on Rye Hill Lane down to the brook. There are some large areas in Crowle and Upton Snodsbury shown on the map. However, in practice sites would only be chosen by WDC where there is a realistic chance of development and where there is already infrastructure to support the development. Further checks will be made in the future as experience has shown that some previous developments have not conformed to the conditions of the planning permission. 14,000 new houses are required by 2041 and decisions on where development will be permitted will be made in 2021/2022. WDC are favouring the setting up of new villages and sites near Evesham, Throckmorton Airfield and Worcestershire Parkway Station are being considered.
- d) **South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP)** – The current plan was adopted in February 2016 and applies to 2030. The Government require a review every five years. The SWDP is now under review and the new plan, when completed, will apply to 2041. A copy of the existing plan can be obtained from the WDC website. An Issues and Options Consultation (also available on the WDC website) was issued in November 2018. The consultation closed on 17 December 2018.

5 COUNCILLORS

- a) **Mr. Rob Adams** – He said how much he enjoyed coming to the Broughton Hackett meetings, and this was endorsed by Mrs Linda Robinson, as they have the opportunity to talk with

members of the community who attend rather than just talking to councillors. He has been our Councillor for 20 years and our thanks for his time and efforts were extended to him. He was congratulated on achieving this length of service.

Three pedestrian footbridges are planned to enable safe passage for users over new widened dual carriageways etc., such as the crossing near the new enlarged St Peter's roundabout. Also under consideration is a footbridge at the Pinvin Crossroads and one at Hurst Road in Wyre Piddle. Mr. Rob Adams will also be checking the traffic lights at Pershore High School for safe working.

Reports from residents of a yellow lorry dropping off matter in the lay-by in Broughton Hackett which is later collected by another vehicle are being acted on, although there are further reports that this has not ceased. He reported that the lay-by is to be closed in February for stockpiling of grit. He asked that residents be aware of any fly-tipping and not to approach the person but obtain registration details.

- b) Mrs. Linda Robinson** – It is thought that the poultry farm on the road from Upton Snodsbury to Pinvin was stocked with birds in November 2018. There is still concern about run-off from this land and also the potential for more traffic to be generated in the area. The housing for the chickens is well ventilated and the site is screened from the road. There is now a planning application for the building of accommodation on the site for the Site Manager who needs to be present at night to ensure bird welfare. Mrs. Linda Robinson will continue to monitor this site.

Mrs. Linda Robinson explained the introduction of the Community Legacy Grant Scheme. Mrs. Maggie Pearse has details. Mrs. Linda Robinson clarified that she has stood down as Leader of WDC but hopes to be re-elected in the May elections as councillor representing the Upton Snodsbury Ward which includes Broughton Hackett. Both she and Mr Rob Adams actively contributed to all of the items discussed on the agenda. 300 houses are to be built by Persimmon Homes at Whittington and these will be the last built by this company in the area.

6 VILLAGE

- a) New Homes Bonus (NHB)** - This initiative was introduced in 2011 in respect of new homes built and occupied. Since 2011 Wychavon has received over £15 million in New Homes Bonus payments. Wychavon have chosen to share a significant proportion of this with parish and town councils that have seen new housing development and also to invest directly in the district and to support a range of worthwhile initiatives.

£6,760 is currently available to be drawn down for Broughton Hackett subject to the submission of proposals which are approved by Wychavon as appropriate. The proposals should have a legacy benefit. In order to draw down any approved monies, Broughton Hackett Parish Meeting need a bank account and this is in the process of being set up (post meeting note: now set up). To put proposals forward that are acceptable to WDC, there needs to be a consensus within the village as to what we want. We have received a letter

from WDC saying that we should submit our proposals by 18th March 2019, although the letter does say 'if possible'. It was agreed that a brief explanatory note would be circulated to the whole village asking for suggestions as to how the NHB allocation to Broughton Hackett should be spent. Residents would be asked to submit their comments/suggestions to Mrs. Maggie Pearse by email. The following is one option that has been explored (two other suggestions were mentioned to the Chair following the end of the meeting).

- b) Activated Speed Sign** – An item which keeps cropping up at these village meetings is the question of traffic speeds through the village. Contact has therefore been made with Westcotec (initially by Mrs. Maggie Pearse) which WCC have advised is an appropriate supplier of Activated Speed Signs.

The cost of a battery powered sign that indicates speed plus 'slow down' if the speed limit is exceeded is £2,800 + VAT. A data collection unit can be added on for £250 + VAT. This gives an hour by hour summary of the data, numbers of vehicles, average speeds, maximum speeds, etc. The total cost would be £3,660.

At a public meeting chaired by Mrs. Linda Robinson at Peopleton Village Hall there was a representative from West Mercia Police on the panel and in answer to a question it was confirmed that West Mercia Police and the Safer Roads Partnership would likely take notice of these data.

Mr. Rob Adams, the Chair and Mr. Gerry Brienza (who is the Wychavon Highways Liaison Officer from WCC) have met and walked around the village to identify three locations for the sign. The idea being that the sign would be moved from location to location. These are; on the A422 west on the left side of the road 100 m into the village from the 40 mph sign, on the A422 east on the left side of the road 100 m into the village from the 40 mph sign, and opposite the church on the right side of the road, alternately facing north and south.

- c) Lengthsman Scheme** – We cannot move the activated speed sign ourselves for insurance reasons, so we have been advised by WCC that we need to engage a Lengthsman. This role is a re-activation of an older scheme whereby a local man can carry out highway maintenance tasks along the length of the parish roads. Upton Snodsbury and White Ladies Aston both have a Lengthsman and these are being contacted to determine if they would be interested in taking on Broughton Hackett as well. The Broughton Hackett Parish Meeting would pay the Lengthsman to move the activated speed sign and change the re-chargeable batteries and then claim the cost back from WCC on a monthly basis. The Lengthsman could also clear drains, etc. The maximum that WCC would pay to Broughton Hackett under this scheme depends on the length of road within the Parish and therefore there would be a limit on what the Lengthsman can be asked to do. Further contact is to be made with WCC in respect of the scheme.
- d) Grass Verge outside the Church** – Further concern has been expressed about this in respect of damage caused by vehicles parking on the grass. It has been discussed with Mr. Rob Adams and Mr. Gerry Brienza. The plastic bollards that are presently at the entrance to the Church were installed as a highways issue associated with vehicles coming out of the adjacent access. Mr Rob Adams said he is proposing to have 5 further bollards installed along

the grass verge in front of the Church to test their effectiveness. If this is not effective, it may then be necessary to install a stone edging along this grass verge.

- e) **Road Edge to North of Church** – The road edge on the east side of the road is being damaged by passing vehicles, particularly HGVs, due to the parking of vehicles on the west side of the road. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Linda Robinson with a view to Rooftop being contacted concerning the number and type of vehicles that are being parked at this location.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Village Website** – www.broughtonhackett.com This was set up by Mrs. Rachel Edwards on behalf of the Broughton Hackett Social Committee but has not been utilised to its full potential. It is a good, well presented site with interesting information about the village. Consideration is to be given to transferring the website across to the Broughton Hackett Parish Meeting as it would be a good platform to post village matters such as the Minutes of the Broughton Hackett Parish Meeting and planning information. The existing information on the website would be retained. The Chair will follow this up.
- b) **eBowline** – In addition the Bowline Magazine which is circulated around the village, there are occasional ad-hoc items of information issued by email such as a recent notification of the National Speed Campaign and where this impacts locally. If you wish to receive these notifications contact emailtofrom-bowline@yahoo.co.uk

8 NEXT MEETING: To be decided.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

SIGNED

DATED