

Little Brook Ward Meeting

Held on Monday, 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Aynho Village Hall

Present

Evenley Parish Council

Cllr Cathy Ellis (Chair)
Cllr Jeff Peyton-Bruhl
Cathy Knott (Clerk)
Cllr Jean Morgan

Croughton Parish Council

Cllr Chris Fox (Chair)
Mrs Ann Le Druillenec (Clerk)
Cllr Rodger James
Cllr Brian Tomlin

Aynho Parish Council

Cllr Stephen Brook
Cllr David Dean
Cllr Rachel Moroney
Cllr Andy Anderson
Chris Wilson (Clerk)

Cllr Rebecca Breese, NCC

Cllr John Townsend, SNC

Marie Reilly, Training Manager, NCALC

Caryl Billingham, Chairman, Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust

2 members of the public

1. Welcome

Refreshments were served and Cllr Stephen Brook, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Evenley Parish Council

Cllr Mike Baul
Cllr Spencer Burnham
Cllr Sue Ricketts
Cllr Charles Reader

Croughton Parish Council

Cllr Penny Forbes

Aynho Parish Council

Cllr Leslie Leighton (Chair)
Cllr Jeremy James
Cllr Fi Burge
Cllr Chris Reynolds
Cllr Jonathan Clinch

Colonel Bridget McNamara, USAF Commander

Laura Haddy, Community Relations Advisor, RAF Croughton

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Ward meeting hosted by Evenley Parish Council on 22nd July 2019

It was proposed and agreed to approve the Minutes.

4. Matters arising

No matters arising.

5. To receive Reports:

To receive an update from County Councillor Rebecca Breese, NCC

County Cllr Breese reported that NCC was no longer in a fragile state with the annual variance being £100-200K. Children's Services had stabilised with none waiting to be allocated a social worker (previously 350). Highways, the contract with Kier ends mid 2021 and currently in a re-tendering process for one or two unitaries. Highways planning to be brought back in-house. The structural change order still has not passed through Parliament, NCC have 1200 different services to pass onto the two new unitaries, the cost to do this is £44m. The Children's Trust has been set and removed from NCC, they will deliver services for both unitaries and one step removed from elected members. There will be 93 councillors in the West Northants area. 3 Councillors in the Middleton Cheney division.

To receive an update from District Councillor John Townsend, SNC

Cllr Townsend stated SNC had been formed over 40 years ago and had delivered many good projects e.g. the M40 and SNC headquarters at The Forum, Towcester. West Northants planning core strategy has been given a 5-year breathing space to develop a new planning strategy. Cllr Townsend stated PC's would have 3 Councillors to lobby if planning issues arose, also that 3 planning committees would be based on existing district councils.

To receive a report from Marie Reilly, Training Manager, NCALC

Marie presented her report (attached PDF '2020-01 M Reilly NCALC report'). The national accreditation scheme was discussed and Evenley reported they had the Bronze, however could not attain Silver as they had a low number of elected Councillors. Group training for new Councillors in the ward post-election was discussed. The geographic accessibility of training was discussed.

To receive a report from Caryl Billingham, Chairman, Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust

Caryl reported on the progress of the build and explained the building was privately funded for a NHS facility. Schematics of the outside and floor plans were presented:

Ground Floor: Pharmacy (rented from building owner), Washington House Surgery/Brackley Medical Centre relocated and Café.

First Floor: Physiotherapy, podiatry, occupational health, administration area for ground floor surgery.

Second Floor: 16 intermediate care ensuite rooms, one family room and area for food preparation and catering.

Caryl reported the rooms would have basic facilities provided however fundraising (~£165K) had been started to provide an upgraded X-Ray machine and smart TVs/recliner chairs for the care rooms. The facility should be operational from end July 2020.

It was discussed that the RAF/US base had not developed their X-Ray facility as expected.

To receive a report from RAF Croughton

Late apologies were received from Colonel Bridget McNamara, USAF Commander and Laura Haddy, Community Relations Advisor, RAF Croughton. Councillor John Townsend reported the US State Dept. area in the base had been completely segregated from the rest of the base. The new base entrance was on-hold.

6. Parish Council News

Aynho Parish Council:

- LED Streetlighting project now complete at cost ~£38K, £26K from reserves, the remainder from Salix 0% loan.

Croughton Parish Council:

- Ongoing speeding/traffic/safety through Croughton, procurement of new mobile VAS sign/s.
- Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner encouraging uploading of dashcam material to prosecute offenders.

Evenley Parish Council:

- Chicane installed - HS2 funding.
- New boiler in the village hall.
- Defibrillator – new warden and new checking procedure.
- Village Clean Up – organised for end of March.
- Best Village Competition.
- VE Day – organising a giant picnic with a band.

- Village Green – ongoing issues regarding protecting the boundary.

7. To discuss the possibility of the signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant (all).

The Covenant was discussed and looked to be a good scheme with good values however the consensus was that it was unclear of the relevance or quite how it served the parishes.

8. Any other business.

How will the Little Brook ward meeting progress in the future with the changes in local government? The issue was discussed and the benefits of the meetings, sharing experiences and knowledge was felt to be beneficial. Some discussion also on adding other parishes in close vicinity e.g. Charlton and Hinton-in-the-Hedges.

9. Date of next meeting to be held in Croughton Village Hall on Monday 29th July 2020.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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