Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 19:00

**Present:** Mary Bradley (in the Chair), Sue Hannah, Joanne Sewell, Bill Smith, Georgina Murray, Steve Hannah, Nicky Cockburn

**Attendance:** Becx Carter (Clerk),

**Apologies:** A/BC Cllr J Farebrother, Cllr C Winter (Work Commitments), Cllr A Davis-Johnston (Work Commitments), Cllr P Gorrill (Family Commitments)

With 6 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 109/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies and the reasons for them were received and accepted from the above persons.

**110/21 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None were received

# 111/21 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

**112/21 Minutes of the meetings held on the 7th September 2021**

All members of the council had received a copy of the minutes in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the 7th September 2021 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

**Action: Clerk to upload the completed minutes to the website.**

**Action: Clerk to agenda Seat Refurbishment for Spring 2022**

**113/21 Chairman’s Announcements**

*Ponderosa Licensing Decision*

Cllr M Bradley thanked Cllr S Hannah and Mrs N Cockburn for attending the licensing hearing held by Allerdale Borough Council on the 12th October 2021. ABC went ahead with this licensing hearing despite the specific directions given by Cumbria Magistrates on the 27th May 2021. ABC acknowledged that they did not comply with a number of the directions set by the court.

The licence was granted by the Licencing Hearing held on the 12th October 2021 subject to conditions.

Any interested parties have 21 days from the date of the decision to file an appeal with the magistrates court.

Following a robust and lengthy decision it was **resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council appeal the recent granting of a licence to Ponderosa on the grounds of public safety. Cllr M Bradley proposed, Cllr J Sewell seconded this proposal, all present were in favour.

**Action: Clerk to file the appeal with Workington Magistrates Court.**

*Allotments-* The walk arounds are up to date and the invoices have been issued.

*Malcolm Wilson-* The Clerk and the Chair met with Mr M Wilson, his Land Agent and Mr Wilson’s Personal Assistant, a general discussion was held about the aims/objectives of M Sport for the development of the wider area of Soddy Gap/Broughton Lodge. Mr Wilson was very understanding about the community’s concerns about the protection and preservation of Soddy Gap. A long discussion was held with Mr Wilson about the links between his site and the Derwent Forest Development Corporations aims for the Derwent Forest Site.

*Derwent Forest Site Visit-* This took place and was well received by all parties. A further walk around will be organised in due course.

**114/21 Public Participation**

The Clerk noted that correspondence had been received from a member of the public expressing their disappointment that Allerdale Borough Council had ignored the directions of the Cumbria Magistrates Court and granted the licence for Ponderosa Weddings. The member of the public had confirmed in writing that they would strongly support Broughton Parish Council in appealing the granting of the licence once again.

**115/21 Applications for co-option**

An application for co-option has been received from Mrs N Cockburn.

**Resolved** by all present that Mrs N Cockburn be co-opted on to Broughton Parish Council with immediate effect.

Mrs N Cockburn completed the acceptance of office form which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**Action: Clerk to update the website to reflect this appointment.**

**Action: Cllr Cockburn to complete a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest form and file this with the Clerk & ABC.**

**116/21 Reports from visiting councillors & Police**

*CCC-* The Clerk confirmed to all councillors that following a call in by the CCC Scrutiny Panel, CCC on Thursday 14th October 2021 decided to formally proceed with Judicial Review of the Governments decision regarding Unitary Authority status for Cumbria.

# 117/21 Clerks Report

The Clerk Report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. The receipt of this report was noted by all.

#### Tree Surveying

The Clerk informed all present that there is an ongoing safety requirement for Parish Councils and landowners to regularly have arborio cultural surveys done on trees that are on their land. Broughton Parish Council owns or is custodian for a number of pieces of land (Allotments Sites, Pinfolds, Bulling Meadow). There is a need to reflect a cost for tree surveys to be undertaken in 2022 in the forth coming budget.

The Clerk also sought local information from councillors regarding any particular trees that they felt maybe of concern e.g. any Ash showing signs of dieback.

**Action: Clerk to include a budget for tree surveying in the forthcoming budget**

**Action: All to send details to the Clerk of any areas/trees that might be of concern**

**Action: Clerk to consider the extent of the Councils land ownership at the bottom of the Allotment Sites.**

#### Christmas Tree Budget & Management

**Resolved** by all present that a budget of £200 be approved for the purchase, installation and gifts associated with the Christmas Tree.

Cllr Steve Hannah has been in touch with the school and they are planning to create some decorations to decorate the tree.

**Action: Cllr’s Steve & Sue Hannah to oversee this project.**

#### Youth Provision in the Parish

Cllr G Murray had asked for this item to be added to the agenda to consider provision for younger people over the autumn and winter months. Cllr G Murray has spoken to the Village Hall Committee about storage for youth provision equipment (e.g., Pool tables/dart boards etc).

Cllr M Bradley suggested that in other areas youth groups have used a pub which had the provision of things like a pool table & dart board.

**Action: Cllr G Murrary to contact the Sundial & the Brewery House to see if they would be willing to host a regular youth event.**

# 118/21 Play-area

#### Play-area Safety Netting

The Clerk confirmed she had requested quotes from three different companies but that the quotes have not been received back. Once the quotes have been received Cllr S Hannah confirmed that the application form was ready to submit.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for the next meeting.**

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah to make enquiries regarding if planning is or is not required for this.**

#### Playarea Inspection 2021

The Clerk confirmed that the independent Play-area inspection for 2021 has now taken place. The outcome of the inspection is that the site has been assessed as ‘Low Risk’. There are some individual actions that the report has highlighted that will be monitored via the regular monitoring that Mr Wilson undertakes on behalf of Broughton Parish Council.

**Resolved** by all present that this inspection be noted as received.

Concern was noted about the robustness of the new surface that has been laid, there is one area where it is lifting.

**Action: Clerk to raise concerns with the company regarding the standard of work and ask for a site visit with the installers.**

**Action: Cllr B Smith to discuss with John Wilson and report back to the Clerk.**

# 119/21 Allotments

#### Allotments Working Group Membership

The Clerk confirmed that one person had responded following the issuing of the Allotment Invoices and expressed an interested in becoming part of the Allotment working group.

Cllr A Davis Johnston & Cllr B Smith have expressed an interest in joining this group.

Two other allotment holders are going to come back to Cllr M Bradley regarding being part of this group.

**Resolved** by all present that the Allotment Working Group be reformed to consider allotment issues and pricing going forward.

**Action: Clerk & Cllr Bradley to pull together and agenda/terms of reference for this group and then convene a meeting.**

#### Request from tenant for tree pruning

**Resolved** by all present that consent be given to the tenant on Plot 3 Coldgill who has requested permission from the Parish Council to reduce the height of the small trees that are behind the brick shed on this site, and the tree on the rear bank of the allotment. The tenant to be asked to reduce the height/crown of the trees rather than ‘stripping’ the vertical growth.

**Action: Clerk to communicate this decision to the tenant.**

# 120/21 Parish Maintenance & Highways

#### Community Speed Watch

Cumbria Police have been back in contact with the Clerk to ask if there is still an appetite within the Parish for a Community Speedwatch Group to be formed. Cumbria Police are now starting to train Community Speedwatch groups again.

**Resolved** by all present that the clerk write an article about this in the forthcoming Newsletter to get together a list of volunteers who are interested in being part of this group

**Action: Clerk to write this newsletter article.**

# 121/21 Correspondence

#### Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

The Clerk informed those present that there are two national schemes being promoted to recognise the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022, these are the lighting of beacons (bonfires), and tree planting.

**Resolved** by all present that all councillors consider areas where trees could be planted in recognition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for a future meeting.**

**122/21 Planning Applications.**

**Ref: VAR/2021/0034**

Location: Soddy Gap Lodge, Moor Road, Great Broughton, CA13 0YX

Proposal: Variation of approved applications 2/2018/0026, outline permission for a dwelling to remove condition 9 (land investigation)

**Resolved** by all present that no comments or objections

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments.**

**Ref: FUL/2021/0255**

Location: Plot 2 Moor Road, Great Broughton, Cockermouth

Proposal: Proposed semi detached Dorma bungalows

**Resolved** by all present that the council have no comments or objections

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments.**

# 123/21 Planning Decisions

The below decisions were noted as received.

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| **Reference** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| VAR/2021/0028 | Plot 15, Derwent Forest, Great Broughton, Cockermouth | Variation on approved planning application VAR 2021/0018 for plot 15 to amend garage and South SF balcony | Approved with conditions |

**124/21 Finance & Accounts**

### Payment of Accounts

**Resolved** by all present that the below accounts be paid with cheques signed by 2 authorised signatories

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| **From** | **Reason** | **Amount** |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £276.42 |
| Broughton Village Hall | Hire fees for 2021 (Error in original invoice) | £10 |
| Becx Carter | Salary (Via SO) | £536.45 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £141.00 |
| NEST | Pension | £49.40 |
| Kids at Broughton School (KABS) | Donation to PROW Booklet (Approved in Sept 2021) | £200.00 |
| Tivoli | Chain & Lock welded on to Maintenance Gate at Welfare Field | £90.00 |
| ABC | Playarea Inspection | £150 |

**Action: Clerk to pay these accounts.**

### Approval of Bank Reconciliation and Spend Against Budget Report

**Resolved** by all present that these reports be signed as a true and accurate record.

The Bank Balance was noted as £35,443.99 on the 1stOctober 2021.

### Request for S.137 Great North Air Ambulance

**Resolved** by all present that a donation of £200 be made to the Great North Air Ambulance in recognition of the life saving work of this charity.

**Action: Clerk to process this donation.**

**125/21 Councillor Matters**

**Action: Clerk to speak to CCC about signage for defibs at the entrance/exits to the village.**

**126/21 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

**Resolved** by all present that the next meeting date provisionally be set as the 30th November 2021 at 19:00 in Broughton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 20:28

Signed……………………………………………. (Chair) Dated………………………………………………..