

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Broughton Parish was held in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Monday 19th May 2014

PRESENT: Mrs Sue Hannah (Vice Chair), Mr John Wilson (Chair), Mr Maynall Weir, Mr Mark Richardson, Mrs Alison Carruthers, Mr Bill Smith

Also present B Carter (Clerk), 6 members of the public, PSCO Sarah Moore

The Meeting commenced at 7:24pm

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 13/14

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

The Chairman reported that this year had felt as though it had moved fairly slowly with regard to highways issues. It had taken a significant amount of visiting/letter writing and emailing with the Highways team before a verbal admission was received that there may have been a mistake on their automatic approval of the traffic access route in to the Church Meadows development. Whilst it may not be a great deal of comfort to receive this verbal admission it has provided some reassurance that if any further developments were to be applied for on that site that the CCC Highways Team would support the Parish Council in encouraging any developer to find another access route.

The CCC Highways Team have also confirmed that school warning signs will be erected on both carriageways of the road at the school path crossing.

In addition to the on-going discussions about the Church Meadows development access route, the Highways Team have now commenced (and in some cases completed) other areas of work e.g. the covering of the hole on Craggs Road.

Another traffic related development is that it has now been agreed that the junction with the A66 is unsuitable and that something will need to be done to improve this, however it is not clear yet what this 'something' will be.

The Council successfully lobbied Home Group to upgrade a number of the houses in Broughton, as part of the negotiation process the parish council agreed to Home Group siting their welfare cabins at the bottom of the road going towards the church for the duration of the works. Most of the improvements are now complete and the welfare cabins have been removed. It was an agreement as part of this arrangement that the road down towards the church will be re-surfaced now that the cabins have been removed (this work will be undertaken by Allerdale Borough Council).

The Council has also sought to improve conditions at the Allotments with limited success, it has been an exceptional year for rain and no doubt this has had an impact on the allotments, there is no doubt that further spending will need to take place to try and resolve the drainage/moisture issues on the allotment sites.

The Council didn't raise the precept this year due to the significant reserves the council hold but also the awareness of the current economic situation; effectively the precept went down due to there now being more houses within the parish.

In summary 2013-14 has been a slow year with some achievements made, but much more still to do in the coming year.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Parish Council annual accounts were received by the meeting (Proposed by Cllr Sue Hannah, Seconded by Cllr Bill Smith with all in favour).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Police Update:

PCSO Sarah Moore provided her police update as she had to leave to attend another event:

There had been 3 jobs within Broughton Parish area since the last meeting:

- 1) 17th May reports of a quad bike being driven up and down Ghyll Bank by some young people. On police attendance at the scene they weren't located. Anyone with any information to contact 101
- 2) 8th May- A 3 foot high carved wooden bear was stolen from a house on Harris Brow
- 3) A traffic disruption log

PCSO Sarah Moore confirmed to the Parish Council that she was pleased to note that all the 30mph signs were now in place, facing the correct direction and visible, and as such the speed limit is now enforceable and the local police team will be enforcing this.

PCSO Moore has also now completed her community speed watch training, and can now come to Broughton and provide training to any volunteers who want to form a community speed watch group in Broughton (Ideally 3 volunteers needed). The police will undertake a risk assessment of a site at which the speed watch can be undertaken and will provide the equipment. The group of volunteers then go out, with one using the laser and another writing down the registration place/speed/date/time etc. This information is then passed back to the Police. Warning letters will be sent out to speeding drivers, and if repeat offenders are identified/a large speeding issue is observed that would justify the police traffic team to attend and do some enforcement.

Action: Any interested persons who would like to take part in the Community Speed Watch group to contact the clerk who will pass their details on to PCSO Moore

Additionally PCSO Moore informed the council that there had been an incidence of fly tipping, if anyone spots any fly tipping either contact ABC if during working hours or if outside of working hours contact the police.

Questions from members of the public

A question was raised regarding the installation of double yellow lines in the area to protect the corners, an article had been seen in the press within the last week implying that the large portions of Great & Little Broughton were to have double yellow lines introduced. It was the understanding of the member of the public that the council had written to the relevant authority requesting that only the corners were subject to double yellow lining.

Cllr Wilson confirmed that he had written and had received written assurances that double yellow lines would only be installed to protect the corners (10m either side).