**Broughton Parish Council**

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr John Wilson (In the Chair), Cllr A Carruthers, Cllr M Bradley, Cllr S Hannah,

Attendance: B Carter (Clerk), A/BC Cllr N Cockburn, 4 members of the public, A/BC Cllr Janet Farebrother

Apologies: Cllr M Richardson, Cllr Sue Hannah, Cllr M Weir, Cllr Richard Mawdsley.

**121/15 Apologies for absence**

Received and noted from the above named persons

**122/15 Minutes of the last meeting (16th June 2015)**

All councillors present were in favour of the minutes of the meeting of the 16th June 2015 being accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the above correction. **Resolved** by all present that the minutes be approved.

The chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

**123/15 Chairman’s announcements**

Cllr J Wilson, notified the meeting that there were no formal chair’s announcements as the Chair was not present at the meeting due to illness.

Cllr J Wilson proposed that item 133/15 be deferred until the August meeting when the Chair & Vice- Chair would be present. This was approved by all present. **Resolved** that Parish Plan be deferred until the August meeting.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this matter for the August Meeting.**

**124/15 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest.**

1. *Request for Dispensation*

None received

1. *Declarations of Interest*

None received.

**125/15 Public Participation**

4 Members of the Public were present at the meeting to raise concerns regarding the change in priority at the road junction between Little & Great Broughton. A summary of the comments raised are given below:

* Millennium Gardens is overgrown restricting visibility for vehicles using the junction
* The revised layout means that there is now an uphill start for vehicles, on wet ground, which is also on a cycle route which is likely to lead to dangerous conflicts in due course.
* The speeding report done in 2014 only identified 12% of vehicles speeding Westwards, and only 2% speeding Eastwards. This revised layout does nothing to address the West ward speeding.
* The revised junction layout does nothing to address the issue of speeding
* A member of the public raised concerns that there was a conflict of interest between the persons taking the decision to implement these changes at CCC and were the members of CCC staff lived. The revised junction layout prioritised traffic in their direction.
* There are large shrubs and trees obstructing the pavement near the bus shelter and on the opposite side of the road causing pedestrians to have to step into the road.
* Pedestrians walking up/down Harris Brow are now in an even worse position, there is no pedestrian provision on this route at all.
* A member of the public reported that they had spoken to CCC and that CCC had stated that this priority change was at the specific request of the Broughton Parish Council.

Cllr J Wilson clarified the position of Broughton PC; that this change in priority came about following a request from Broughton Parish Council to CCC to consider all options to reduce speeding on Great Broughton Main Street. Following a site meeting on the 6th February between CCC and the Parish Council the CCC (as the highways experts) suggested that the only option available at that time was to change the priority at the junction in question. As a result Broughton Parish Council agreed that if this was the only option that this change should have be made.

Broughton PC did not specifically request this change the council requested that the issue of speeding was considered and addressed.

Cllr J Wilson informed the meeting that as of the afternoon of the 21st July 2015 a consultation has been opened by CCC to consider the implementation of a 20mph zone along Great Broughton Main Street. The Clerk shared a copy of the maps showing the proposed 20mph zone to the meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting that this consultation would be open for comments until the 30th August 2015. This consultation will be on the agenda for formal comments from Great Broughton Parish Council on the 18th August 2015.

**Action: Clerk to upload the consultation documents to the Broughton Parish Council website.**

Cllr J Wilson thanked the members of the public for attending.

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council noted the concerned raised by letter from Mr & Mrs Leonard regarding the change of priority at the Great/Little Broughton Junction.

**126/15 Applications for co-option (2 vacancies)**

**Resolved** that it be noted that confirmation has been received from ABC that co-option can take place to fill the vacancy left by Cllr D Kelly’s resignation.

No applications for co-option had been received.

**127/15 Police Report**

PCSO Sarah Brown had provided a written update, which was read out by the clerk. There had been 13 incidents and details were provided on 3:

-30th June reports of items moved in a garden but nothing taken.

-18th June two reports to disturbance issues outside licensed premises on Main Street.

**Resolved** that the council note the report received from the Clerk showing the number of Police incidents and the number of incidents on which details were received over the past 16months.

**128/15 Update on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting 16th June 2015**

No matters were raised

**129/15 Clerks Matters**

A Clerks report had been received by all councillors in advance of the meeting.

*129.15.1 Land for cemetery at edge of Church Meadows*

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an update on this matter from ABC; Persimmon Homes have agreed that the land could be sold to ABC, however as this land is unlikely to be needed for approx. the next 10 years. Organising a land valuation/sale is not a priority at this time for ABC.

**Resolved** that the above update be noted as received and the clerk continue to monitor this issue in the future.

*129.15.2 Access at corner entrance to Welfare Field Play Area- Standard of work*

The Clerk informed the meeting that the works had now been undertaken by Corfields Garden Maintenance to install a footpath at the corner entrance to Welfare Field Play Area. The Clerk circulated photos of the completed work.

The Clerk informed the meeting that complaints had been received from at least two persons regarding the standard of work (flagstones moving/not level, no edge placed meaning the base would wash out from under the flags in heavy rain, substandard finish where the footpath joins Kirklea). The complaints were received within days of the work being completed. The Clerk had attended the site on the afternoon of the 21st July and their didn’t appear to be as much movement in the flags as had been reported.

The Contractor had been contacted regarding these issues, and had offered two solutions 1) that they would attend and reset any moving flagstones, and make good on the edge of the footpath where it joins kirklea (at no extra cost), 2) that they would remove their work and put it back to the state it was in prior to the works.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council would like to take option 1 as detailed above.

**Action: Clerk to action the above.**

In addition to the above, it was **resolved** by the council that a edge strip needs to be installed on the play area side of the path at the very least to prevent the substrate being washed out from under the footpath. The Council gave the clerk an additional budget of £200 to get an edge strip installed.

**Action: Clerk to speak with the contractors to request that this work is undertaken.**

*129.15.3 Fence/Gate repairs at Welfare Field Play area*

The Clerk notified the council that Mr K Moore has undertaken some minor works on the fence and gates at Welfare Field, the large gates require the posts re-setting and ‘heat’ applied to them which will remove the galvanised paint. Mr K Moore has confirmed that he would then repaint the relevant sections of the gates to reduce the risk of rusting.

**Resolved** by all present that Mr K Moore be asked to proceed with these works and to invoice the council for all his works to date at the August meeting.

**Action; Clerk to contact Mr K Moore to communicate this decision and to ask for an invoice prior to the August meeting.**

Cllr J Wilson informed the meeting that Mr K Moore has contacted him to say that he has full liability insurance and his happy to take on future responsibility for the inspections and repairs on the play area. The Clerk noted that the reason Playdale had been commissioned in the past is to ensure the on-going guarantees on the equipment work can only undertaken by the equipment supplier. **Resolved** that the council noted receipt of this information.

*129.15.4 Welfare Field Track*

The Clerk informed the meeting that a formal compliant as been raised with the Home Group, a response should be received in advance of the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this matter for the August meeting.**

*129.15.5 Fingerpost Refurbishment*

**Resolved** that the council note the information supplied by the Clerk that another Parish within Allerdale had been successful in receiving lottery funding to refurbish their fingerposts, the total cost was circa £6000.

**Action: Clerk to speak with the relevant Councillor to establish which branch of lottery funding supplied the grant for this project**

**Action: Cllr Steve Hannah to speak with Mr Mike Hawkins (Cast Iron Specialist) of Maryport & Mr Mike Livingston (Sandblaster) of Beckermet to establish estimated costs of refurbishment of the 3 fingerposts (one at the bottom of Harris Brow, one at West end, and one at Pennybridge road end).**

*129.15.6 Quarry*

The Clerk notified the council that CCC are willing to discuss the possible transfer of the Quarry to Broughton Parish Council but they requested detailed information on the area in question. Cllrs Carruthers & Cllr Wilson confirmed the area on a map.

**Action: Clerk to submit this map to CCC and try and move this issue forward prior to the August meeting.**

*129.15.7 Home Housing*

**Resolved** that the Clerk chase up Home Housing once again regarding weedkillering/management of the green space surrounding their properties in the area.

**Action: Clerk to pursue this in advance of the August meeting**

*129.15.8 Drainage on Coldgill Allotments*

**Resolved** that the Clerk pursue the relevant persons for quotes for the installation of drainage at Coldgill Allotments

**Action: Clerk to pursue this matter prior to the August meeting.**

**130/15 Playarea**

**Resolved** that this matter be deferred until the August meeting to enable the Clerk to obtain further information.

**Action: Clerk to produce a detailed inventory of the play area equipment including details of date installed and any remaining guarantees on the equipment etc**

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

**131/15 Reports from visiting councillors**

A/BC Cllr Cockburn informed the meeting that ‘Broughton Lodge’ site is now up for sale (including Soddy Gap). Cllr Cockburn requested council support to try and protect this valuable community asset. **Resolved** that due to the large majority of this site being outside of the Parish boundaries Broughton Parish Council are unable to help further.

A/BC Cllr J Farebrother introduced herself to the council.

**132/15 Allotments**

1. Condition of No 23 Nook

The Clerk notified the council that this allotment has recently been vacated, and that a current tenant who has two allotments one on each site, has requested that they be able to swap their Coldgill plot for this site as it is adjacent to their current site. **Resolved** that all present approve this swap as it doesn’t remove any allotments from those available to the waiting list.

**Action: Clerk to contact the tenant and send out a tenancy agreement for No 23**

1. Wet Plot on Coldgill

The Clerk notified the council that Mr A Nelson has asked if he could take over the ‘wet plot’ above his site on Coldgill Allotments. **Resolved** that the Clerk should contact those on the waiting list to see if anyone is looking for a poultry only allotment, if no one comes forward the Mr A Nelson should be offered the plot.

**Action: Clerk to work on the above.**

**133/15 Parish Plan**

**Resolved** that this matter be deferred until the August meeting.

**134/15 Parish Maintenance**

*Millennium Garden-*

**Resolved** by all present that any works necessary to ensure safe lines of sight at the new junction are undertaken as a matter of urgency. A budget of in the region of £200 was agreed for these works to be completed.

**Action: Clerk to organise these works ASAP, Clerk to contact CCC to ask for a list of contractors who are familiar with ensuring correct lines of site.**

**Action: Clerk to contact CCC/ABC regarding the other overhanging shrubs that are not on council land. (e.g. next to the bus shelter/opposite the bus shelter)**

*Millennium Garden Volunteers*

**Resolved** that the Clerk contact the volunteers to organise a rota of works, and also to ask for suggestions from the Volunteers on what works need to be done to make this into a more appropriate sized garden for the position, possibly Heath & Heather?

**Action: Clerk to contact the volunteers and organise this.**

**Action: Clerk to agenda suggestions for planting changes/improvements on the August agenda.**

*Dog Fouling*

The Clerk informed the meeting that ABC have been made aware of the ongoing issues with Dog Fouling at Soddy Gap and they are doing random spot checks.

**Resolved** that the Clerk report the ongoing issue of the yellow dog which is regularly loose on the main road/fouling in gardens belonging to the residents of Derwent Bank to both the dog warden & the police.

**Action: Clerk to report the above.**

*Broughton Bridge*

**Resolved** that the Clerk pursue with the relevant authorities the condition of the footpath on the bridge (now impassable due to weeds) which are causing a hazard for pedestrians and also their roots are likely to be damaging the bridge structure.

**Action: Clerk to contact CCC regarding the above.**

**135/15 Correspondence**

Unless other wise listed below all items of correspondence were noted as received.

**136/15 Finance**

1. *Financial Statement for July*

**Resolved** by all present that the circulated financial statement for July be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr John Hannah

1. *Budget Report for July*

**Resolved** by all present that the budget report for July be received and approved.

1. *Payments of accounts*

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| **Payee** | **Reason** | **Amount** |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £115.40 |
| Becx Carter | Salary (Via SO) | £307.28 |
| Cumbria Payroll Services | PAYE Services | £12.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £76.80 |
| Playdale | Playarea repairs | £379.07 |
| Ian Winter | Grass Cutting (June) | £103.00 |
| Ian Winter | Grass Cutting (July) | £103.00 |

Cllr J Wilson proposed the above accounts be paid, Cllr M Bradley seconded this motion. **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid and were signed by two signatories (Cllr A Carruthers & Cllr J Wilson)

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments.**

**137/15 Planning Applications for Consideration**

Ref: 2/2014/0413

Applicant: Mr Andres

Proposal: Erection of single turbine with a turbine tower height of 40m and a tip height of up to 67m along with associated infrastructure

Location: Springfield Farm, Greysouthern, Cockermouth

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council object on the grounds that the current vista of traditional English Farm Land is an important visual amenity enjoyed by all in the area, to erect such a wind turbine would remove this visual amenity. In addition Broughton Parish Council are concerned that the approval of this application would set a precedent for others to be erected in the Derwent Valley (which currently has no wind turbines in it).

**Action: Clerk to submit the above comments to ABC**

Ref: PB/2015/0083

Applicant: Mr J Sherlock

Proposal: Removal of telephone and replace with a Defib inside Kiosk

Location: Phone Box adjacent to the Post Office, 53 Main Street, Great Broughton

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council fully support this proposal. However they would like clarity on who will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the actual phone box (in terms of clearing vegetation) and who will to regular checks on the defib.

**Action: Clerk to submit the above comments to ABC>**

**138/15 Planning Decisions**

**Resolved** that the below decisions be noted by the council.

Ref: 2/2015/0234

Applicant: Mr R Dixon

Proposal: Outline consent for a new dwelling

Location: Glenfield, The Green, Little Broughton, Cockermouth

Outline Application Approved.

**139/15 Consultations for Consideration & response**

Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations, Public Open Space/Amenity Space/Green Wedges.

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council would to ensure that the following sites are included as public open space/amenity space/green wedges:

-Soddy Gap

-Quarry

-Welfare Field

-Section adjacent to the Church Yard at Christ Church (between Christ Church and Church Meadows)

-School Playing Field

-Rugby, Cricket & Football Pitches

-Green at Broughton Park

-Green at the back of Derwent Park

-Green at the Nook

-Current green spaces owned by North Housing

-That coalescence doesn’t occur between Little & Great Broughton

**Action: Clerk to submit the above in response to the consultation.**

**140/15 Councillor Matters**

None

**141/15 Date of next meeting**

18th August 2015 at 19:00 in Little Broughton Village Hall

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………..Chairman**