

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 17th December 2013

PRESENT: Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), S Hannah, Mrs V Sherwood, Mrs M Bradley, Mrs A Carruthers, W Smith and M Richardson.

Also present Cllr N Cockburn, Cllr T North, Insp. D Kelly, P Martin (Clerk), R Carter and a member of the press

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

120/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. Carter, J Hobden, M Weir, A Clark, J Wilson and T North

121/13 MINUTES 26th November 2013

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2013 be adopted as a true and accurate record after an amendment was made to clarify the distinction between then the Rural Wheels service and the Volunteer Driver scheme. **Resolved**

122/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced the appointment of a new clerk, Rebecca Carter, who would take the clerk's chair at the next meeting. She is currently the clerk to Embleton and Borrowdale parishes.

The Chair noted 2 issues relating to the provision of bus services, contractual matters and the withdrawal of subsidies. The West Cumbria Bus Users Group is actively lobbying on behalf of public transport users but the Chair encouraged residents to engage in the public consultation run by Cumbria County Council by 20th January. The Council will invite a representative of the Bus Users Group to a forthcoming meeting.

Repair work to the playground surface has been completed.

An application has been made funding towards the cost of installing an outdoor gym on the Welfare Field. The application has been made on the basis of the Council being prepared to match fund costs to £20,000

123/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

124/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman did not adjourn the meeting to give an opportunity for residents to speak as there were none present.

125/13 POLICE REPORT

Inspector Kelly addressed the meeting with his concerns regarding 2 recent incidents.

A ride-on lawnmower on the Coldgill allotment had been burnt out as a result of a fire in the engine compartment.

A moped belonging to a local resident, reliant on the moped for commuting to work, had been stolen and later found destroyed by fire on Soddy Gap.

Inspector Kelly expressed his intolerance of any local crime and requested that notices be posted and an article prepared for the newsletter requesting any help in solving these crimes.

The area enjoys very low crime rates and Inspector Kelly wants this to continue. He advised that residents take precautions to secure lock-ups, sheds and garages (shed alarms are available for around £7) and to report any suspicious activity to the police on 101.

Inspector Kelly advised that a query regarding the use of a layby on the Maryport Road be pursued with Cumbria County Council.

He will request an increased presence by PCSOs to help resolve parking and traffic issues on Church Meadows at school start and finish times.

126/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Skatepark

Cllr Bradley had researched the provision of skateparks elsewhere. She reported that the funding for the facility in Workington had been complex and that the cost of the park in Millom had approached £500,000.

She reported that planning and land issues might prove difficult especially if the land was not flat or land had not previously been used for leisure purposes.

Other factors to take into account were vandalism, insurance and supervision.

She suggested that potential users be surveyed as to their wants and that skateboarders be involved in any potential design.

The Council will contact Cumbria County Council regarding the use of the Quarry, particularly in regard of the recent motor sport event held there. Cllrs reported that tape and signs had been left on site.

127/13 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cockburn reported that the planning application for a wind turbine had been turned down partly as a result of the objections of 5 parish councils.

She further reported that there will be an external peer review of Allerdale BC's Planning Services dept.

There is no news yet of planned works to the A66 junction.

Work has been completed to some local cabinets indicating that 'superfast', fibre broadband might be available locally in 2014.

128/13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council had received the following correspondence, all of which was noted.

- 1 Cumbria Community Foundation – Winter Warmth Fund
- 2 CCC – Highways 'Meet and Greet'
- 3 Cumbria Playing Fields Association – Annual report
- 4 VG Energy – renewable energy project
- 5 Derwent Owners' Association – meeting
- 6 Rural futures – planning service
- 7 Allerdale BC – FIT funding
- 8 West Cumbria Bus Users – cuts
- 9 CALC – newsletter
- 10 K Cosgrove – Highways
- 11 P Inglis – Punchbowl
- 12 ACT – Parish profiles
- 13 Infinergy – Cricket pitch
- 14 CCC – Replacement of withdrawn bus services
- 15 West Cumbria Bus Users - consultation

129/13 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement.

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/11/13	12039.37
Money Manager Account 30/9/13	89.46
Cumberland Building Society Account 29/6/2013	83941.59

Total £96070.42

Invoices 17th December 2013

P Martin	Salary and expenses (November/December)	370.27
J Dobie	Xmas tree works	15.00

Receipts 17th December 2013

Fishing licences	270.00
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Payment of these invoices was **approved**

130/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference No.: 2/2013/0809

Applicant: Mr Nick Orton

Proposal: Alterations and proposed two storey extension including proposed conversion of existing loft space to provide additional living accommodation.

Location: Prantik, Harris Brow, Great Broughton

The Council requests that construction traffic is restricted at school opening and closing times and suggests the use of a banksman.

Reference No.: 2/2013/0826

Applicant: Mr D Collister

Proposal: Extension to living room at front

Location: 4 Coldgill Avenue, Great Broughton

The Council has no comment or objection to this application.

Reference No.: 2/2013/0830

Applicant: Mrs Deborah Farrell

Proposal: Erection of two storey front extension

Location: 28 Church Meadows, Great Broughton

The Council has no comment or objection to this application.

Reference No.: 2/2013/0744 – re-consultation

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Elliott

Proposal: Construction of a single storey front and side extension

Location: 12 Coldgill Avenue, Great Broughton

The Council has no comment or objection to this application.

131/13 PLANNING DECISIONS - noted

Reference No.: 2/2013/0744

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Elliott

Proposal: Construction of a single storey front and side extension

Location: 12 Coldgill Avenue, Great Broughton

APPROVED

132/13 MEMBERS QUERIES

There was a query regarding the re-installation of the footpath sign at Church Meadows. The Council will raise a query with the developers.

133/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st January 2014, 7.00pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....Chairman