

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Broughton Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**PRESENT:** J Wilson (Chairman), S Hannah (Vice Chairman), V Sherwood, C Jefferson, J Hobden, M Weir, A Carruthers, W Smith and P Inglis.

Also present P Martin (Clerk), Borough Councillor T North, P Harkness and a member of the press.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

### **196/11 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Oldfield, Loosli, Hill, Cockburn and Martin.

The Council received the resignation of Jayne Hill. The Council will post the appropriate notice inviting candidates for election.

### **197/11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record after an amendment to the record of those present. **Resolved**

### **198/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman gave an explanation as to the process regarding the Council's acceptance of an estimate for fencing costs and subsequent bills. The matter would be brought to the attention of the internal auditor. The auditors may choose to offer the Council advice on its procedures.

The Chairman accepted that his correspondence relating to a potential contribution towards the cost of fencing was not appropriate and he made an apology to councillors.

The Chairman announced meeting dates for the second half of the year. These were accepted. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays 24<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7.30pm

The Chairman announced that the internal auditor would be Edward Lowthian, a former clerk of Barton Parish Council.

### **199/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in an appeal from the Over 60's Club.

## **200/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

Pauline Harkness reported that a new litter bin had been sited on car parking area, but that it might be re-sited to allow it be bolted down. The handyman will be asked for his assistance.

A report will be made to the Highways Authority regarding surface water draining from near the old vicarage onto Main Street.

## **201/11 POLICE REPORT**

The Council received a report of a recent police activity in the parish.

## **202/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### Meeting House Lane

The Council will make further efforts monitor and improve road safety for pedestrians in Meeting House Lane.

### Drainage/flooding

Photographs and reports of recent flooding were forwarded to the Highways Authority.

### Allotment sub committee

The sub committee reported that the Gardening Club had stalled. A maintenance schedule will be drawn up with the handyman.

There was a discussion as to health of the local rabbit population, the possible presence of myxomatosis and the merits of pest control. The Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Rent collection was scheduled for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April and tenancy agreements will be available for allotment holders.

The Council will gain estimates for the cost of hardcore to improve accessibility at the Coldgill allotments (and to the area of hardstanding by the bridge).

### Church Meadows

The Council will forward site contact's details to the school. The contractors will be made aware of the importance of safe access to school.

## **203/11 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS**

Cllr North reported on deliberations at Allerdale BC regarding setting Council Tax for 2012/13. He expressed disappointment at the 2.9% increase set by ABC and felt that the increase did not sit well with the Council's aim to reduce poverty in the area. He also felt that the increase in the Leader of the Council's expenses reflected badly on the Council.

The Council **agreed** a proposal that ‘Broughton Parish Council expresses its dismay and disappointment at the decision of Allerdale BC to increase the allowance of the Council Leader.’

## **204/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Allerdale BC – Road closure, carnival  
Cumbria Community Foundation – Rivers Ride  
Allerdale BC – Local plan  
Cumbria CC – Newsletter  
Allerdale BC – Postal addresses, Church Meadows  
Above Derwent PC – West Cumbria MRWS  
Radiation Free Lakeland – West Cumbria MRWS  
West Cumbria MRWS - newsletter  
CALC – March newsletter  
G Hall – Land registration, former solicitors holding deeds. The Council will make further investigations as to existence of deeds and leases.  
CCC – Emergency footpath closure  
A Carruthers – footpath, playground, metal container, cricket pitch. The Council will remind the cricket club of the terms of the lease regarding the cricket pitch.  
Sister Ann-Marie – Churches Together  
Welfare Field – Deed of dedication  
Alice Muller – playground. The Council will gain professional advice regarding the possibility of further drainage work at the playground and at the Coldgill allotments. The handyman will attempt works to even the surface at the entrances to the playground.  
Over 60’s Club – request. The Council **agreed** to make a donation of up £15 per person to attend food hygiene training, up to a maximum of 10 persons.  
Millennium Gardens – the Council **agreed** to make a donation of £30 towards gardening work.

## **205/11 ACCOUNTS**

### **Bank Statements**

Current Account - Statement 17/2/2012	3046.48
Money Manager Account 31/12/2011	89.33
Cumberland Building Society Account 3/2/2012	51535.42

**Total £54671.23**

## **Invoices 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Feb/Mar)	368.45
HMRC	PAYE	207.00
P Harkness	Millennium garden	30.00
Cumbria Pest Services	Pest Control	168.00

The Council **agreed** to make these payments.

## **Transfers**

29/2/2012 from B Society to Current account 2000.00

Future account statements will show details of expected income and expenditure.

The Council **agreed** to appoint A Carruthers as a signatory to the bank account.

## **206/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Reference No.: 2/2012/0100  
Applicant: Mr David Whitworth  
Proposal: Two storey extension to provide additional accommodation  
Location: 18 Ghyll Bank, Little Broughton

The Council has no objections or comment on this application

## **207/11 PLANNING DECISIONS - noted**

Reference No.: 2/2012/0032  
Applicant: Mr Dominic Wilson  
Proposal: Erection of detached garage  
Location: 1 Grange Avenue, Little Broughton

Full Plans Approved

## **208/11 MEMBERS QUERIES**

Cllr Hannah asked that action points be noted in the minutes and assigned to an individual. Any actions unassigned will be the clerk's responsibility.

## **209/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....Chairman