

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Broughton Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 24th January 2012

PRESENT: J Wilson (Chairman), S Hannah (Vice Chairman), V Sherwood, J Hobden, and P Inglis.

Also present P Martin (Clerk), County Councillor E Martin, Borough Councillor N Cockburn and T North, 4 members of the public and a representative of the press.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

168/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Oldfield, Carruthers and Weir.

The Clerk will contact Mr and Mrs Smith regarding their attendance.

169/11 MINUTES 14th November 2011

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

170/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had 2 new grandchildren and was now driving a bus.

171/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

172/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr and Mrs Henderson asked for a report on the status of proposed works in Meeting House Lane as they were unhappy with the pace of progress.

It was reported that work to repair the church wall was due to start in the week commencing 30th January.

The process for the proposed change to a *cul de sac* was outlined by Cllr Martin as follows; there would be a formal consultation, an analysis of comments received, a period for any statutory objections to be lodged and then a review by the local committee. Any work would then be scheduled for January 2013.

Cllr Hannah asked that estimates be sought in the summer in order for work to be started immediately the local committee had reached a decision. The Council will write to the Highways Dept expressing its disappointment at the length of the process. The Hendersons also noted the lack of a repair to safety railings in Meeting House Lane, by the junction with Grange Avenue. Cllr Martin will attempt to have this work expedited through a letter to Mr Bell.

A gate has been welded close on a footpath within the church grounds, the Chairman will seek further information.

During wet weather waste water has washed directly onto the highway in Meeting House Lane and it was suggested a new soak away gully is needed, the Highways Authority will be informed

Mr Harrison requested information regarding the cost of fencing newly subdivided allotments at Coldgill Avenue as tenants had in the past paid for the cost of fencing themselves. It was explained that the Council had taken the decision to subdivide the plots (and take on the cost of doing so) because it had been unable to let the larger plots at Coldgill Avenue. Since there was a demand for 'standard' size allotments the Council could recoup its costs through the installation of divisions and an extended water supply by letting these smaller allotments. The fences would be of basic structure and tenants who wished to upgrade them should do so at their own expense. Mr Harrison's complaint will be considered by the Allotment sub committee when it next meets.

Mrs Harkness reported on the installation of 2 rubbish bins at Coldgill Avenue and at the Millennium Gardens. A third bin, at the children's playground cannot be fixed until a fixing post has been installed. Allerdale BC has been informed of broken bins at the end of the school yard and near the playground.

173/11 POLICE REPORT

The Council received the following report.

Cumbria Constabulary advised on the introduction of the new telephone number for non emergencies, 101.

A new Acting Chief Constable has been appointed.

An election for the new post of Police Commissioner will be held in November.

174/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Goalposts

The Council will not supply and erect junior goalposts because of the danger of injury to players using the pitch.

Concern was reported regarding the litter left after a recent match and the installation of a large metal container near to the pitch. The Council will contact the football club.

Footpaths

The Footpaths Officer, Cllr Oldfield, gave the following report

- An application to make the path through Craggs Quarry a legal right of way, has been completed and passed to CCC .
- Soddy Gap paths, because most lie in Broughton Moor Parish I have contacted their Parish Council with a view of working together They have a councillor who has an interest in rights of way, it was to be discussed at their next meeting and currently awaiting their reply.
- Use of Community Payback Service to help with path maintenance. Have contacted the lady in charge in this area, a Teresa Halder from Workington Office and we will be arranging a meeting in the parish after my holidays

Broughton Quarry

The Council will contact Cumbria Wildlife Trust to establish whether they would have any interest in helping to manage the site.

The Council views the site as having potential as an important asset for the local community, but has concerns as to its responsibilities and liabilities.

The Council will attempt to elicit the views of residents regarding future use of the Quarry.

Church Meadows development

The Council has received comments and complaints regarding work on the site necessitating children having to wear wellington boots to get to school and the arrangements for drainage from the site.

The Council will contact Allerdale BC and will attempt to gain a better line of communication with site managers for Persimmon.

The Council will pursue investigations regarding planning gain at Church Meadows; in particular regarding an extension to the churchyard and a proposed community building.

Grit Bins

The Council will provide the Highways Dept with plan marked with the location of all grit bins to be filled regularly.

Dog waste

The Council is concerned at increasing numbers of complaints regarding owners not clearing up after their dogs.

The Council will contact the Dog Warden for advice and intervention and will supply an article for the newsletter.

War memorial

The Council has received 2 quotes for restorative work to the War Memorial and will consider these at the next meeting. The Council will investigate possible sources of funding.

Allotment Club

Drainage has been investigated at the Coldgill site and the pipes have been rodded.

The new sub divisions are being created and those on the waiting list can expect to be offered tenancies in the near future. The Club will consider mentoring for new allotment holders.

175/11 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cockburn reported on her attendance at the Derwent Forest handover. She noted that Peel Energy had lost their wind turbine appeal on the ‘cumulative effect’ of the application.

Cllr Martin reported that Derwent Forest was now in the developer’s hands and that he expected that many thousands of trees would be planted on the site. He reported that the County Council had difficult budgetary decisions ahead and urged residents to involve themselves in consultation processes.

176/11 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Re Birchlees House
CCC Budget consultation
QEII Fields – Have a Field Day, future funding
NALC – Gratuities
Allerdale BC – budget consultation
Connecting Cumbria
NALC – Diamond Jubilee celebrations
NALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties
CCC – budget consultation
CCC – waste recycling centre consultation
CCC – Highways Hotline
Spinal Injuries Association
MRWS
Farming Landscapes project
Insurance guide
Broughton School – requests. Proposal to give a £150 donation. **Agreed**
Clerks and Councils Direct – newsletter
NW Air Ambulance – request
Great North Air Ambulance – request. Proposal to give a £100 donation. **Agreed**
Allerdale BC – Concurrent Function grant and precept return
CCC – Footpath diversion
Persimmon – Local gain
Citizens Advice – request. Proposal to give a £100 donation. **Agreed**
Broughton Children’s Carnival – request. Proposal to give a £150 donation. **Agreed**

177/11 ACCOUNTS

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/1/2012 5746.69

Money Manager Account 31/12/2011	89.33
Cumberland Building Society Account 9/12/2011	64129.02

Total £69965.04

Invoices 24th January 2012

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Dec/Jan)	324.52
Mr Stamper	Permissive path (to Dec 2011)	240.00
Broughton School	Donation	150.00
Broughton Children's Carnival	Donation	150.00
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	100.00
Citizens Advice Allerdale	Donation	100.00

Receipts 24th January 2012

Money Manager ac.	Interest	0.02
CCC	N Forum grant	500.00

178/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications

179/11 PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions

180/11 MEMBERS QUERIES

Equal Opportunities - It was agreed that Cllr Hobden serve as the council's Equal Opportunities Officer.

181/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 21st February.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....Chairman