

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**PRESENT:** J Wilson (Chairman), Mrs A Carruthers, S Hannah, Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman) and M Weir.

Also present P Martin (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

### **74/12 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Smith, Hobden, Sherwood, Jefferson, Martin and Cockburn.

### **75/12 MINUTES 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012**

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

### **76/12 MEMBERSHIP**

#### Vacancies for councillors

The Council received the nomination of Sam Anderson for co-option; Mr Anderson was proposed and seconded for membership and the Council **approved** his co-option as councillor.

### **77/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Home Housing 'walkabouts'

- Cllr Mrs Hannah reported on her walk in the Millfield Bank area with a representative of Home Housing and a conversation with a resident regarding the suitability of using some of the Welfare Field as a playground for older youths and adults. She reported that she estimated equipment costs in the region of £10,000, and groundworks and drainage at another £10,000 to £15,000.
- A number of residents have raised concerns regarding the effects of the temporary footpath closure related to the Church Meadows development. It is generally felt that there is a possible need for a zebra crossing for the safety of residents. There was a further suggestion that a sleeping policeman be installed at the point that the path crosses the road.

- The chairman had investigated problems related to a lack of parking raised at a previous meeting. There does not appear to be an obvious or easy solution, and there is a particular concern at the poor access for emergency vehicles when vehicles are parked on either side of the street. Home Housing will make efforts to find funding towards a project for additional parking but it appears that little money has been budgeted to this area because of the high standards of maintenance and care given by tenants to Home Housing properties in the area.

#### Land registration

- The Chairman reported that those deeds and other documents relating to land in the council's possession had been vouched with the Council's solicitors at Maryport. Mr Hall will examine these in an effort to gain further information on any land currently registered and whether any registration be sought for a number of other plots. Fishing rights will be dealt with as a separate issue at another time.

#### Broughton Moor plans

- It is understood from press reports that Broughton Moor Council may be making plans for the construction of a BMX track. The council will be contacted for further information.

### **78/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **79/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to give an opportunity for residents to speak.

The Council received reports of issues relating to the safety of younger children playing in the playground. Balls are being kicked from the field towards the playground and there is the potential for injury. The Council is looking into erecting a guard net but is concerned that it may be climbed. The Council will erect signs listing rules relating to the playground, forbidding ball games and placing an age limit on those using the playground.

The Council will contact the PCSO for her thoughts on this matter and suggested means to attract older children away from the playground.

## **80/12 POLICE REPORT**

The following report was received;

### **Rural**

A total of two incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour were reported in the rural areas, all were dealt with positively.

## **81/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### War memorial

The Council will seek advice from the war Graves Commission regarding adding names to the memorial.

### Allotments

Cllr Hobden and the clerk had made a recent tour of the allotments. The overwhelming majority of tenants are abiding to rules of their tenancies.

### Church Meadows

The Council is concerned at the length of the temporary closure of the footpath and its inability to appeal this order.

### Bench at Soddy Gap

The Council has received an estimate for around £220 for a bench to be installed; it will continue to seek the permission of the landowners

## **82/12 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS**

There were no visiting councillors present.

## **83/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

West Cumbria MRWS – Final report

Thurlow & Monaghan – Japanese Knotweed. The Council does not believe that it has responsibility for this land; it will make further investigation.

Cruse Bereavement Care

Clerks & Councils Direct – newsletter

CCC – Leader's newsletter

Audit commission – appointment of external auditors

QEII Fields Challenge

CALC – September newsletter

Monsterplay – Youth shelter

CALC – AGM

Allerdale BC – Training opportunities  
CALC in Allerdale – notice of meeting  
CALC – newsletter  
CALC – guidance, code of conduct  
E Martin – South Terrace  
Allerdale BC – playground inspection – The Council will take up the offer of this service  
CALC – newsletter  
RES Ltd – Road closure  
Carruthers – flooding  
Allerdale BC – Draft Deed of Dedication, Welfare Field  
CCC – Footpath closure

### **84/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications received

The Council will be represented at the planning committee meeting relating to the proposal to build 2 new bungalows at Coldgill Avenue (2/2012/0445)

### **85/12 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Reference no 2/2012/0569

Applicant; The Scout Association – 1<sup>st</sup> Great Broughton Scout Group

Proposal; Erection of a scout barn to replace extant planning permission 2/2009/0519

Location; Field no. 3100 adjacent to Coldgill Avenue, Great Broughton

APPROVED

### **86/12 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Council received and **approved** the report of the external auditor

#### **Financial Statement.**

#### **Bank Statements**

Current Account - Statement 17/9/2012	44840.87
Money Manager Account 31/6/2012	89.37
Cumberland Building Society Account 31/3/2012	53013.85

**Total £97944.09**

### **Invoices 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Aug/Sep)	314.35
I Winter	Grasscutting	79.00
HMRC	PAYE	207.00
	Remembrance Day wreath	40.00
	Xmas tree	100.00
	Gift re supply of power and lights to tree	20.00
K Moore	Handyman	200.00
G Tovey	Computer setup	80.00
BDO	Audit	480.00

These invoices were **approved** for payment.

### **Receipts 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012**

Broughton PCC	Donation	100.00
Allerdale BC	Precept	5750.00

### **87/12 MEMBERS QUERIES**

#### Flagpole

The Council will consider a proposal to erect a flagpole.

### **88/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 7.30pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Signed.....Chairman**