

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 30th October 2012

PRESENT: J Wilson (Chairman), Mrs A Carruthers, S Hannah, Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), S Anderson, J Hobden and C. Jefferson.

Also present Cllr N Cockburn, Cllr E Martin, P Martin (Clerk) and a member of the press.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

89/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Smith, Sherwood and Weir.

90/12 MINUTES 26th September 2012

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 26th September 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

91/12 MEMBERSHIP

Vacancies for councillors

There no applications for co-option.

92/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadband Champion

The Chairman reported that Peter Inglis remains as Broadband Champion for Broughton and that the parish is considered part of, and represented by, the Cockermouth Hub.

Planning committee representation

The Chairman had represented the views of the Council at a recent planning committee meeting. He felt that the Council's efforts had been appreciated by many local residents.

Meeting House Lane

There has been a recent incident between a pedestrian and car in Meeting House Lane resulting in a fall and a broken wrist for a local resident. There is a continuing concern at the pace of the traffic changes to the street. Cllr Martin explained that he too was frustrated but that due process needed to be followed and that the date of the order being in place was likely to be 1st February 2013.

Resignation of Reverend Sisters

The ministers of Christ Church have offered their resignation and will be leaving as soon as replacements can be found.

93/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

94/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman did not adjourn the meeting to give an opportunity for residents to speak as there were no members of the public present.

95/12 POLICE REPORT

The Council will reschedule a postponed meeting with the PCSO regarding youth activity provision in the village.

The following report was received;

Rural

During September 2012 there were a total of six offences reported in the rural villages surrounding Cockermouth.

A male received a simple caution for being in possession of a controlled drug.

2 reports of criminal damage to a motor vehicle were received, offenders are unknown.

A male has been summonsed to court for a public order offence.

Investigations are on going into a theft from a motor vehicle and a burglary in a building other than a dwelling.

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

96/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Youth and adult playground

Cllr Mrs Hannah reported that she is investigating funding opportunities for this equipment, especially through Sport England. Home Housing have

indicated that they may be prepared to lease land for a playground for a nominal rent.

Footpath

The Chairman had corresponded with the Planning Dept. regarding the footpath affected by the Church Meadows development. The footpath has now re-opened and the developers have offered to install a 'tactile surface' at the road crossing suitable for blind and partially sighted users.

Cllr Martin reported that the installation of a zebra crossing would cost around £6000 - £8000. The Council will liaise with developers and the police.

Cllr Cockburn offered to look into the S106 agreement.

Playground safety

The Council has ordered signs stating the rules of use for the playground. The Council has received assurance from its insurers regarding the installation of safety netting to protect the playground from stray footballs.

The Council will write to the Football Club regarding the amount, and volume, of foul language used at recent matches.

Allotments

Work to install an area of hard standing for car parking at Coldgill Avenue, and an extension of the water supply system at The Nook has recently been completed.

South Terrace

Cllr Martin has spoken to the developers of Derwent Forest and understands that there is no current intention to build on the land directly in front of South Terrace properties. The developers may come up with an agreement for residents to lease or purchase this land. It is understood that the developer will not bring the road up to adopted standard.

97/12 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cockburn reported that residents could make comment on proposals for wind turbines at Rose Farm and at Hames Hall on the Allerdale website.

Cllr Martin has written to the new Energy Minister supporting the stance against new wind farms. He offered the opinion that local politicians should be more assertive with national government.

The consultation on a proposed nuclear waste repository is proving very time consuming. All 4 councils concerned have agreed a 'pause' in the decision making process. A number of new doubts, anxieties and questions have arisen. The siting of a repository is based on voluntarism, Cllr Martin has posed the question of what would happen if local people voted not to host a site what would happen if national government attempted to impose the development.

The County Council needs to make a further £24m of savings and setting a budget is very difficult; the Council will seek to preserve front line services. Schools funding is protected beyond 2015 and no school will gain or lose more than 1.5% in funding in the next 2 years. The Council is currently 'holding' 1300 jobs and there is a current moratorium on employing replacement staff.

The County Council has £40m in place to invest in fast broadband but is waiting on EU state aid, anti-competitiveness ruling before it can start this project. An agreement is in place with BT and their (BT's) efforts will be directed towards urban areas, the County Council's aid will be to support rural provision. An installation map has not yet been drawn up.

The number of children in care is rising, Cllr Martin is concerned at the further effects of welfare reform. The County Council is about to launch a new Neighbourhood Care scheme at a cost of £880,000. Cumbria Community Foundation will administer these funds. They might support local groups such as First Responders.

Cllr Martin will use a speaking opportunity at the CALC AGM to voice local councillors' frustration at not being listened to by regional and national government. He supports moves to devolve more powers to parish councils.

98/12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- CALC – suggested agenda wording re dispensations and declarations of interest
- Allerdale BC – In Touch newsletter
- Came & Co newsletter
- Great North Air Ambulance – budget
- HMRC – PAYE Realtime
- Bell – Coldgill allotments
- CALC et al – MRWS
- RES – Tallentire diversions
- CALC – Budget
- CALC – Standing orders
- Tallentire Wind Farm CLG – meeting
- Allerdale BC – Code of conduct
- E Martin – National Grid. Cllr Martin's preferred route for power from a proposed power station at Sellafeld being routed into the National Grid is via undersea cables but there will be a need for some new tall pylons.
- CALC – AGM
- Carruthers, Martin, Bell – Flooding, Craggs Road
- CALC – October newsletter
- Harkness – Millennium Garden – Ian Winter will be approached to take on this work.

99/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2012/0734

Erection of first floor sun lounge
Whiteside, Little Broughton

The Council has no objections or comment regarding this application.

Fox House turbines

The Council understands that a formal application has yet to be lodged.

100/12 PLANNING DECISIONS

2/2012/0544

Refused

2/2012/0445

Plans approved

101/12 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Council will contact the cricket club regarding the rental of the cricket field.

Financial Statement.

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/10/2012	43205.93
Money Manager Account 31/9/2012	89.39
Cumberland Building Society Account 31/3/2012	53013.85

Total £96309.17

Invoices 30th October 2012

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Sep/Oct)	334.17
I Winter	Grasscutting	79.00
J Dobie	Grasscutting	100.00
J Dobie	Hard standing, Coldgill	545.00
J Dobie	Water supply, The Nook	740.00

These invoices were **approved** for payment.

Receipts 30th October 2012

Allerdale BC	Underpayment	183.00
Fishing licences		170.00
Interest		0.02
Allotments		150.00

102/12 MEMBERS QUERIES

Bus shelter

Cllr Hobden asked that attention be given to the bus shelter on Moor Road. It was suggested that it be fitted with new Perspex panes.

Seats, Soddy Gap

The Council will request funding support from the landowners for seating provision along the Soddy Gap path.

Fatality, A66 junction

The Council was saddened to hear of a recent fatality at the Broughton/Brigham A66 junction. The Council, with the help of Cllr Martin, will press for an urgent review of the safety of the junction. The Council will seek meetings with appropriate bodies.

Flagpole

The Council has consulted with local groups, none of whom wish to host a flagpole. It was proposed that the Council not proceed with the supply of a flagpole. **Agreed**, with 1 vote against.

Welfare Field Deed

Cllr Mrs Hannah reported that she had examined the draft deed documents and proposed that the Council sign in agreement. **Agreed**.

103/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27th November 2012, 7.30pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....Chairman