**Broughton Parish Council**

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**2nd January 2018**

Dear Allotment Holder

**Outcome of Allotment Ballot & Next Steps**

The Ballot closed on the 22nd December and the results have now been collated.

**Site Management:**

As per the Ballot Paper for any vote to carry a return rate of 55% was required. This was not reached on either site, as such both sites will remain in the control of the Parish Council with the roll out of the new tenancy agreement proceeding as per the timescales laid out in the presentation given on the 6th November 2017.

The return rate for the Nook Site was 52%

The return rate for the Coldgill Site was 34%

In recognition that those ballots that were returned were evenly split between Option 1 (the Parish Council remain in control, and Option 2 (Parish Council remain in Control with an Allotment Sub Committee/s) the Parish Council would like to remind all tenants that the Parish Council currently has 4 seats open for Co-option.

Allotment Holders along with any other residents of the Parish are eligible to apply for co-option to join the Council and work on the Allotments amongst other issues.

The Parish Council would like to encourage any interested parties to apply for co-option (via attendance at a Parish Council meeting). The next two Parish Council meeting dates are:

January 23rd 2018 at 19:00 in Little Broughton Village Hall

February 20th 2018 at 19:00 in Little Broughton Village Hall.

At the February 20th 2018 meeting the allotment sub committee of the Parish Council will be on the agenda and members will be elected to this from within the Parish Council members (including any new members co-opted). A date for the first meeting of this sub-committee will then be set in early March. This is within the timescales as laid out in the presentation on November 6th 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the Co-option Process please contact the clerk on broughtonparishclerk@hotmail.com

**Water Supply:**

The results of this vote were overwhelming in favour of the water supply being retained on both sites with only 1 vote for the removal of the water supply.

As such the water supply will continue for both sites. Methods of invoicing for water usage will be considered by the Allotment Sub Committee & the Parish Council in March/April 2018.

**Communication Methods:**

The Parish Council now have email addresses for three quarters of tenants. As such this letter is being emailed to those of you that have email addresses to reduce costs. A hard copy will only be posted if you haven’t provided an email address.

A copy of this letter will also be posted on both Allotment Site Noticeboards & on the Parish Council Website on the Allotment Page.

If you have any queries please contact the Council on broughtonparishclerk@hotmail.com .

If not the Parish Council look forward to welcoming applications for co-option to fill the remaining council seats in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Becx Carter

Broughton Parish Clerk