Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in a virtual meeting room via GoTo Meetings on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 19:00

**Present:** Mary Bradley (in the Chair), Claire Winter, Bill Smith, Sue Hannah, Steve Hannah,

**Attendance:** Becx Carter (Clerk),

**Apologies:** Adrian Davis-Johnston (work commitments), Joanne Sewell (family commitments) Janet Farebrother (ABC), Nicky Cockburn (ABC)

**Absent:** Paddy Gorrill

With 5 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

Prior to the meeting commencing a 1 min silence was held in memory of HRH Prince Philip.

**61/21 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted and received from the above-mentioned persons.

**62/21 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None

**63/21 Minutes of the meetings held on the 16th March 2021**

All members of the council had received a copy of the minutes.

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the 16th March 2021 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record.

**Action: Clerk to upload the completed minutes to the website.**

**64/21 Chairman’s Announcements**

Cllr M Bradley confirmed that most of her time has been spent focusing on the Ponderosa Licensing Appeal & Allotments that are covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**65/21 Public Participation**

None

**66/21 Applications for co-option**

An application for co-option has been received from a Ms G Murray, this application was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that the Ms G Murray be co-opted on to the Parish Council with immediate effect.

**Action: Clerk to work with Ms G Murray to ensure the relevant paperwork is completed to formally appoint her as a Councillor**

**Action: Clerk to update the website.**

**67/21 Reports from visiting councillors & police (if present)**

None present.

**68/21 Clerks Report**

The Council acknowledged and thanked the Clerk for undertaking all the work involved with Operation Forth Bridge to ensure the Council followed all relevant processes.

The Clerks Report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting this was noted as received.  The Clerk noted to all that due to the incredibly high levels of work involved with trying to complete Year End in a far shorter timescale than normal due to the government making the decision to not extend the ability for Parish Councils to meet virtually, along with Operation Forth Bridge following the passing away of HRH Prince Philip not all actions have been completed.

### Allerdale Borough Council Licencing Appeal

The Clerk updated all present that the Skeleton Argument for the Licencing Appeal was submitted to the Court and Allerdale Borough Council on the relevant date as per the court directions.

The next stage is for the judge to review both cases and decide on the next steps.

**Action: Clerk to keep all councillors informed via email on the progress of this appeal.**

**Resolved** by all present that the Clerk’s additional hours be paid at a value of £541.92 (and associated on costs).

**Action: Clerk to prepare this for payment.**

### Derwent Forest Development

A meeting was held and the notes taken have been circulated to those that attended. No further action to be taken at this point, but the item to remain on the agenda for future meetings.

**69/21 Play-area**

### Park Fencing

Cllr Sue Hannah is continuing to look at other options for the funding of these works, including Awards for All. Awards for All have recently shifted their focus on the direction of their funding to look at more community focused projects, Cllr Sue Hannah is hoping to submit an application to this funder in the next couple of weeks. An application will then be submitted to the Cumbria Community Foundation.

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah to continue work on obtaining funding for these works.**

**70/21 Allotments**

Cllr M Bradley confirmed that she and Cllr B Smith had been working with W MacKay’s to ensure the clearance and marking out of Plot 1 on the Nook, and the clearance of other rubbish. This work has now been completed and these plots are ready to let.

Thanks were noted to Malcolm Grout and Steve Randles for their help with these works.

**Action: Clerk to send formal thanks to these parties.**

A significant amount of asbestos has been cleared and the price charged has been very reasonable.

This has now released a number of plots for letting. It was noted by all present how helpful and professional both companies have been. Thanks has been forwarded to both companies from the Council.

All present noted how wonderful both Allotment Sites are now looking.

**71/21 Parish Maintenance & Highways**

### Benches/Parish Seats

Cllr A Davis-Johnston has confirmed that he is unable to take this forward as he is no longer part of the Great & Little Broughton Crack Facebook group.

Therefore, another volunteer is needed to progress the idea of ‘adopt a seat’.

Cllr M Bradley noted that 3 or 4 of the benches have been ‘adopted’ by people already.

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to discuss this with Ms G Murray who has formally been co-opted to the Parish Council to see if she would be willing to help with this.**

### Noticeboard Welfare Field

Cllr M Bradley met with Cllr P Gorrill to consider where it might be sensible to erect a new noticeboard, an approach hasn’t been made to the Village Hall yet.

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to discuss this with the new committee who are running the Village Hall and bring this to the next meeting.**

### Parking at Soddy Gap Ponds

Correspondence has been received from a local resident who has a horse stabled near the Cricket Field, regarding the parking situation at the top of this road which has become worse over the recent year. Vehicles are parking almost daily blocking the access both onto the Linefoot road entrance and for the stables & houses further down. Additionally, this inconsiderate parking is causing significant damage to the verges and this is impacting upon the drainage locally which is leading to flooding problems.

There have been a number of incidents where essential supplies were unable to be delivered to the area e.g. animal feed, and recently an emergency occurred that required the emergency services who struggled to access the area due to the poor parking.

**Resolved** by all present that a request be made to CCC for a traffic regulation order review in this area on the grounds of public safety.

**Action: Clerk to raise these issues with Cumbria County Council and ask for consideration to be given to the safety of Parking in this area.**

**72/21 Correspondence for discussion**

### CALC Member Survey

The Clerk had forwarded this link to all councillors, this is a survey being run by CALC to help them improve their service to Parish Councils.

**Resolved** by all present that the Clerk complete this survey on behalf of Broughton Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk to proceed with the completion of this survey.**

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to view the responses submitted.**

### Local Authority Remote Meetings Call for Evidence Consultation

Following the recent decision by the Government to not extend the ability for Parish Councils (and other levels of Local Government) to meet virtually Parish Councils have now been left in a very difficult position of having no apparent legal ability to convene meetings safely after the 7th May 2021.

The Government have issued a 12 week call for evidence to look at if there should be permanent arrangements for Parish Council meetings to take place online.

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council fully and strongly support the required legislative changes to allow Parish Councils to continue to meet virtually or a in a blended format in perpetuity. This allows Parish Councils to be more transparent and accessible to all.

**Action: Clerk to complete the call for evidence and continue to lobby Government to make the necessary arrangements to extend virtual meetings for Parish Councils from the 7th May to allow local government to continue to safely function.**

### Local Government Reorganisation Consultation

The action from the March 2021 meeting was that a response to this consultation be prepared once the outcome of the CALC meeting was known and the CALC response was reviewed. CALC have now confirmed that they will not be preparing a formal response on behalf of all Parish Councils and it is for individual Councils and Councillors to respond if they wish to.

**Resolved** by all present that individual councillors respond to this if they wish to.

**73/21 Planning Applications & Consultations**

**Ref: VAR/2020/0507**

Location: M Sport, Dovenby Hall Estate, Dovenby, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0PH

Proposal: Section 73 Removal of Condition 16 from Approval 2/2014/0350

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council have no comments on this application.

**Action: No comment to be submitted.**

**Ref: VAR/2021/0007**

Location: Plot 5, Moor Road, Great Broughton, Cockermouth

Proposal: Variation of Condition 8 on OUT/2019/0010

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council will submit no comment on this application.

**Action: No comment to be submitted**

**Ref: RMA/2021/0003**

Location: Plot 5 Moor Road, Great Broughton, Cockermouth

Proposal: Reserved matters application for a dormer bungalow.

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council have no comments on this application.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

**Ref: VAR/2021/0011**

Location: Plot 5, Land at former RNAD, Derwent Forest, Great Broughton

Proposal: Re-submission of application VAR/2021/0004 to substitute house type on plot 5.

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council have no comments or objections as long as the proposed house is in line with the design statement for the site.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

**Ref: HOU/2021/0099**

Location: Abbot Garth, Moor Road, Great Broughton

Proposal: Proposed construction of two storey extension to rear elevation in order to create additional accommodation

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council have no comments or objections, the proposal is set back from the road.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

Concern was raised regarding the protrusion of the porch on 75 Main Street on to the Highway restricting vehicular access, resulting in vehicles driving on the Bridleway.

**Action: Clerk to raise concerns about this with the ABC Planning Department & CCC Highways (Bridleway).**

**74/21 Planning Decisions**

None

**75/21 Finance & Accounts**

### Payment of Accounts

**Resolved** by all present that the below accounts be paid with cheques signed by 2 authorised signatories

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| **From** | **Reason** | **Amount** |
| *Becx Carter* | *Salary April* | *£536.45* |
| HMRC | PAYE April | £249.40 |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £40.35 |
| Nest | Pension | £87.33 |
| Becx Carter | Additional Hours for Licencing Appeal 47 hours. | £541.91 |
| WG Mackay Ltd | Allotment Clearance | £1,330.20 |
| Cumbria Payroll Services | PAYE & Pension fees | £216.00 |
| HMRC | National insurance | £53.88 |
| West Coast Thermal | Asbestos Removal | £357.60 |

**Action: Clerk to pay these accounts.**

**76/21 Councillor Matters**

It was noted that works are pending on the surfacing on the Play-area, it was also noted that this problem is getting worse.

**77/21 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

**Resolved** by all present that the meeting date for May 2021 will be:

4th May 2021 at 19:00- Annual Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting- Virtual meeting room.

**Resolved** by all present that meeting dates going forward will be as per the below list (subject to there being a way for this meetings to be held safely and in compliance with Covid 19 regulations).

15th June 2021 at 19:00- TBC

20th July 2021 at 19:00- TBC

21st September 2021 at 19:00- TBC

19th October 2021 at 19:00- TBC

30th November 2021 at 19:00- TBC

18th January 2022 at 19:00- TBC

Meeting closed 20:01

Signed……………………………………………. (Chair) Dated………………………………………………..