**Broughton Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting of Broughton Parish was held in Christchurch, Great Broughton at 19:00 on Tuesday 10th May 2022.

**Present:** Mary Bradley (Chair), Georgina Murray, Russ Cockburn, Neil Rumbold, Adrian Davis-Johnston, Bill Smith, Becx Carter (Clerk).

# Welcome & Apologies.

Mrs Mary Bradley welcomed all those present to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Sue Hannah, Steve Hannah & Claire Winter & Nicky Cockburn.

# Approval of Minutes of last year’s Annual Parish Meeting 4th May 2021.

All present were in favour of these minutes being signed as a true and accurate record.

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes be signed by Mrs M Bradley

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

# Chairman’s Report 1st April 2021-31st March 2022.

This past year has been, yet another affected by Covid although it is great that we have been able to meet face to Face again for the last 3 meetings. We have also seen resignations and appointment of new councillors, one as a result of election for the first time in several years. This means we can benefit from new ideas whilst retaining knowledge and skills of existing councillors.

The Parish council features in many conversations in the village and of course on social media giving us both good and bad press. However, it is rare to have members of public attending but there is a steady email and verbal trail. We do need to encourage better engagement, so people are correctly informed to prevent unhelpful gossip.

Most of the requests and comments we receive relate to things we have no control over e.g. overgrown foot paths, potholes, weedy curbs, uncut grass and often the most appropriate advice is to use the various contact websites for the CCC, ABC or the police.

Our main focus has been the children’s playground, allotments, Young people’s activities, grant applications, the bus shelter, grass cutting and of course the licencing application and appeals. We have continued to support the grass cutting of the graveyard, the scouts, the playgroup and the carnival and have supported the footpath and bridle way booklet which has proved very popular and raised some further funds for the school.

We have been proactive on the Derwent forest community engagement group and I think have been able to influence some of the thinking particularly regarding diverting traffic away from the villages and also the potential opening up of the south side. Recently we were able to through this group arrange for the Easter carnival walk to go through the Dump for the first time in many years.

As chair I was elected to be on the CALC Exec , chair the 3 tier meetings and also be the CALC rep on the GDF search area working group and now community partnership. Next week I am about to be briefed on how Cumberland will engage with the Parish councils and hopefully be able to influence positive discussions.

So, a very busy year for us all and I thank all the councillors for their support and response to deal with whatever the request is to help ensure the PC village responsibilities are safe and managed as well as possible.

However we need to look forward and in trawling through past minutes of parish council meetings have found reference to a number of projects started but not finished. The aim this year needs to be to focus on those and ensure by the time we need to stand down in May 2023 we have completed some of that work.

# Questions & Open Discussion.

None

Meeting Closed: 19:06