**Broughton Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting of Broughton Parish was held in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 19:00.

**Present:** Mrs Mary Bradley (Chair), Mr Richard Gildert, Mrs Jackie Hobden, Mr Maynall Weir, Mr Steve Hannah, Mrs Sue Hannah, A/BC Cllr N Cockburn, A/BC Cllr J Farebrother, Becx Carter (Clerk), Mr Carl Jackson (Member of the public)

**Apologies:** Ms Rosemary Pasmore, Mrs Alison Carruthers, Mr John Wilson

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Mrs Mary Bradley welcomed all those present to the meeting.

Apologies were received and noted from the above-named persons.

1. **Approval of Minutes of last year’s Annual Parish Meeting (30th May 2017)**

All present were in favour of the minutes being signed as a true and accurate record. **Resolved** that the minutes be signed by Mrs M Bradley

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

1. **Chairman’s Report 1st April 2017-31st March 2018**

The Chair of the Parish Mrs Mary Bradley delivered a very brief review of the work of the council during 17/18:

* Highlights: The successful registration of the bridleway and footpaths as Public Rights of Way over Soddy Gap. The completion of the post Storm Desmond flood activity on Bulling Meadow & the Play area. A productive and strong start to the review of the Allotment pricing, tenancy and appearance. In addition, the day to day business of the Parish has continued including the responsibility for the Play-Area, Bulling Meadow, and responses to Planning Applications, including the Broughton Park Proposals. The legacy benefits of previous year’s work including the regular bus service that continues to run through the Parish.
* Future: Whilst 17/18 has been a very busy and productive year there are many matters which will need to be progressed further during 18/19 including the Heritage Fingerposts, the area of land retained by Persimmon at Church Meadows, and Bulling Meadow. The Parish Plan will also need to be considered/reviewed in the near future.
* Membership: The Council have been lucky to attract new councillors to fill vacancies throughout the year making the council a very proactive and robust council. Mrs Bradley thanked those councillors who had departed from the Council during the year. Currently the Council has 1 vacancy open for co-option.
* Public Participation: Every meeting has had some level of public participation which is welcomed by the Parish Council.
* Challenges: There have been a couple of challenges around the lack of youth provision in the Parish and gatherings of young people during the lighter/warmer summer months. This at times has caused strain between the Parish Council and the Police but it is hoped that this relationship has now turned a corner and will continue to strengthen with the Councils regular attendance at the Community Engagement Police Meetings.
* Thanks: Mrs Mary Bradley thanked all councillors for their hard work and dedication either on specific projects or support on general council business. In addition, the Mrs Mary Bradley thanked the Clerk for her on-going hard work, which has been acknowledged as being at a greater level than originally contracted for and as such a contract & hours review has been undertaken and will be completed in June.

1. **Questions & Open Discussion**

None

Meeting Closed: 19:06