**Broughton Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 19:00.

**Present:** Mrs Sue Hannah (In the Chair), Mr Steve Hannah, Mrs Alison Carruthers, Mrs Claire Winter, Mr Bill Smith, Ms Becx Carter, A/BC Cllr N Cockburn

**Apologies:** Mrs M Bradley, Mrs Joanne Sewell, Mrs Jackie Hobden, A/BC Cllr J Farebrother

With 5 Councillors present the meeting was quorate to continue.

**Resolved** by all present that the meeting be chaired by Mrs S Hannah due to the Chair & Vice Chair having offered apologies for the meeting.

# 123/19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and noted from the above.

# 124/19 Chairman’s Announcements

None

# 125/19 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest

None

# 126/19 Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2019

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

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair Cllr Sue Hannah

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

# 127/19 Police Matters

**Resolved** by all present that the Police Report be noted as received along with the 7 incidents noted within it (3 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 1 driving over the limit, 3 criminal damage and one fail to stop RTC).

*Response from the Police Crime Commissioner re Police Attendance at meetings and Anti-Social Behaviour*

The Clerk read out a response dated 25th June 2019 from Peter McCall Police Crime Commissioner noted that “whilst it is no longer practicable to send a representative to every Parish Council meeting across the district, a representative will be sent where a specific request is made for Police attendance.”

In terms of Anti Social Behaviour the reply noted that “The Allerdale Local Focus Team are aware that you have raised concerns about an increase in Anti-Social Behavour and in response to this patrols have been increased in the relevant area. The area has also been added to the ASB Patrol Plan for Allerdale”. Further the letter noted that when a Police drop-in Surgery was held within the Parish it was very poorly attended.

Councillors noted that this was due to lack of publicity and warning about the event and it being held during a working day when many residents were in work.

In terms of the Council Tax Precept increase in 2018 the Police Crime Commissioner confirmed that this “assisted the Constabulary to fund an additional 25 police officers, as well as maintaining the number of PCSO’s across the force. These officers have been utilised across all areas of the Constabulary including local policing, armed response and protecting vulnerable children from online abuse and sexual exploitation.”

**Resolved** by all present that the Clerk invite a member of the Allerdale Area Local Team to the September 2019 Broughton Parish Council meeting with specific reference to Anti-Social Behaviour.

**Action: Clerk to issue an invite to Insp Rachel Gale & Sgt Lorraine Murphy.**

# 128/19 Public Participation

The Clerk noted that concern had been raised by a resident of Main Street regarding people using her wheelie bin to dispose of dog waste. The matter had been raised by A/BC Cllr J Farebrother who had confirmed that Allerdale Borough Council don’t have any funds for additional bins, but would consider emptying a bin if it was provided by the Parish Council (estimated cost £550 per bin).

**Resolved** by all present that there is a public bin very close to he location in question so the provision of an additional public bin would be unlikely to make any material difference. Therefore no further action to be taken.

# 129/19 Applications for Co-option

None received

# 130/19 Update on matters arising from previous meetings

## Youth Shelter/Outdoor Recreation Project

**Resolved** that this matter be deferred until the September 2019 meeting.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for the September 2019 meeting.**

## Persimmon Land Church Meadows

All councillors had received a copy of the planning consent granted by Allerdale Borough Council on the green space of land at the edge of the Church Meadows estate. The planning application had a number of stringent conditions attached to it that would prevent the Parish Council moving forward with any of the ideas that had been suggested for the area. It would result in the Parish Council having an additional financial burden for the regular grass cutting of this area for the benefit of the few.

**Resolved** by all present that with sadness the Parish Council are unable to proceed with the pursuance of the transfer of this piece of land to the Parish Council for community purposes due to the restrictive nature of the Planning Conditions and the potential liability the land would subject the Parish Council to.

**Action: Clerk to confirm this decision to Persimmon and thank them for their patience in waiting for the Parish Council to get to this position.**

It was noted that there is further area of green space close to this area that is also not being maintained and is now very over grown. This area is not within the ‘new’ church meadows estate or maintenance agreement.

**Action:A/BC Cllr N Cockburn to research if there is a S.106 or similar on the original church meadows estate to provide direction on who may be responsible for the maintenance of this land.**

## Phone Box

It was noted that no representation had been received either in support or objection to the idea of removing or not the Phone Box outside the Post Office.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this matter for the September 2019 meeting.**

## Notification of cessation of StageCoach Bus Service 35C

It was noted that this once a day service for post 16 education at the college will be ceasing as of the 19th July 2019. Cllr Sue Hannah has shared this information on the Great & Little Broughton Facebook Page for information.

# 131/19 Clerks Report

**Resolved** by all present that the Clerks report and its contents be noted as received.

1. *Access to Brigham*

It was noted that the access to Brigham from the A66 is closed for a period of up to 7 weeks due to United Utilities Pipeline Works.

# 132/19 Play-area

*Quotes for repairs following Annual Inspection*

The Clerk noted that the quote has not yet been received. **Resolved** by all present that the Clerk circulate the quote to all for authorisation via email between meetings.

**Action: Clerk to pursue this quote from Playdale and treat appropriately.**

# 133/19 Reports from Visiting Councillors & on other meetings attended

*Waste Collection:* A/BC Cllr N Cockburn provided a brief verbal update on the recent suspension by Allerdale Borough Council of the collecton of garden waste and co-mingled recycling, confirming that the decision had been taken to do this to enable the collection of all domestic waste on any given day to be achieved (it had fallen as low as only 70% of bins collected). The majority of the discussions relating to the issues relating to this contract and associated concerns are protected by commercial confidentiality. Further updates will be provided in due course.

*Broadband:* A/BC Cllr N Cockburn noted that concerns had been raised about the broadband speeds on South Terrace (because the line comes in from Broughton Moor rather than Cockermouth where there is superfast). This matter had been raised with CCC and it was being taken forward.

# 134/19 Allotments

## Fencing Tender for the upper Coldgill Boundary.

This had been circulated to all prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** by all that this contract be put out for tender, the only modification to be made is the removal of the requirement for barbed wire along the top of the fence. Tender responses to be reviewed by the Clerk & the Chair for letting at the end of the summer.

**Action: Clerk to revised the tender document prior to circulation to any interested parties.**

## Allotment Buddies & Handyman Lists

The Clerk updated those present on two ideas suggested at the recent Allotmetn Working Group:

1. Handypersons- It was suggested (and all present agreed) that a list of Handypersons be included in the Allotment Encouragement letter and Condition Warning Notice to offer people some possible options if they are struggling to manage their plots. This list would be of persons locally known to undertake such works and NOT a recommendation by the Parish Council on who should undertake works.

**Action: Clerk to prepare a list of possible handypersons for inclusion in the relevant letters.**

**Action: All to send any suggestions of any such persons to the Clerk.**

1. Allotment Buddies- Elsewhere in the country A list/database of contacts of people have been collated following advertising within the Parish who would be interested in helping with an allotment but who don’t feel able to offer the time/resources to having a plot on their own. These people could then go and help out others on their plots (with consent of the tenants) to share the benefits of allotment cultivation without all of the responsibilities. This has many benefits around potentially succession opportunities for buddies with plots that they regularly help with, but also the social and health benefits of shared working and socialising on a plot.

**Resolved** by all present that this positive and inclusive idea be taken forward by the Parish Council to enable all to share in the benefits of gardening and allotments.

**Action: Advertisement for ‘buddies’ to be prepared and distributed on noticeboards in the parish, social media & the September Newsletter.**

**Action: Clerk to include request for plot holders who might be willing to welcome a ‘buddy’ in with the Allotment invoices when they are issued in August 2019.**

# 135/19 Parish Maintenance & Highways Matters

Concern was raised that the recent weed spraying undertaken by Allerdale Borough Council and Home Housing appeared (from the areas witnessed) to mainly miss the weeds due to the operative on the quad bike doing the spraying mainly being on their mobile phone.

**Action: Cllr N Cockburn to raise this with the relevant personnel at Allerdale Borough Council.**

# 137/19 Correspondence

None

# 138/19 Planning Applications & Consultations

None

# 139/19 Planning Decisions

None

# 140/19 Finances, Accounts & Governance

## 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 (Via SO) | £564.68 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £141.00 |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £104.98 |
| Jackson Hetherington | Grass Cutting- July | £283.34 |
| Jackson Hetherington | Grass Cutting-August | £283.34 |
| Christchurch | Donation towards Graveyard Maintenance | £189.68 |
| United Utilities (Via DD) | Coldgill Water | £142.21 |
| United Utilities (Via DD) | Nook Allotments Water | £151.69 |
| Steve Dixon Plumbing & Heating Services Ltd | Repairs at Coldgil Allotments  | £113.28 |

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

## Approval of monthly bank reconciliation & spend against budget report

**Resolved** by all present that these be signed as a true & accurate.

**Resolved** by all present that it be noted that the Clerk was submitting a complaint to HSBC regarding the handling of the bank mandate forms.

# 141/19 Councillor Matters

None

# 142/19 Date & Time of Next meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that the date of the next meeting be confirmed as the 20th August 2019 at 19:00 Broughton Village Hall (if required for planning purposes).

If not the next meeting will be **17th September 2019.**

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