Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Christchurch, Great Broughton, on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 19:00

**Present:** Bill Smith (in the Chair), Sue Hannah, Steven Hannah, Bill Smith, Nigel Clubley, Russ Cockburn, Becx Carter, Martin Harris (Cumberland Council)

**Apologies:** Mary Bradley (Work commitments), Nicky Cockburn (Illness), Adrian Davis Johnston (no reason provided)

With 6 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 150/23 Apologies and reasons for absence

# *Apologies:*

**Resolved** by all present that the apologies and reason for absence for the above listed councillors be accepted and approved.

It was noted that Adrian Davis Johnston had provided apologies, but no reasons for these were given.

**151/23 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None

# 153/23 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

**154/23 Minutes of the meetings held on the 19th September 2023**

All members of the council had received a copy of the minutes in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the 19th September 2023 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

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

**155/23 Chairman’s Announcements**

Cllr M Bradley had provided a short-written update on a number of points which are covered under the relevant agenda item.

One item that is emergency in nature due to timescales, is that a number of residents have expressed concern that due to the unseasonably warm weather the grass has continued to grow and that one final cut is required.

**Resolved** by all present that the Clerk ask the grass cutting contractor to undertake one final grass cut when the weather is appropriate and invoice as required

**156/23 Public Participation**

A member of the public attended prior to the start of the meeting and provided some information on traffic movements.

25/9/23- Tropenhow Junction 7-10 and 2-5 (79 vehicles)

2/10/23- Broughton same six hours (1961 vehicles)

9/10/23- Brigham same six hours (883 vehicles)

Between 4-5 on 9/10/23 (403) vehicles turned into Broughton

**157/23 To receive and consider applications for co-option (2 Vacancies)**

None received

**158/23 Reports from visiting councillors & Police**

# *Cumberland Council*

# Cumberland Councillor Martin Harris had provided a written report via email this was noted as received by all present.

# Cumberland Cllr M Harris provided a verbal update on some additional points:

# A qtr. 1 intermediate finance report has been circulated to the Cumberland executive at the recent meeting and it forecasts a circa 28.9million pound overspend (on a 200million overall budget) at the end of the current financial year. Up to 17.5million could be located from reserves if required. The main overspend is in children and adults social care which is a statutory duty.

# It was noted that an equality of pay bill may also arrive at Cumberland and this could have a greater financial negative impact.

# Broughton Parish Council noted concern that such a high overspend has occurred within Qtr 1, as the number of adults and children within the system should have been a finite number and a small increase may be reasonable but an increase of this leave seems disproportionate and it suggests a failing in the budgetary process or a lack of appropriate due diligence.

# 159/23 Clerks report

# The Clerks report had been circulated to all in advance of the meeting and this was noted as received.

#### Parish Plan

Cllr Adrian Davis Johnston was not present, and no update had been received.

#### Derwent Forest

No update has been received.

**Resolved** by all present that Cllr M Bradley be given delegated authority to seek an update on the Master Plan/views for this site for future discussion at a Broughton Parish Council

# 160/23 Play-area

#### Play-area refurbishment update.

Cllr Sue Hannah updated on a number of matters:

* Two applications have been submitted to FCC and to the National Lottery Community fund (the two applications total 140k) and a decision is awaited.
* CLEP don’t currently have any funding available, and CCF only have small grants available.

# 161/23 Allotments

#### Update on Annual Payments

The Clerk informed all present that all invoices have been issued, and up to 18:00 on the 16th October 2023

Coldgill- 3 payments are outstanding- Debtor invoices have been issued.

Nook- All tenants have paid

A number of plots have recently been allocated to individuals from the waiting list.

# 162/23 Parish Maintenance & Highways

#### Broughton/Brigham A66 Roundabout.

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr M Bradley has met with MP M Jenkinson who is now working to facilitate a meeting date for a meeting with the relevant individuals from National Highways.

#### Sewage Outflows into the River Derwent

No further updates received, the matter has been raised with CALC and some signposting has been received to other groups who maybe working on similar issues.

# 163/23 Correspondence

All other correspondence was noted as received.

**164/23 Planning Applications**

**Ref: VAR/2023/0033**

Location: Land at Pear Tree Gardens, Little Broughton

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (plans) on Ful/2023/0075

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council have no comments or objections.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments.**

# 165/23 Planning Decisions

**Resolved** by all present that the below decisions be noted as received:

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| HOU/2023/0147 | 9 Derwent Park, Great Broughton, Cockermouth | Detached Garage | Approved with conditions |
| TEL/2023/0398 | Road starting outside of Rose Farm, Little Broughton | 8 \*9m medium telecommunications polts | Prior Notification: Development by telecoms operators |

**166/23 Finance & Accounts**

### Payment of Accounts

**Resolved** by all present that the below accounts be paid via BACS authorised by 2 authorised signatories:

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| **From** | **Reason** | **Amount** |
| Becx Carter | Salary (Oct) | £628.15-Via SO |
| HMRC | PAYE (Oct) | £174.64-Via SO |
| NEST | Pension | £57.85-Via DD |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £48.75 |
| Jackson Hetherington | Oct Grass Cutting | £285 |
| MOORE | Audit Fees | £378.00 |
| Cumbria Pest Services | Wasp Clearance (50/50 Coldgill/Nook) | £180.00 |

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

#### To consider & approve the bank reconciliation and spend against budget reports

**Resolved** by all that these be noted as received and signed as a true and accurate record.

1. *To receive notice of conclusion of audit*

The Clerk confirmed that this had been received back and had been published online as per the legal requirements for publication.

1. *Request for S.137 Donation for Christchurch Churchyard*

**Resolved** by all present that a donation of £150 be made to Christchurch Great Broughton as a contribution toward the ongoing maintenance of the Churchyard.

**Action: Clerk to pay this donation.**

**167/23 Councillor Matters**

Items for the Nov 2023 meeting:

* Concerns were raised about the condition of street signs in the village which are now very old and in poor condition. The Papcastle road sign is also missing and needs to be replaced.

**Action: Clerk to raise this as a systemic issue with Cumberland Council and share the HIMS reference with Cllr M Harris.**

**168/23 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

**Resolved** by all that the meeting dates for Broughton Parish Council going forward be set as:

28th November 2023 19:00 Christchurch

23rd January 2024 19:00 Christchurch

Meeting closed 19:44

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