Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Christchurch, Great Broughton, on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 19:00

**Present:** Mary Bradley (in the Chair), Sue Hannah, Bill Smith, Nigel Clubley, Nicky Cockburn, Russ Cockburn, Becx Carter, 1 member of the public

**Apologies:**  Steve Hannah (Personal reasons), Martin Harris (Cumberland Council),

Adrian Davis-Johnston (no apologies given)

With 6 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 97/23 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 were given.

**98/23 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None

# 99/23 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

**100/23 Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th June 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 20th June 2023 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

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

**101/23 Chairman’s Announcements**

* Cllr M Bradley provided an update an update on her activities during the past month which has included a significant amount of counting of cars at the Broughton Junction.
* Concerns have been raised with Mary about vehicles parking on the pavement near the Punch Bowl, and on Ghyll Bank, and near the Sundial, this is a difficult situation as if the cars park on the road it narrows the carriageway too much, but if they park on the pavement then it restricts pedestrian access/accessibility.
* The Broughton Children’s Carnival was held on Saturday 15th July 2023 and despite the weather was very successful, thanks were noted to all who organised it.
* GDF are going to be coming to film the play-area and this will need to be shared on social media etc.

**102/23 Public Participation**

* Concerns were noted about the signage for Calluna Grange that is on the road into Great Broughton, the development is not in the Parish and the signage is felt to be inappropriate.

The council confirmed that this is noted as a concern but sadly nothing can be actioned, as no planning permission is required for such signage.

* The footpath alongside the path between the Church and the houses is ‘bowing’, and concern was raised about who owned it.

Councillors suggested that it is likely to be the responsibility of the property owner and that the property owner should check the deeds of the property.

* A local resident suggested that the green spaces on Ghyll Bank be dug out to provide parking.

Councillors noted that Home Housing have been contacted about this previously and Home Housing are strongly opposed to this proposal and haven’t historically been willing to consider taking it forward.

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to contact Home Housing to raise this issue with them again to see if any progress can be made now that parking is an even greater issue.**

* There is a derelict house on Moor Road/King Street which looks in poor condition, and this should be reported to Cumberland Council to encourage the owner it to tidy it up.

**Action: Clerk to report this to Cumberland Council & chase up the one at Nook.**

**103/23 To receive and consider applications for co-option (2 Vacancies)**

None received

**Action: Clerk/Cllr S Hannah to advertise this in September.**

**104/23 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.

# It was noted that the negotiations have broken down regarding the ongoing all out bin strike in the Allerdale area completely as of the 17th July 2023, and as of the 10th August 2023 it becomes illegal for Cumberland Council to use agency staff to keep the black bins emptied, so the problems are likely to get worse. This was noted with disappointment by all.

# *Police*

# It was noted that a survey has been circulated but it wasn’t very user friendly and it wasn’t clear which areas should/should not fill it in.

# Action: Clerk to report the issues with this survey to the Police and raise concerns about its form and layout.

# 105/23 Clerks report

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

# 106/23 Play-area

#### Play-area refurbishment update.

Cllr Sue Hannah is still working on the WREN/FCC funding application and will update at the Sept 2023 meeting, Cllr Sue Hannah noted that she was awaiting details from the recent Parish Plan to support the application prior to being able to submit it.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for the Sept 2023 meeting.**

**Action: Clerk to speak to the organiser of the Toddlers Football group & ex-councillor G Murray to ask if they would provide a letter of support for this application.**

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah to provide photos of the trip hazards to the Clerk to raise with Kompan.**

# 107/23 Allotments

#### Request to site a memorial bench on the Nook Site

The Clerk informed all that a request has been received from the family of one of the long-standing allotment tenants who has recently passed away requesting consent to site a bench near to his plot on the edge of the turning circle on the Nook allotments as a memorial to Mr S Randles.

The family have confirmed they would be willing to help with ongoing maintenance etc.

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council have no objections to this proposal.

**Action: Clerk to confirm this to the family of Mr S Randles**

# 108/23 Parish Maintenance & Highways

#### Broughton/Brigham A66 Roundabout.

Cllr N Clubley provided an update on the data collated thus far, and a report was circulated to all councillors.

It was noted that any modelling for ‘options’ to be presented to National Highways needs to show the impacts of any increase in housing provision on either side of the Junction e.g., if the Derwent Forest development goes ahead.

Councillors requested that the data modelling take into account the fact that there is a signed pedestrian & cycle crossing for the C2C and the ‘safe gaps’ for pedestrians crossing the carriageways needs to be longer than 3 seconds.

All present thanked Nigel for all his work on the data modelling and data collation, and to all for collecting the data.

#### Sewage Outflows into the River Derwent

The Clerk confirmed no response has yet been received from the various agencies.

A response had been received from MP Mark Jenkinson stating that ‘as the Council is a stakeholder with considerable clout in these areas, we must never allow our parish councils to become just talking shops’. MP M Jenkinson also asked for a list of actions taken by the council or me as the Clerk to seek answers to the questions.

The Clerk confirmed she had provided Mr Jenkinson with a copy of the emails sent to UU/EA/Natural England.

**Action: Clerk to submit an FOI to UU regarding the discharge from Broughton Sewage works over the last 6/8 weeks.**

#### Parish Council Seats

This action is ongoing and will be picked up by the Clerk & Chair over the summer period.

# 109/23 Correspondence

None for discussion

**110/23 Planning Applications**

**Ref: WTPO/2023/0019**

Location: Broughton Grange, Meeting House Lane, Little Broughton

Proposal: Beech Tree- To cut back the areas with die back and reduce the long limbs by 1m

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council have no objections to this proposal to undertake the necessary works to make this tree safe whilst preserving the main trunk.

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

**Ref: FUL/2023/0124**

Location: Little Moor, Moor Road, Great Broughton

Proposal: Extension to existing farm implement store to form new covered muck store

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

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

# 111/23 Planning Decisions

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

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| HOU/2023/0093 | Hillrigg, Broughton Park | Extension to side and raised patio | Approved with conditions |

**112/23 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 | £628.15-Via SO |
| HMRC | PAYE | £174.64-Via SO |
| NEST | Pension | £57.85-Via DD |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £47.98 |
| Jackson Hetherington | July Grass Cutting | £285.00 |
| Mary Bradley | Expenses | £38.55 |
| TSO Host | Website Fees | £71.93 |

**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.

**113/23 Councillor Matters**

Items for the Sept 2023 meeting

* Parish Plan/Questionnaire
* A66 Roundabout
* Derwent Forest
* Sewage Issues

**Action: Clerk to submit a request to Cumberland Council for the pavements/footpaths in Broughton to be cut/sprayed to reduce the weed growth etc.**

**114/23 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

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

19th September 2023 19:00 Christchurch

17th October 2023 19:00 Christchurch

28th November 2023 19:00 Christchurch

23rd January 2024 19:00 Christchurch

Meeting closed 20:28

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