Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Christchurch, Great Broughton, on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 19:00

**Present:** Mary Bradley (in the Chair), Bill Smith, Steve Hannah, Sue Hannah, Nicky Cockburn, Georgina Murray, Claire Winter, Russ Cockburn, Adrian Davis Johnston.

**Attendance:** Becx Carter (Clerk), 1 Member of the public (Dr Martin Harris)

**Apologies:**  Cllr N Rumbold (Travel Commitments)

With 9 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 55/22 Apologies and reasons for absence

**Resolved** by all present that the apologies and reason for absence for Cllr N Rumbold be approved and noted as received.

**56/22 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None

**Action: Cllr N Cockburn to submit a revised DPI to the Clerk for filing.**

# 57/22 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

**58/22 Minutes of the meetings held on the 15th March 2022**

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 15th March 2022 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

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

**59/22 Chairman’s Announcements**

Cllr M Bradley provided an update on meetings she has attended:

*Sunday Walk on the Broughton Arms Dump to raise funds for the Carnival-*This was very well received and well attended, and lots of local issues and history were shared and discussed by all in attendance.

*Rats-*Cllr M Bradley has been working with the Allotment Holders regarding the ongoing issues but it was **resolved** by all present that emergency pest control be authorised to prevent his issue becoming any worse.

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to work with Cumbria Pest Control to organise emergency rat extermination on the Coldgill Plots, and to put notices on the allotment noticeboards to notify all plot holders when the extermination visits will be taking place.**

*Allerdale Borough Council Licensing Appeal-* It was noted that the court case has now concluded though a formal decision has not yet been received from the Court. The Barrister focused on noise and ignored all the public safety evidence. It was noted that Broughton Parish Council remain unsure how the case turned to focus so much on noise, rather than public safety.

**Action: Clerk to seek further clarity on how the public safety was disregarded and also to seek a copy of the formal decision.**

Formal thanks were noted to Cllr Mary Bradley, Cllr Sue Hannah, and Cllr Nicky Cockburn, along with the Clerk for their time and effort put into this case. It was noted that a lot of thanks has been received from residents within the Parish to Broughton Parish Council for representing the views of the parishoners on this matter.

*Bus Shelter-* The unit is now sited but is not yet in formal usage as a couple of bolts are outstanding. The base has now been extended to put the final bolts in. **Resolved** by all present that the Bus Shelter company be asked to forward the remaining bolts to the Council for installation. Once these bolts are installed the structure can be used.

**60/22 Public Participation**

None

**61/22 Reports from visiting councillors & Police**

Allerdale Borough Councillor Cllr N Cockburn:

*-Spite hedges.* There are a number of these (over high) hedges in the Parish, and sadly ABC have confirmed that nothing can be done as the hedges are deciduous. The planner did suggest that landowners may need to consider if they are within the remit of any subsidy schemes, they may be part of.

-*Allerdale Borough Council Licensing Appeal.* Cllr N Cockburn confirmed that she has sent a formal email asking several questions of the planners regarding the decision at this stage no formal response has been received.

**Action: A/BC Cllr Cockburn to formally request a letter from ABC Planners regarding the planning status of this, and what further consents in terms of planning etc are required.**

# 62/22 Clerks Report

The Clerk Report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. The receipt of this report was noted by all.

#### Youth Provision in the Parish

Cllr G Murray has spoken to her contact, and they are keen to resurrect their meetings, further discussions need to be held on when sessions could be restarted and if there was any scope for an earlier event for younger age groups.

A request was made for additional helpers to facilitate this happening, subject to all relevant DBS checks being in placed. It was noted that DBS checks are free for volunteers.

**Action: If any councillor is interested in volunteering to help with this contact details to be passed to Cllr G Murray.**

# 63/22 Play-area

#### Play-area Safety Netting

Cllr Sue Hannah confirmed that Planning Consent has now been granted, and Cllr S Hannah is continuing to work on a funding package, decisions relating to grant applications are subject purdah/pre election period of high sensitivity.

Cllr Sue Hannah will be continuing to work on an amended planning application to show the fence as a straight line rather than being curved round the play area, to allow the adult gym equipment if the application were to be successful to be behind the netting as well.

**Resolved** by all present that Cllr Sue Hannah be authorised to continue working on this.

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah to continue to work on this and keep councillors updated.**

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah to submit an additional application to the NDA for the surfacing and ground works to compliment the adult gym equipment.**

#### Subsistence on Welfare Field

It was noted that this doesn’t appear to have got any worse, but at this stage Broughton Parish Council are awaiting an inspection from Environmental Health.

Cllr A Davis Johnston raised concern about the condition of the water main on Ghyll Bank, and if this subsistence could be linked to the ongoing works in the vicinity.

**Action: Clerk to speak to UU about if this maybe linked and ask if they could test the soil for chlorine to establish if it is linked.**

# 64/22 Allotments

#### Allotments Working Group

**Action: Clerk and Chair to work together to agree a date for the next allotment working group meeting.**

# 65/22 Parish Maintenance & Highways

#### Adult Gym Equipment Application

It was noted that no decision has been received on this funding application.

#### Seat Maintenance

Previously discussions were held about an ‘adopt a seat/sponsor a seat’ project but Covid put a stop to this. It was noted that having as many seats as possible refurbished by the Queen’s Jubilee would be beneficial, there is the potential for the Parish Council to reimburse expenses.

**Action: Clerk to circulate the seat location map to all councillors.**

Suggestions were made about the formation of a village ‘working’ group, or a community core that is appropriately insured, with the appropriate policies & procedures to do village maintenance tasks.

**Action: MB to circulate information regarding the Community Core to all to consider.**

**Action: MB to speak to the group of individuals who have done similar actions in the village.**

#### Signs care & maintenance

**Action: Cllr Adrian Davis-Johnston to raise a request via HIMS for a new Broughton Village sign at Monkey Villas layby. Attempts at cleaning the sign have not worked.**

#### Consultation re Road Closure for Carnival

**Resolved** by all present that Broughton Parish Council fully support this road closure.

**Action: Clerk to submit this response.**

# 66/22 Correspondence

None received for discussion

**67/22 Planning Applications.**

None for discussion

# 68/22 Planning Decisions

The below decisions were noted as received.

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| HOU/2022/0029 | Little Moor, Moor Road, Great Broughton | New Single Storey Rear Extension | Approved with conditions |
| FUL/2022/0031 | Welfare Field, Ghyll Bank | Stop the Ball Net | Approved with conditions |
| FUL/2021/0293 | Livery opposite Glen Cottage, Little Broughton | General purpose crop store | Approved with conditions |

**69/22 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 (Via SO)-April | £559.96 |
| HMRC | PAYE-April | £147.20 |
| NEST | Pension (Via DD) | £51.56 |
| Peter Hodgson | Allotment Wall Capping | £480 |
| Peter Hodgson | Bus Shelter Base Works | £60 |
| Cumbria Payroll Service | Payroll Services | £216 |
| CALC Subscription | Subscription | £324.55 |
| United Utilities | The Nook Water | £878.62 |
| United Utilities | Coldgill Allotments | £245.97 |
| Jackson Hetherington | Grass Cutting | £280.00 |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £103.88 |

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

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to obtain water meter readings for the allotment sites for the Clerk to submit.**

### Approval of Internal Auditor

**Resolved** by all present that Rachael Kelly be appointed as the internal auditor for Broughton Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

### Request for Donation Christ Church

**Resolved** by all present that a S.137 donation of £150 be made to Christchurch towards the maintenance of the graveyard.

**Action: Clerk to pay this donation**

### iv. Update Address on Cumberland Building Society Account

**Resolved** by all present that the Cumberland Building Society Account address be updated formally to reflect the Clerks home address.

**Action: Clerk to process this paperwork.**

### v. Request for Donation Broughton Children’s Carnival

**Resolved** by all present that a S.137 donation of £250 be made towards the Broughton Children’s Carnival.

**Action: Clerk to pay this donation**

**70/22 Councillor Matters**

None

**71/22 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

**Resolved** by all that the next meeting dates for Broughton Parish Council for 2022 be set as:

**\*\*10th May 2022\* Change of date agreed**

21st June 2022

19th July 2022

20th September 2022

18th October 2022

15th November 2022

17th January 2023

The meeting venue was agreed by all as Christchurch, all meetings to commence at 19:00.

Meeting closed 20.01

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