Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Christchurch, Great Broughton, on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 19:00

**Present:** Mary Bradley (in the Chair), Sue Hannah, Steve Hannah, Nigel Clubley, Russ Cockburn, Nicky Cockburn, Bill Smith, Adrian Davis Johnston, Becx Carter,

**Apologies:** Cumberland Cllr M Harris,

With 8 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 37/2024 Apologies and reasons for absence

# *Apologies:*

**Resolved** by all present that the apologies listed above be noted as received.

**38/2024 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None

# 39/2024 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

**40/2024 Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th February 20224**

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 February 2024 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

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

**41/2024 Chairman’s Announcements**

* The council noted sadness with the passing of Mr M Grout, condolences were offered to the family.
* New drainage has been installed outside Hill House (opposite The Hollies) and this has reduced the risk of the road flooding.
* Cllr M Bradley has recently attended a meeting about if there should be a Community Compact (a compact is a written agreement, that binds organisations to commitments on matters where they have shared interests or concerns) between Parish Councils and the new Unitary Authorities

**42/2024 Public Participation**

None

**43/2024 To receive and consider applications for co-option (2 Vacancies)**

None received

**44/2024 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.

# 45/24 Clerks report

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

#### Parish Plan

Cllr M Bradley & Cllr N Clubley have now met to refine the data that Cllr A Davis Johnston had collated. A final draft version has been produced and is ready for circulation to all councillors.

**Action: Clerk to circulate the draft parish plan to all prior to the April 2024 meeting, when it will be agenda’d for approval.**

Thanks were noted to Cllr N Clubley for all his work on this.

#### Emergency Planning

**Resolved** that the Clerk ensure all emergency contacts are updated on website and then this item be removed from the agenda.

#### Derwent Forest

Concerns were noted that following the recent Government decision that Cumberland Council have been given ‘increased flexibility’ to liquidate assets to fill budgetary gaps that this site may be one that the Council look to liquidate, and this could be a concern.

**Resolved** by all present that this be deferred until the April 2024 meeting.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for the April 2024 meeting**

# 46/24 Play-area

#### Play-area refurbishment update.

Thanks were noted to Cllr Sue Hannah and Cllr M Bradley for their continued work on this.

# 47/24 Allotments

# It was noted that following the passing of Mr M Grout there is no one taking on the allotment handyman role on the Nook site. Thanks were noted posthumously to Mr M Grout for all his work on the Nook Allotment site over the years.

# There is a need for two of the plots to be cleared and a working party will be formed of councillors to try and do this work when the weather improves.

# An allotment holder approached the Parish Council to ask for dispensation to undertake an activity outside of the tenancy agreement on the grounds of special circumstances.

# Resolved by all present that this dispensation be granted.

# Action: Clerk to confirm this in writing to the tenant in question.

# 48/24 Parish Maintenance & Highways

#### Broughton/Brigham A66 Roundabout.

Cllr M Bradley & Cllr N Clubley updated that since the last Broughton Parish Council meeting a Government announcement has been made regarding the redirection of HS2 funding, and over the next 7 years Cumberland will be receiving circa 21million per annum. Broughton/Brigham A66 Roundabout is a National Highways project, but this may present an option for a partnership to ensure this scheme gets delivered.

Since the funding announcement Cllr N Clubley has written to National Highways to check if the announcement has impacted on anything at their side and to ask for an update on the outcomes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 2024.

National Highways have confirmed that with the information presented to them on the 3rd January and subsequently, there was enough evidence in what was provided to prompt them to employ some consultants to do some further traffic sampling at the junction which will be taking place in the near future.

**Action: A short press release be drafted to be used on Social Media when National Highways are in the locality to explain to members of the local community why there are officers on the junction.**

MP Mark Jenkinson has copied Broughton Parish Councillors into a number of correspondences suggesting that if Cumberland Council made a financial contribution towards the project this might support National Highways to move this project forward, along with the re sampling of the junction it is hoped that the cost ratio will move to 1 or above.

Cllr N Clubley has met with Cumberland Cllr M Harris to encourage him to lobby for the allocation of funding to the junction, Martin Harris has also written to the Lakes to Sea Panel to make them aware of this issue of significant importance to the local community.

Andy Semple (Cumberland Councillor) for Brigham is also aware.

**Resolved** by all present that Cllr N Clubley & Cllr M Bradley look to brief Denise Rollo as the portfolio holder for Highways now that the Cumberland Councillor for the area has been brief.

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to set this meeting up.**

**Action: Clerk to put Cllr M Bradley in touch with Markus Campbell Savours.**

Thanks were noted to Cllr N Clubley for his work on this

1. *Lengthsman Arrangement Cumberland Council*

Cumberland Council have confirmed that the ‘Working Together’ initiative has been paused, and that Cumberland Council are ‘hoping to engage’ with local parish councils in the future one a plan has been agreed. No timescales or way of progression has been provided by Cumberland Council.

**Action: Cllr M Bradley to raise this via CALC due to the lack of progress being made through direct Parish Council liaison.**

1. *Grass Cutting Contract 2024*

The Clerk confirmed that this had been advertised and a number of different companies had asked for the contract information.

Only one response had been received from Jackson Hetherington for £2065 for the period April-October. A copy of the relevant public liability insurance has been provided.

**Resolved** by all present that the contract be awarded to Jackson Hetherington for the forthcoming year.

**Action: Clerk to confirm this decision to Jackson Hetherington and to ask him to strim either side of the stream that runs through Nook before the growing season starts.**

It was noted that the stream that runs through the Nook Allotments the lower part of it (along the boundary of 29b, 44 & 45) is very over grown/obstructed by debris and needs to be cleared.

**Action: Clerk/Cllr M Bradley to discuss with the new tenants on these plots to establish if a working party could be formed to deal with this matter of if quotes need to be obtained from an appropriate contractor.**

# 49/24 Correspondence

None

**50/24 Planning Applications**

**Ref: FUL/2024/0005**

Location: Rose Farm, Little Broughton, Cockermouth

Proposal: A purpose build agricultural building of steel portal frame construction utilised for muck midden

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

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

**Ref: HOU/2024/0021**

Location: 3 Camerton Road, Great Broughton

Proposal: Construction of a new extension and balcony to the rear, replacement porch to the side of the property

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

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

# 51/24 Planning Decisions

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

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| HOU/2024/0008 | 71 Ghyll Bank, Little Broughton | Removal of a single storey utility and toilet and replace with a kitchen, utility and toilet extension | Approved with conditions  |

**52/24 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** | **Approve/Ratify** |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £57.24 | Approve |
| Becx Carter | Salary | £486.94 | Ratify |
| HMRC | PAYE | £128.20 | Ratify |

**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 consider and adopt additional policies.*

**Resolved** by all present that the biodiversity policy as circulated with the meeting papers be adopted.

**Action: Clerk to update the website.**

1. *To consider adding an additional signatory on to the Parish Council Bank Account*

**Resolved** by all present that Nigel Clubley be added on to the Parish Council Bank Account to expand the number of people who can authorise transactions on the Parish Council account.

**Action: Clerk to complete and file the relevant paperwork.**

**53/24 Councillor Matters**

All covered in the agenda.

**54/24 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

**Resolved** by all that the meeting dates for Broughton Parish Council going forward be set as (all at 19:00 all in Christchurch):

23rd April 2024

21st May 2024

18th June 2024

23rd July 2024

17th September 2024

22nd October 2024

26th November 2024

14th January 2025

Meeting closed 20:05

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