

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE PLAN 2002 - 2007



Broughton Parish Council
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FOREWORD

Broughton Parish Council with support from the Countryside Agency, felt it would be useful to prepare a five-year development plan setting out the needs of the village, its environment and its people under the Vital Villages Programme.

The aims of this programme are to encourage communities to take stock of their village, identify what they need to revitalise it, to ensure people have a voice in their future and to provide support to enable each village to make its own decisions and to implement some of the improvements locally.

The Parish Council also felt that in the current economic circumstances where any works or projects have to give value for money it was felt that by taking the lead in identifying village needs, a development plan would assist other service providers, Statutory Undertakers and the voluntary sector to know what is required within the village and hopefully to be able to include identified works into their budgets.

At all stage, the Parish Council have been careful to involve residents and organisations within the village in the preparation of the plan and all sections of the village have been consulted.

It is important to note that already there were a number of important initiatives started in the village which have affected the contents of this plan and these are included to present a full picture of the needs of the village and to enlighten other agencies and local authorities of the Villages aspirations and needs.

There is no set time-scale for completion of any recommendations set out in the report, as this will be dependent on the availability of resources. The Parish Council does; however, hope that any refurbishment works or new works carried out in the village will take into account any recommendations set out in this report.

The Parish Council gratefully acknowledges the support and commitment of all who have contributed to the production of this report.

The production of this plan was funded with financial assistance from the Countryside Agency and the Parish Council gratefully acknowledges their support

K Sproat
Chairman
2002

The Ward Councillor View

Although I have not been directly involved in the production of the Village Plan I have attended most Meetings and seen the hard work of the Broughton Parish Councillors in putting together this vital document for the Village.

The proposals set out in the plan can only improve the Parish and I commend the Council and all those who contributed for their hard work.

Councillor James Askew
Allerdale Borough Councillor for the Broughton Ward

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A Short History of Broughton Village.

The origins of the village are to be found in the farming communities, which started to grow in the 16th century. The south facing slopes of the moor to the north of the village down to the river terraces of the Derwent are fertile and have the best of the sun --- ideal for cultivation.

The moor to the north of the village was rich in minerals, the exploitation of which, in a modest way, was started in the 17th century. The landowners took the coal where it out-cropped and later through bell pits. The discovery of potters' clay led to experts coming from Staffordshire. These potters brought their families and were active as farmers in the growing season and as potters in the winter.

The 19th century brought the industrial revolution and the demand for coal meant real investment was needed to work the rich coal seam 200ft below the surface of the moor. Extraction of fire clay was exploited and led to the establishment of brick and tile making on the moor. In the village of Little Broughton domestic pottery and clay pipes were manufactured. The landowners and the entrepreneurs who came and invested in the coal mines built substantial houses for themselves. They also established and endowed some village institutions.

Workers were needed to operate the mines so rows of cottages were built to house them. The community was strongly religious, signified by the construction of a Quaker Meeting House, three non-conformist chapels and a church. They developed their own entertainment through church activities, music and drama groups. Competitive sports teams, particularly rugby and, later, the annual village carnival, also played their part.

By the 1940s the village was a mixture of substantial old farm houses, agricultural and mine workers' cottages and a few fine houses. The communities of Great and Little Broughton had developed simultaneously but were separated by fields until the 1950s. The demand for housing after the Second World War meant that the dividing fields were gradually covered with council estates and the distinctive boundaries were lost.

At the beginning of the Second World War, the Ministry of Defence enclosed about three square miles of the moor and used it as a naval armaments' depot providing local jobs. This tract of land, through its security fence, has been defended from intrusion for the last sixty years and has now been returned to Allerdale council for redevelopment. The panoramic views of the Western Fells and the Derwent Valley are spectacular from this site. The enclosure of this part of the moor has produced a wild life haven. It would be a shame if unsympathetic development, which ignored these qualities, were allowed to take place.

The last forty years has seen the extraction of the remaining coal and mineral on the moor by the opencast method. Whilst this was in progress the landscape was scarred by massive earthworks. The recent completion of this work has left that part of the moor with a mixture of farm land, a modest amount of newly planted woodland and a wildlife reserve.

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SECTION 1.0 - METHOD OF PLAN PREPARATION

In most circumstances, the general public are content to leave decisions regarding their village or environment to their Parish councils and other local Councils until such time as a major issue affects their individual situation. Broughton Parish Council believes that in order to improve Community Spirit in the Village, the public must be aware of the needs of the village and what can be done by way of improvement

One important aspect of this plan is therefore to involve all sections of the village and this has been achieved by the following activities

- Parish Councillors have surveyed the village in small groups and encouraged people to point out problems or other matters requiring attention.
- Each household was requested to complete a village appraisal questionnaire that also gave an opportunity for householders to comment about the needs of the village. The replies, which were received, were very useful and confirmed much of the survey work carried out by Parish Councillors.
- Residents have been encouraged to put forward their views about the needs of the village.
- The Plan has been publicised through regular newsletters delivered to each house in the village.
- The Local Primary/Junior School has used the plan as an education opportunity to involve all their pupils in the action for youth strategy.
- This plan has been the subject of an exhibition in the Village hall that was open to all residents of the village to attend over two full days.

1.1 SCOPE OF PLAN

The area covered by the plan includes the Villages of Great Broughton and Little Broughton which are located approx 3 miles west of Cockermouth in the valley of the River Derwent part of which flows through the Parish. The area is represented by the Broughton Parish Council and also within the boundaries of the Parish is part of the former RNAD Depot now closed which is currently the subject of major consultation in respect of its former use.

The two villages form a close rural community but like all rural communities their social, economic and environmental circumstances have changed considerably during the last two decades and this has altered the structure of the community and this plan is produced to identify the needs of the community over the next five years

1.2 AIMS OF PLAN

At an early stage in the plan preparation, the Parish Council set out its main objectives for inclusion in the plan. These objectives have been used as the framework for the preparation of the plan and cover the main issues the Parish Council see as important.

- ❖ Improve Community Awareness
- ❖ Improve Village Facilities
- ❖ Raise awareness of crime
- ❖ Identify if there is a need for a new Village Hall
- ❖ Improve Village Environment
- ❖ Set out Village Design Guidelines
- ❖ Action Plan for Youth
- ❖ Obtain Village Caretaker
- ❖ Extend Church Yard for burials
- ❖ Seek Regeneration funding for village
- ❖ Support secure future for former RNAD Depot

1.3 TIMESCALE

The Parish Council has sought to complete the plan and publicise the Document during the year 2002 and in time for any financial support from other organisations to be programmed into the 2002/3 budgets.

The Council does not set out any particular timescale within the plan for the completion of any of the suggestions set out. The Parish Council does however, hope that service providers and funding agencies will accept the principles set out in the plan and ensure that any works carried out in the village meet the criteria requested

In future years the Council will be seeking to consult with all service providers and funding agencies about the issues discussed within the plan and will seek to commence works within its own control during the financial year 2003/2004

SECTION 2.0 PLANNING

2.0 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Introduction

- **The Village Design Statement and its Purpose**

The Village Design Statement provides a description of natural and man-made features of the villages forming Broughton Parish that are regarded by the members of the Community as particularly important.

The document also provides a guide to ensure that future development and change is managed to respect and preserve the character of the village. It is hoped the policy set out in this document will protect and enhance the nature and quality of life within the community that is Broughton today

- **The aim of this document in the planning process**

The aim of this document in a planning context is to assist in future development in the Parish by providing a descriptive framework of the Parish as it is today respecting the features, which have shaped the village, and identifying those aspects that are important to preserve. It represents a distillation of the views of residents that can be referred to by Architects and builders and by the Parish Council when considering Planning Applications.

It is hoped that a summary of this document will be adopted by the Allerdale Borough Council to be used as supplementary Planning Guidance in respect of Planning Applications within the Parish.

The document also includes a summary of the Parish Council's initial policy ideas in respect of the regeneration of the former Broughton Moor depot in order to set out the Council's early views about this major regeneration opportunity for West Cumbria.

- **Highways and footpaths**

The original mining communities developed along the through routes across the village to Broughton Moor and Papcastle and across to Brigham. Today most roads are metalled and some have pavements or grass verges. However, the narrow main street makes a poor thoroughfare and is unsuitable for large-scale use by bus services and heavy goods vehicles. Most of the older properties in the centre of the village have no off street parking and dense parking in other areas of the village can also cause problems.

The Parish Council believe that in any new developments, the provision of off street parking is vital and where possible this should be hidden from view. In the area close to the school entrance it would be preferable to avoid any increase in the traffic flow through the village at peak times or introduce traffic calming measures to ensure road safety.

Many of the footpaths within the village and surrounding countryside are historic and much valued rights of way. Existing footpaths should be maintained and the Parish Council will consider supporting new paths where a need is established and subject to approval of the landowner.

Important Open Spaces

Within the villages are several important open spaces some of which reach into the village enhancing its rural atmosphere and providing much of its character. Many of the properties in the village have open views providing residents with enjoyment of the countryside and the Parish Council believe these open spaces should be preserved

In particular, the Council feel that the Countryside area around the village is important to maintain and areas such as the River Valley south of the Community should be preserved. It is also important to ensure the proposals for the regeneration of the former depot site take account of the rural nature of the village when proposals are drawn up.

Amenities

Many of the amenities in the village, the war memorial, the church, the chapel, the welfare field, the post office and shops, the school and village hall, are important landmarks and their close proximity to the centre of the villages encourages a sense of community. It is essential for the community that these facilities remain

The welfare field often provides a focus for village events such as the carnival and is also available for younger children to play in safety at all times. Other facilities could be added to this area if residents of the area agreed.

There are a number of public seats within the village and several post boxes in the village to assist residents.

Posts and overhead wires carrying electricity and telephone cables detract from the village and schemes to bury these cables should be encouraged. The School in the village is highly valued and has the support of the whole community. Any proposals to enhance the facilities within the school for both pupils and villagers will be supported.

The pattern of the settlement

Twenty years ago, the villages supported eight shops. Now it is vital that those shops still in existence should be supported and flourish. It is also important to support all other business in the village together with the social facilities.

Future housing should be constructed to fit in with the mixed character of the village with off street parking and care taken to retain the rural character of the village with any new developments.

Existing trees of landscape value should be vigorously protected and the planting of new trees encouraged. A policy of replacing any trees needing to be removed must be enforced. The use of traditional materials for boundaries should be encouraged and the planting of unneighbourly species such as leylandii for hedging discouraged.

Conclusion

The diverse nature of the Village makes it difficult to set out comprehensive guidelines for any future development. However, the Parish Council consider the following recommendations are a basis for judging future development in the village in order to preserve the existing community

Recommendations

a) Landscape Guidelines

- 1 None of the existing ancient hedgerows in the Parish should be removed.
- 2 All mature trees should be protected
- 3 All wooded areas and pastureland that form open spaces should be conserved in order to protect habitat for flora and fauna.
- 4 The setting of the village should be protected and the natural gap between the River Derwent preserved
- 5 The Regeneration of the Former Depot Site should preserve the natural environment and all development reflect the need to maintain the balance between people and nature

b) Design Guidelines

- Care should be taken to maintain the area of Countryside between the Community of Broughton and the A66 so that it remains a physical and visible gap protecting the separate identity of Broughton
- The provision of sufficient off street parking is a necessity in any new development within the village. Where possible this should be hidden from view.
- Further Street Lighting should be introduced where increased security to the elderly is required.
- Existing footpaths should be maintained.
- Important open space within the village should be preserved and a list of sites in this category agreed with the Borough Planning Authority as soon as practicable.
- Agricultural uses of land should be encouraged.
- Infill between dwellings should be controlled carefully to protect the important views and spaces in the village.
- In any future development care should be taken to reflect the original pattern of the village in terms of layout and scale as well as design and character.
- Present schemes to bury overhead cables should be encouraged, and further schemes to extend this initiative would further enhance the appearance of the village.
- Existing mature trees of landscape value should be preserved and maintained. Planting of new trees is to be encouraged and existing trees should be replaced if felled.
- New boundaries should use traditional materials

SECTION 2.2 – FORMER RNAD DEPOT

As part of the production of the Broughton Village Plan it is important that the Parish Council sets out its views in respect of the future re-development of the former RNAD Depot a large part of which is within the Parish Boundary.

The regeneration of this site may also bring economic opportunities to the village, which is to be welcomed and the Parish Council hope to see new economic opportunities developed on the site of the depot bringing much needed employment to the area. Preferably, the Parish Council would like to see economic activities compatible with a site in a rural setting along the lines indicated by the Borough Council in their major report approved by the Borough Council when considering purchase of the site. In particular, the Parish Council feel a business park could create local jobs and this would be welcomed.

The future use of this depot may however, have a major impact on the Parish in terms of Traffic, environmental issues and possible noise nuisance. In addition properties on South Terrace may be more directly affected by any future use of this area. Residents of Broughton have lived alongside the activities of the depot and open cast coal mining for over 50 years and know well the impact major activity can have on village life and whilst in principle the Parish council support the regeneration of this Depot, the impact any works might have on quality of life of residents must be carefully considered.

The following guidelines are set out to summarise the Parish Council's Initial Policy in respect of this important area of land within the Parish and the Council believe that the redevelopment of the site is feasible within these guidelines without undue additional cost to developers.

- 1 None of the hedgerows should be removed without the approval of the Planning Authority
- 2 All mature trees should protected and new trees planted where possible to enhance the site and provide screening and shelter for industrial or commercial activities.
- 3 Where new trees are to be planted, native species should be used other than in short term shelter belts
- 4 All footpaths should be kept open as Public Rights of Way subject to any necessary diversions being agreed within the planning process and after consultation with the Parish Council. Cycle ways should be allowed if required
- 5 The Depot site forms and important wildlife reserve and wherever possible, the natural environment of the area should be conserved to protect the habitat of the diverse flora and fauna found on the site and the present balance between people and nature should be maintained and enhanced.
- 6 The setting of the Villages should be protected and any development which generates noise, dust or nuisance should be sited away from houses to avoid undue disturbance to residents
- 7 Access to the site for heavy goods vehicles and other traffic needs to be considered. The existing Main Street of Broughton does not lend itself to heavy goods traffic and any major increase in Heavy Goods vehicles to the site should be re-directed to a more suitable route.
- 8 In particular, any development should reflect the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of South Terrace and avoid nuisance, noise and disturbance for these homes
- 9 Any development of the Depot must avoid pollution or chemical enhancement of the River Derwent and its tributaries

SECTION 3.0 - HOUSING

3.1 HOUSING NEED

Throughout the Parish there is a total of just over 770 dwellings and within the village is a mix of new properties around the older housing core of the village. Many people have moved into the village to make their home which indicates some mobility in the local housing market of West Cumbria.

The Council have consulted with Local Housing Associations who already own and manage properties in the Parish and from their information it appears there is a limited need for rented housing in the village and all the Associations would be prepared to build additional properties to rent if land was available and the need was accepted by the Borough Council who would have to determine whether the area was a priority. There is some concern that infill sites in the village are being used for executive style properties which might eventually cause a land shortage for low cost homes for rent.

Recommendations

- ❖ Affordable local needs housing in the Parish will be supported if land becomes available.
- ❖ Any further infill sites should take into account the landscape and design guidelines set out in Section 2.1 of this plan.
- ❖ There is a shortage of single person accommodation in the village. There are only six units of this type in the village available for renting.

3.2 HOUSING ESTATES

Within the Parish there are 10 estates built over a period of around 50 years. 5 of these estates, Ghyllbank, Kirklea, Moorfield Bank, Grange Avenue and Fletcher Close were originally built by Home Housing Association as public rented housing although all these estates are now a mixture of privately owned and Housing Association owned following the Right to Buy legislation of the 1980's. Allerdale Borough Council still own a few properties on Coldgill Avenue although the majority have now been purchased. Broughton Park, Derwent Park, Pear Tree Gardens, Church Meadows and The Paddocks were built as private residential properties although some are now rented out. The properties on South Terrace formerly for service personnel are now mainly privately owned.

As part of the Development Plan, the Parish Council has surveyed each estate and also carried out a joint inspection with officers of Home Housing Association who have contributed fully to this Section of the Plan. Obviously, now that some of the estates that were originally all rented are now mixed tenure, the responsibilities for the estate environment including grass cutting and landscaping are more blurred and the Parish Council is anxious that residents have a clear understanding of the position. As a result of the joint inspections and detailed discussions arrangements were agreed between the Parish Council and the Association that subject to funding becoming available, a joint Caretaking scheme would be set up under the Vital Villages Project and the Rural development Programme to undertake works on Home Housing Estates, Parish Council land and also undertake work to the general environment of the village,

The main details of works to be undertaken within the scheme are listed below but it is envisaged that if the project is successful this year the Association will consider similar funding in future years.

Caretaking works include

- Keep estates clean and tidy by regular and systematic cleaning of communal land and paths.
- Carry out safety checks of communal areas and facilities. Report major problems to Home Housing Maintenance team.
- Identify and report repairs to communal areas
- Carry out weekly check of Void Properties
- Trim path edges and strim boundary hedges and fences as necessary.
- Check boundary fences
- Cut back or trim boundary trees and hedges alongside paths or access points
- Pick litter on communal areas and estate roads and paths.
- Undertake planting to communal areas within agreed programme.

The Caretaking scheme is an opportunity to improve the entire village and there will be regular meetings of the Parish Council and Home Housing to discuss the programme of works and how to involve all sections of the Community

3.2.1 HOME HOUSING ESTATES, BROUGHTON

Home Housing Association manages properties on the following estates in Broughton.

Fletcher Close	19 Properties, 8 garages
Kirklea	30 Properties
Moorfield Bank	34 Properties 12 garages
Ghyllbank	65 Properties
Grange Avenue	8 Properties

3.2.2 Overview

In addition to the Caretaking Scheme a list of improvement proposal were also drawn up during the joint inspections. Obviously not all these objectives will receive funding immediately but a list has been drawn up for each estate and it is hoped that following the publication of this Plan consultation can take place with residents to draw up a list of priorities.

Since 1980, when tenants were given the right to buy their homes, many tenants of these estates have exercised their right and all these estates are now a mixture of Private and Tenanted housing. Those that are still in the rented sector do fill vital need in the village for young couples entering the housing

chain and the bungalows are a valuable resource for elderly people who require smaller, less expensive accommodation.

Generally, the mixed tenure of the estates creates some management problems for the Association in respect of the maintenance of communal areas as their income from the estate is reduced once properties are sold and convincing some of the new owners that they have now a stake in the appearance of the estate environment is taking time to do. However, it is hoped the introduction of the Caretaking scheme will help to keep these areas in a safe and attractive condition and persuade all residents to take a pride in their estate.

3.2.3 GHYLLBANK ESTATE

The first phase of this estate was completed in 1940. The Association now own 65 properties on this estate. 39 properties have been sold under the Right to Buy provisions of the Housing Legislation.

Suggestions for this Estate

Short Term objectives

- Undertake traffic survey and improve parking arrangements where possible
- Improve landscaping
- Check if all properties have smoke detectors and seek funding for any shortfall
- Support concept of proposed Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Medium Term objectives

- Undertake tree planting programme by requesting occupiers to sponsor a tree in their gardens.
- Provide planters or permanent beds at entrance to estate.

3.2.4 KIRKLEA ESTATE

This estate was completed in 1962. The Association now own 30 properties on this estate. 48 properties have been sold under the Right to Buy provisions of the Housing Legislation

Short Term objectives

- Provide regular maintenance to cul-de-sacs including weed control
- Check if all properties have smoke detectors and seek funding for any shortfall
- Support concept of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Check Street Lighting

Medium Term objectives

- Prepare improvement scheme for Garage site.
- Undertake tree-planting programme by requesting occupiers to sponsor a tree in their gardens.
- Provide planters or permanent beds at entrance to estate.

Longer term objectives

- Encourage parking within curtilages to ease on street traffic problems.

3.2.5 MOORFIELD BANK ESTATE

This estate was completed in 1976. The Association now own 34 properties and 12 garages on this estate. 18 properties have been sold under the Right to Buy provisions of the Housing Legislation

Short Term objectives

- Check if all properties have smoke detectors and seek funding for any shortfall
- Support concept of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Check Street Lighting
- Improve landscaping around new lay by
- Clean out gutters

Medium Term objectives

- Undertake tree planting programme by requesting occupiers to sponsor a tree in their gardens
- Improve landscaping

3.2.6 FLETCHER CLOSE ESTATE

This estate was completed in 1975. The Association now own 19 properties and eight garages on this estate. So far no properties have been sold under the Right to Buy provisions of the Housing Legislation. These properties are all electric and the tenants would ideally like to see a gas service introduced to give a choice of heating.,

Short Term objectives

- Install gas services
- Carry out planned maintenance repairs to external features.
- Repairs uneven paved paths or relay with tarmac
- Check if properties all have smoke detectors and seek funding for any shortfall.
- Install additional street lighting.

- Support concept of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Provide security lighting to rear areas if required
- Improve landscape maintenance and weed control

3.2.7 GRANGE AVENUE ESTATE

This estate was completed in 1939. The Association now own 8 properties on this estate. And 12 properties have been sold under the Right to Buy provisions of the Housing Legislation

Short Term objectives

- Check if properties all have smoke detectors and seek funding for any shortfall.
- Support concept of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Check Street Lighting
- Provide security lighting to rear areas
- Improve landscape maintenance and weed control

Medium Term objectives

- Undertake tree planting programme by requesting occupiers to sponsor a tree in their gardens
- Seek improvement to parking arrangements

PRIVATELY OWNED ESTATES

3.2.8 BROUGHTON PARK ESTATE

The Broughton Park estate and the surrounding properties are currently served by an unadopted sewer, which has blocked several times in recent years causing inconvenience to residents. In the course of plan preparation, the Parish Council have consulted United Utilities regarding how to go about having these sewers adopted.

In general terms, the way ahead for the adoption procedure to begin is for the residents to arrange for a full survey of the existing sewer system to be undertaken and the results given to United utilities who will arrange for their own survey and then inform residents which part of the system they would consider adopting. Any defects would first have to be rectified at the joint cost of the estate residents. The Parish Council will continue to assist residents of this estate in this matter but is unable to finance the required survey which would need to be arranged by the residents of the Estate.

The remaining environment of this estate is considered to be satisfactory.

3.2.9 DERWENT PARK ESTATE

A number of residents have expressed concern about parking congestion at the entrance to Derwent Park which during evenings and weekends causes occasional difficulties. Even on the estate itself, despite the efforts of householders, parking is tight.

3.2.10 PEAR TREE GARDENS

The Parish Council are concerned about the land at the end of this estate which is currently lying derelict and for occasional fly tipping and the storage of building materials. This land, which is zoned outside the Allerdale Local Plan detracts from what is an attractive estate and the Parish Council would like to see a management plan drawn up for this land which would ease the concerns of the adjoining householders.

3.2.11 CHURCH MEADOWS

This attractive estate provides a useful range of house types suitable for small and larger family units and single occupants. The land at the top of the estate is often used for fly tipping and presents maintenance problems and some form of management plan or development could be considered in the future.

SECTION 3.3 - Community Caretaking Scheme

3.3.1 Home Housing/Broughton Parish Council Community Caretaking Scheme

In 1999, the Parish Council and the Broughton Tenants Association supported a concept of a village caretaker being appointed in the village to act as a good neighbour and undertake works to the environment of the village. Since that time the Tenants Association has ceased to function but the Parish Council continued to pursue the concept of a Village Caretaker.

In 2001, following discussion with Home Housing Association, the Parish Council agreed to submit a joint application with the Association to share a Village Caretaker/Handyman who would be based in the village and undertake work for both organisations. An initial application to the Borough Council for funding under the Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme was unsuccessful and this year a new application was made to the Countryside Commission for the funding of the Caretaking scheme under the Vital Villages Project.

This application was successful although the amount granted was not sufficient to cover the whole costs of the scheme and additional funding was sought through the Rural Development Programme administered by Cumbria County Council. The programme of works to be undertaken by the caretaker is as follows:

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- Strim and keep clear parish land and verges
- Maintain areas around public seats
- Paint public seats
- Check Parish Council Play Equipment on Welfare Field
- Clean and paint bus shelters as required
- Cut back hedges overgrowing public footpaths
- Spray and clear weeds to estate footways and paths
- Maintain Millennium Garden
- Cut grass in Church Yard

HOME HOUSING WORKS

- Offer low cost gardening service to vulnerable tenants in summer
- Offer low cost decorating service to vulnerable tenants in winter
- Inspect void properties and report repairs or damage to Home Housing
- Report vandalism on estates, deal with minor problems directly
- Assist with community development work
- Act as good neighbour to vulnerable owner/occupiers and tenants in village

Subject to additional funding being obtained it is hoped to recruit and train one or two trainees to assist in this work and thus improve community care within the village. In addition to the grant funding received from the Countryside Agency, Home Housing Association have agreed to contribute £2000 for each of the first two years of the scheme and the Parish Council wish to acknowledge the generosity of the Association in making this donation.

The Parish Council is confident that this project will solve some of the environmental problems in the village

SECTION 4.0 - VILLAGE SERVICES

4.1 TELEPHONE SERVICES

Telephone Boxes

There is currently telephone boxes in the village in the following locations: -
Scott Hill, Little Broughton, South Terrace

Telephone Cables

The Parish is concerned about the proliferation of overhead wires and cables for electricity and telephone services in certain areas of the village

GAS AND ELECTRICITY SERVICES

4.2 GAS SERVICES

The Parish Council is generally satisfied with the level of gas supply in the village that is available to the majority of properties in the village.

Additional Gas services

A number of the residents of Fletcher Close and Moorfield Bank have expressed the view that gas services should be installed on these estates to enable residents to have a choice for the main fuel uses. The Parish Council will seek to find out if this is feasible from British Gas.

The Parish note that Home Housing Association will install individual gas services to their properties on other estates on request of the Tenant.

4.3 ELECTRICITY SERVICES

All properties in the village have access to a supply of electricity and the main supplier within the village has indicated the state of supply wiring is satisfactory

Electricity Cables

The Parish is concerned about the proliferation of overhead wires and cables for electricity and telephone services in certain areas of the village

4.4 MAINS DRAINAGE

The Parish Council are generally satisfied with mains drainage in the village although some sections of the sewer system are quite old. There are two locations where from time to time raw sewage runs into the river Derwent from leaking sewers near the Ghyll and Alice Lane. There are similar problems in Little Broughton and the Parish Council will seek a resolution to these problems.

The residents of the Broughton Park/Craggs Road area are however, concerned that their drainage system has never been adopted as a public sewer and the Parish Council have recently tried to assist these residents in getting the system adopted.

4.5 LIBRARY

Library services are currently provided in the school. This service is very popular and the Parish Council endorses its support for this amenity

4.6 MOBILE LAW SERVICE

The Mobile Law service which operates in Allerdale District supported in part by funding from the Borough Council does not currently stop in the village to give advice, The Parish Council believes that this service should be available to Broughton residents even if financial constraints make visits less frequent than in urban areas.

During the preparation of this report it has been agreed to hold discussions between the Parish Council and the Mobile Law Service to determine if a service can be offered in the village.

4.7 BUS SERVICES

It is the Parish Council's view that residents of the village who rely on Public Transport should be able to reach essential services such as Doctors, Chemists, shops and other such facilities and be able to return to Broughton at a reasonable time.

The Council also feel that travel to work by public transport should be available for those working in the area.

With its central location between Workington, Cockermouth and Maryport, Broughton is easily visited by buses travelling between these towns and the time table should be co-ordinated to meet the requirements of people wanting to use essential services in the major towns. It would also be beneficial if a service could be operated which allowed Cockermouth School children to travel home by bus at a later time than normal school leaving time in order they may join in extra activities in the school and still travel home safely.

Recommendation

The Parish Council will seek to liaise with the Bus Companies to arrange a service convenient to the users in the village.

SECTION: 5.0 HEALTH ISSUES

5.1 DOCTOR SURGERIES

Residents of Broughton are mainly dependent on Doctor's Practices in Cockermouth for their health care. Emergencies are treated at Cockermouth Cottage Hospital or through emergency services. There are no Doctors Surgeries in the Village.

The main problem with the current situation is that residents unable to drive or without a car are dependent on either public transport or a lift to attend the surgery and also collect any subsequent medicine. The Parish Council would hope that bus services to and from Cockermouth could be scheduled to take this into account.

Following the publication of this report, the Parish Council hopes to discuss these issues with the local Doctor's practices.

5.2 LOCAL HEALTH CLINICS

At present no out-reach health services operate in the village other than the district nurse service, however subject to suitable premises being available, the Parish Council feels that there is no reason why health clinics could not be held within the village. If for example a new hall is built, there is no reason why this could not be used for occasional clinics or for day care services.

5.3 LOCAL HEALTH GROUPS

There is no local health group at the present time. However, following the publication of this plan the Parish Council intend to investigate the formation of a local health group to provide activities indoor or outdoor which encourage exercise and activity.

5.4 BROUGHTON FIRST RESPONDERS

The Parish Council are proud to have supported the formation of this valuable service which at the time was one of the first in the Country. The Parish Council will continue to support this facility in the future.

5.5 PLAYGROUPS AND NURSERIES

The only nursery operating in the village is in the Primary Junior School and this is an important facility in the village.

Section 6.0 - SOCIAL ISSUES

6.1 EXTENSION OF BURIAL GROUND/FIELD ADJOINING CHURCH

The land available for burials in the present churchyard of Christ Church is anticipated to last for between 5 and 10 years. Once the churchyard is full, unless additional land is found interments will have to take place outside the village. The Parish Council believe there is a need for additional land and that many residents would wish the Council to seek additional land within the village for future use as a burial ground.

Adjoining the present churchyard is a field owned by Senator Homes Cumbria Limited, which was purchased along with other land in the village for development purposes. The rest of the land purchased by this Company has now been developed but this field was excluded from the Allerdale Local Plan as a development site as the Borough Council felt that within the current local plan it should remain as an open area within the village. The field is crossed by two footpaths, which play an important part in the networks of paths in the village. However, because the field is presently lying unused, there are constant problems of fly tipping and the hedges and grass including thistles become a problem every year.

In early 2000 the Parish Council began negotiating with the Company to try and purchase part of the field for use as a burial ground. The site, which would be for all faiths, could be retained by the Parish Council or the Borough Council as burial authority.

During the plan preparation representatives of the Parish Council again met with Senator Homes who generously agreed to donate a portion of the field to the Council subject to the Council paying legal fees for the transfer, building a perimeter wall and looking after the rest of the field until such time as it is developed.

Since this offer has been received, the Parish Council has been seeking funding for the erection of a suitable boundary wall and it has been agreed in principle to accept this offer.

During the discussions, the Parish Council also raised the problem of the maintenance of this field and the Company restated their ambition to develop the remainder of the field for private housing as an extension to Church Meadows in the future. It is the Company's view that as land is released in the Borough for new Housing, this field will be included in the Local Plan as they feel it could be developed without extending the village boundary into the surrounding countryside. Obviously that is a decision for the Borough Council as the planning authority to take not the Parish Council.

During this discussion, the Company also indicated a willingness to donate part of the site to the village for the erection of a village hall and to make available a bungalow shell on the land donated for use as a hall although it was explained that the Parish Council could have no influence in the planning process.

The Parish Council did however consider this offer at its Meeting on the 11th June 2002 and agreed to accept the offer in principle for both projects. To obtain the views of the village therefore, the Company have been invited to display a plan showing how this field could be developed for housing but also incorporating the extension to the burial ground and a new village hall.

SECTION 6.2 A66 BRIGHAM & GREAT BROUGHTON JUNCTION

Background

In March 2001, following several serious accidents and many expressions of concern from residents, The Chairman of Broughton Parish Council and Councillor G Ireland requested the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Forum to discuss the dangers of this junction at a future meeting. At the May meeting of the Forum the problems were discussed and it was agreed to invite representatives of the Highways Agency, AmyMouchel, the direct contractors for this stretch of road and the Local MP Tony Cunningham to attend the next Meeting to discuss possible improvements to this dangerous junction.

At the next meeting in September 2001, which was held in Broughton, The Highways Agency and the Contractor put forward a scheme to improve the junction which was not accepted by the Parish Council who felt the proposals did not go far enough to address the problems of speed and visibility.

Following further consultation, a meeting took place in London with Councillors K Sproat and J Askew and Mr T Cunningham MP meeting the Transport Minister The Right Honourable John Spellar who agreed additional safety requirements should be made.

Following this meeting Messrs AmyMouchel were commissioned to draw up a scheme of improvements by the Highways Agency and consult with the two Parishes. Consultations were held in both Broughton and Brigham, in April where details of the improvements were shown.

The new proposals are designed to protect drivers turning of the A66 to either Brigham or Broughton and to give a better advance warning of the junction.

Comment

The Parish Council have accepted that under present economic constraints there is little more that can be done at the present time and is grateful for the finance allocated. It is hoped the new system when completed will solve the problems. However, the Parish Council supported by the majority of drivers in both villages continue to feel a roundabout would be a more ideal solution to the problems on this junction and Broughton Parish Council will continue to monitor the junction over the next few years.

SECTION 7.0 – THE ENVIRONMENT

7 Sites requiring Improvement

As part of the Survey of the village, various sites, which for one reason or another detract from the appearance of the village, have been identified. Some of these sites are regularly used for fly tipping of household refuse or builders rubble, whilst others are simply overgrown causing obstruction to paths and bridleways which are regularly walked by residents.

7.1 The following is a list of sites that are considered unsightly and requiring improvement and a management strategy

Field adjoining Church
Land adjoining Pear Tree Gardens
Disused gardens, The Went, Rear of Main Street
Land at front of South Terrace
Monkey Villas, Broughton Bridge
Parish Land at Harris brow
Gardens. The Went
Coldgill Allotments
The Nook Allotments

7.2 Grass Verges

As a rural village, Broughton has developed along the routes through the village with the estates being built on the back land. On many of these roads there are grass verges, which can enhance the appearance of the village, provided they are kept in a reasonable condition. In some areas, for safety reasons these verges need to be kept trimmed to give traffic better visibility although the Council see metalled footways on some verges as the only way to provide safe paths on some roads. The Parish Council have identified a number of these verges and the following list gives details of the verges involved and the works required.

Verge at Broughton Bridge to village
Verge on Moor Road below school
Verge between South Terrace and Village
Verge at Coldgill Avenue encroaching footpath.
Verge at Camerton Rd and South Terrace encroaching footpath
Verges at Bank House and Listers House
Verge at entrance to Grange Avenue
Verge on Fletcher Close beside Church Wall
Verge along Church Path top of Church Meadows

7.3 Street Name Plates

Village Nameplate outside the Village Hall signed " Little Broughton"
New sign required on triangular pavement

7.4 Street Lighting

Two lights required at bottom of Meeting House Lane
Lights required on road from Broughton Bridge into village

7.5 Public Seats

There are 26 Public seats in the village which will be maintained and kept clear to use by the Caretaker.

7.6 Litter Bins

2 required near shops on Main Street
Moorfield Bank
Moor Road outside School
Each End of Welfare Field
Play Area

7.7 Tubs & Planters

7.8 Overhead wires

Unightly Telephone and electricity cables in

Little Broughton
Main Street
West End
Coldgill Avenue
Moor Road

7.9 Unmade Roads

Lanes either side of Scot Hill in poor condition

7.10 Salt Bins

Sun Dial Car Park
Ghyll Bank
Church Meadows

SECTION 8.0-Village Safety and Crime Prevention

Raising Awareness of Crime

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a responsibility on Parish Councils to consider the impact of all their decisions on crime and disorder in their area. This means that the Parish Council must work with the Police and other statutory providers to ensure the safety of village residents is considered when a decision is made.

Broughton Parish, like many other rural parishes no longer has a resident policeman and under the present constraints, the Parish has to take its share of scarce police resources. Nevertheless, the Parish Council meet regularly with Cumbria Police to liase on problems in the Parish and within this document, the Parish Council sets out a number of issues which it is hoped will assist in the reduction of crime and increase safety within the village. It must be stressed however, that the main way to fight crime lies with individual householders taking measures to protect their property.

There are a number of issues however, where the Parish Council feels improvements to safety and crime prevention can be identified and recommendations made.

1 Road Safety

At present the village has a 30mph limit but no specific traffic calming measures installed.

Recommendation

A full survey of the village to ascertain what is required as at present speeds of traffic constitute a danger to villagers.

2 Policing

The Parish Council has a good working relationship with the Police officers who are responsible for policing the Parish, and also attend the monthly meetings of the Council to report crime figures and discuss any problems, which have been reported.

At present, there are periodic visits by Police Officers to the Parish, when they will attend to any general complaints by residents. Calls to the Police are welcomed but response time varies greatly, depending upon availability of staff, in conjunction with the seriousness of the particular incident reported.

Recommendation

The Council would like to return to the system of having a dedicated officer who would have a working knowledge of the residents and the background to incidents that may occur. This situation generates a trust and bond with the residents, especially the young, which pays dividends in reducing the crimes committed.

3. Crime Prevention

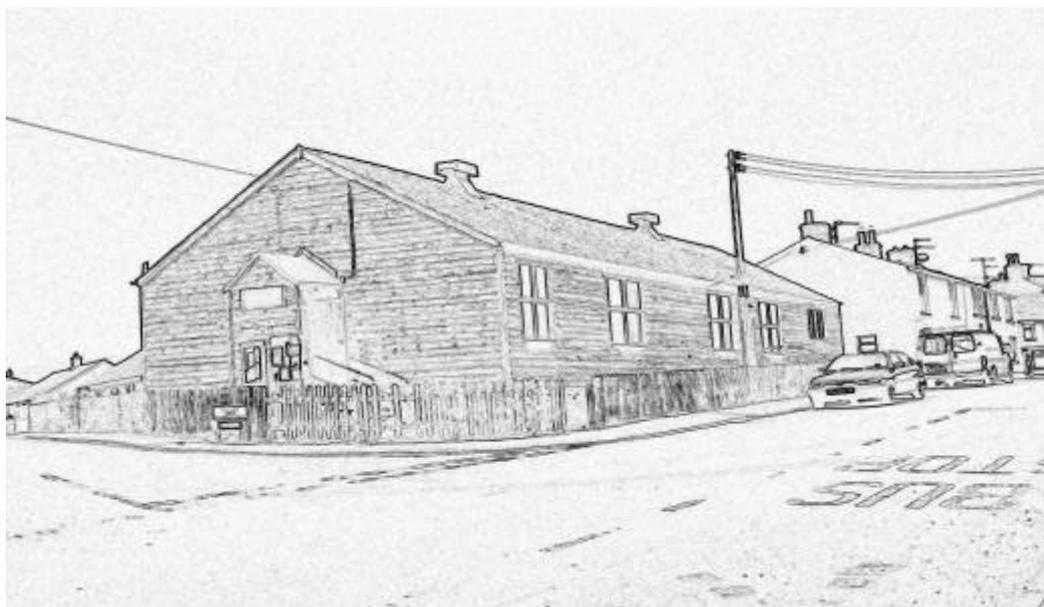
At present there is no specific measures in place to combat crime, but residents are constantly reminded to report any incidents, no matter how trivial they may seem, and the Police will investigate.

The Parish Council would however, support the following recommendations

Recommendations

1. The Council will support the extension of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes within the Parish
2. The Council will support schemes to provide security measures for elderly residents including door chains, viewers and security lights
3. The Council will press for badly lit areas in the village to receive adequate footway or street lighting
4. The Council will support the marking of bicycles with post codes
5. The Council will encourage membership of the Cumbria Police Vehicle Watch Scheme
6. The Council will support traffic calming measures around the School entrance and other congested parts of the village.
7. The Council will continue to provide safe play areas where possible for young people
8. The Council will promote safe routes to school including warning signs or lights where the footpaths are inadequate. Other routes to school will be investigated and measures taken to obtain funding where appropriate to provide the children with a safe environment to travel to and from school.
9. The Parish Council will consult with appropriate organisations to arrange a programme of education for residents, and to make provision for providing the necessary equipment to make all homes in the parish as safe as possible.
10. The Council will support measures to improve "off street" car parking within the village to reduce indiscriminate and dangerous parking

SECTION/9.0 – LEISURE SERVICES



9.1 OVERVIEW

Originally, there were several meeting places in the Village either public owned or owned by private trusts for use by residents, some of these have now closed or been converted to other uses and those which remain require considerable expense to bring them up to present days standards. In particular, the endowed school has been sold for development of the site and this has caused problems for the users. In addition, the present Village Hall is approaching the end of its useful life and requires replacement. Within the questionnaires sent out during the village survey the Parish Council asked specific questions about the use of a Meeting by residents of the village and the response was that some form of meeting place was essential as a village facility.

Currently there is only one play area in the village on the Welfare Field available to local children. This area has play equipment installed and there is a football pitch for local teams to use although there are no changing facilities for teams to use and the field is in need of a new drainage system.

There are no other public sports or leisure facilities in the village but the Broughton Red Rose Rugby League Club operate several teams and there is a cricket club which uses a Parish Field to play its matches. At one time there was a thriving recreational area on the former depot at the rear of South Terrace and the Parish Council may enquire about this site when the future of the depot is clearer

The existing Village Hall has a weekly session of indoor bowling.

The Council feels the current provision for outdoor sports or communal open space is insufficient and additional land is required for this purpose accessible within the village. The Council are also seeking ways to provide a new Village Meeting place to replace the existing village hall which is nearing the end of its useful life.

Section 9.2 - BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Background

The Village Hall was originally provided for the villages of Little Broughton and Great Broughton by the Coal Industry in 1927 and until the late 1960's was owned by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation on whose behalf a local Committee carried out day to day management. In 1967, when the mining industry in the area had declined, the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation offered the Hall to the then Cocker mouth RDC who after due consideration suggested that Broughton Parish Council should be given the offer of the Hall as they did not want to set a precedent in respect of other halls in their area.

In December 1967 the Parish agreed to become trustees of the Hall and assist in setting up a management committee responsible for future management of the Hall. As the building had been registered with the Charity Commission the scheme of management had also to be agreed with the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation and the Department of Education who administered such matters for the Government.

In the event, a new Foundation named "Great Broughton Miners Welfare Scheme" was created and under this Foundation, the Hall together with an endowment were transferred to a scheme registered with the Charity Commission known as "The Broughton Village Hall".

When the scheme was officially sealed on the 30th December 1968, the Parish Council were entrusted with the task of managing the Hall under the scheme until the first Annual General Meeting after which a new Management Committee as set out within the constitution would take over the running of the Hall. In February 1968, the Parish Council invited representatives named in the Constitution to attend a public meeting to debate the future running of the Hall and in due course the first Annual Meeting of the Hall was held and a Management Committee formed. The hall has since been run by the Village Hall Committee and over the years has been an important facility in the Village.

In 1999, conscious that the present hall is nearing the end of its useful life, a Public Meeting was held with a view to determining the views within the village about replacing the Hall, 28 people attended this Meeting and it was agreed that a new hall was necessary and fund raising efforts would be made to try and raise the finance required.

At this Meeting the existing hall Committee were given the mandate to act as organisers for fund raising and they appointed a local consultant to assist in the task of organising the work required to put together an application to the National Lottery as the main funding organisation.

This Committee has continued to meet but progress is slow and under the aims of the Village Plan, the Parish Council feel a new look at the problem is necessary due to changes in the way grant funding is now made for Halls and other facilities by the major funding organisations.

VILLAGE PLAN

The aims of the Village Plan is to set out the needs of the village over the next five years taking into account what is feasible and value for money. Most major funding organisations will now only provide funding to organisations, which are registered with the Charity Commission, and they also need to be satisfied that any request will give value for money.

The Village Plan Questionnaire sent to each home in the village asked specific questions to householders about their involvement with Clubs and organisations in the Community and whether they felt there was a need for a new hall in the village. A similar approach was made to 20 clubs and organisations in the village and local children were also asked through the school to give their views.

The question of whether there was a need for a new meeting place in the village became more pressing when, during the plan preparation, one of the halls in the village, the endowed school was sold by the Parochial Church Council and this displaced several organisations including the local scouts who had difficulty in finding alternative accommodation.

NEED

A recent survey by the Countryside Agency revealed just how much vital services in villages have decreased over the last few decades and the proposals in this village plan are designed to try to halt this process in Broughton Parish.

As well as its residents, the mainstays of any village are its School, Church, shops, inns and Meeting Places and if these facilities are lost community life suffers. A suitable Meeting Place available to all residents either on a regular basis or occasionally for family occasions is seen as essential by the Parish Council and in the village questionnaire and consultation with voluntary groups the need for a hall has been a prominent issue.

In fact, during the whole consultation process through questionnaires, group meetings and direct approaches to the Parish Councillors residents have expressed their hope that a new hall can be provided as the core of the village facilities and those groups using the present hall are extremely concerned about their future if this hall has to be demolished.

The question of need is in fact quite difficult to assess at present in that at the start of the plan preparation there were several meeting places in the village and use by village groups was shared among these halls. However, during plan preparation one hall has been sold and another is known to be in need of major refurbishment. What is known is that the present village hall is reaching the end of its useful life and it is doubtful whether any of the other buildings could be brought up to the required standard including parking and facilities for the disabled at an economic cost even if the opportunity presented itself.

It is the present condition of all these halls which makes it difficult for the Parish Council to determine the exact need for a new hall in the village. In their present condition none of the existing buildings could for example provide a base for outreach health services which many in the village feel should be available for those unable to travel long distances. Because of the

run down state of the Halls, there is a tendency for potential users to seek alternatives for their activities (There is little pleasure sitting in a cold damp environment for leisure interests with a long walk home in the rain due to no proper parking)

However, the community spirit in the village has constantly shown through during the plan process and the village does feel it needs a new hall and there is a known demand for such a facility which many feel would increase if a more modern building with adequate parking facilities could be provided.

Within the village are some 21 voluntary organisations ranging from the scouts and guides to the over 60's clubs. Some like the scouts will lose their meeting place when the endowed school is demolished and for other groups it is felt good parking directly outside a hall would increase attendance and in particular allow the hall to be used by the elderly and disabled, something which is not possible at present. The location of the Hall suggested by Senator Homes is immediately adjoining Broughton School and the school are already short of classroom space. There would be little difficulty in sharing the hall with the school in this location.

THE WAY AHEAD

As previously stated, since 1969, a Committee of Management have run the existing Hall as an independent body based on the foundation document produced at that time. Like most Village Halls, there have been good times and difficult times but the major problem now is that the hall is now nearing the end of its useful life and requires replacement. Due to its method of construction it would not be feasible to carry out repairs to the present structure and therefore the only possibility is to build a new Hall on either the present site or an alternative site.

The cost of a new Hall will obviously depend on its size and to some degree whether it is built on a new site or on the existing. There will also be a demolition cost for the existing hall. However, either type of scheme will be expensive and in order to raise the necessary funding considerable work is necessary to carry out a feasibility study, create a business plan and draw up plans for a hall of the size and type required following the needs survey.

It will also be necessary for matching funding to be available and if any Parish Land is to be used, the Parish Council will need to be able to satisfy the District Auditor that they have received value for money in giving the land to the project and their "gift" is properly protected for the future. This latter might be achieved by including a claw back clause in any document transferring the land to be used for a new hall. In actual fact, the Parish Council own a site across the road from the present hall which is slightly larger than the hall site and this site could accommodate a new hall and provide car parking quite easily.

However, the Parish Council have also to try and ensure all sections of the village have facilities and its current thinking is that perhaps a new organisation should be created within the Village to take over from the existing Village Hall Committee and be given the task of carrying on the work of that Committee and in addition have a mandate to provide other facilities in the village such as play areas, public seats, permissive paths, open spaces and

possibly take over the management of the Welfare Field and cricket field. Such an organisation would be registered as a Charity with the Charity Commissioners and would have a new modern Constitution which would meet the requirements of the major funding organisations.

The situation has been further complicated by an offer made by Senator Homes to donate land on Church Field for a new Hall and to build a bungalow shell for use as a hall. The Parish Council believe this offer could solve the problem of where to build as the location proposed is next door to the school and tele-cottage and the three organisations could all benefit from a hall in this position.

The offer by the developer is subject to them obtaining planning approval for the remainder of the site for the erection of private bungalows and the actual construction of a hall would not take place until the private housing also commenced. At present this site is outside the limits of the current local plan and it is the sole discretion of Allerdale Borough Council as the Planning Authority to determine any planning applications in respect of this land but obviously, if planning permission was granted, the Parish Council would accept the offer of land and buildings for use as a hall.

THE BROUGHTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Parish Council believe there is a justified need for a new hall in the Village and a new hall should be built whether through the offer by Senator Homes or on an alternative site.

Within the Village Plan, therefore, it is suggested that following Public Consultation in the Village, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners and the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation, the "Broughton Village Community Committee" is formed with a Constitution to be based on a model form of constitution to be agreed with the Charity Commission.

Obviously those active on the existing Committee would be eligible to become members of the new Committee if elected by their parent organisation or voted in at the Annual General Meeting or by co-option and the Parish Council wish to publicly recognise in this plan the valuable and dedicated work carried out by committee members over the last few years.

The new Committee would have a remit to take forward the work of the former new Village Hall Committee and also to include in their objectives the power to raise funding for other village facilities such as play equipment. The Parish Council and other village organisations would be represented on the Committee which would be formed following a public meeting to be arranged by the Parish Council after the publication of this plan

To illustrate the popularity of the Hall, the following table is included to show the current and potential use of this facility

Broughton Village Hall

Despite its condition, the present village Hall is in regular use and is a popular venue for village events. The following Tables list the current users and potential users if a new hall was built.

Weekly

User	Purpose	How Often	How Long Hours	Ave Att.
Over 60's Club	Social Evening	W	3.5	
Line Dancing	Practice	W	2	10
Village Hall Committee	Monday Bingo	W	2	
Village Hall Committee	Saturday Bingo	W	2	
Reunion Tea Committee	Wednesday Bingo	W	2	
Bowling Club	Bowling	W	5	
Dabbers Art Club	Meeting	W	2	
Wood carving	Meeting	W	8	

Monthly

Mother's Union	Meeting	M	2	
Breakaway Club	Meeting	M	3	
Village Hall Committee	Fund Raising	M	5	

Annually

Carnival Committee	For Carnival Day	A	6	
Reunion Tea	Annual Treat	A	6	
Sale of Works etc	Approx 12	A	48	
Personal Events	Parties etc (6)	A	24	

Potential additional users

Broughton School	Extra Classroom	W	6	
Age Concern	Drop In/Day Care	W	3	
Dancing Class	Lessons	W	3	
Youth Club	Meetings	W	3	
Broughton Payers	Workshops	Q	6	
Broughton Players	Rehearsals	Q	12	
Parish Council	Meetings	M	15	15
Broughton Players	Meetings	M	2	
Area Health Care	Chiropodist etc	M	2	
Broughton Players	Summer show	A	4	
Broughton Players	Pantomime	A	10	
Broughton Scouts	Fundraising	A	2	
Allerdale B C	Elections etc	A	10	

9.3 THE WELFARE FIELD PLAY AREA

This land for this facility is leased by the Parish Council from the Borough Council. The area has a full sized football pitch, which can be used by local teams, and there is a fenced in play area with play equipment available for younger children.

The area is used as the focus of the village on Carnival Day and other similar events and although this area provides a useful service in the village, there are problems of flooding on the field and the field is often the subject of dog fouling

The Parish Council are currently negotiating a long term lease for the field with the Borough Council if a suitable rent can be agreed. If the Parish Council were able to secure a long-term lease it is possible that a grant could be obtained for a drainage system and this would considerably improve the field for use by the village.

9.4 THE CRICKET FIELD

This field was donated to the village a few years ago and has since been used as a cricket field by local teams. This field is located outside the village and therefore has the disadvantage that very young children can not use the field without supervision although there is no reason why groups or clubs should not take advantage of the facility if they wish.

Recommendation

This field is a valuable asset to the village and should be maintained for use by village organisations

9.5 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH

The Parish Council support and recognise the efforts of organisations such as the scouts and guides in their efforts to provide facilities for young people in the Parish. However, apart from the meritorious efforts of local voluntary organisations in various church halls etc. there are no facilities for youth activities in the village. This has led to a number of problems arising in the village where gangs of young people often create problems solely by their presence and are perceived to be up to no good whether they are or not. Boredom on the part of these young people is a fact and the Council would ideally like to see additional facilities for young people in the village particularly during the winter period and a policy for young people is set out elsewhere in this document.

9.6 PLAY EQUIPMENT

Currently there is a range of play equipment on a site set aside for a play area on the Welfare Field. The Parish Council is seeking to add to this equipment and have obtained estimates from two specialist companies for new equipment. However, the capital costs involved are not achievable from within the precept and the Council have made several applications for funding towards the equipment from funding organisations.

9.7 PARISH FISHING

The Parish Council own three small stretches of game fishing on the River Derwent which is open to any village resident to fish provided they hold the appropriate licence from the Environment Agency. After some consideration, the Parish Council do not feel it necessary to place any restrictions on the use of this facility except to request all people fishing to observe the following Derwent Angling Code of conduct which is designed to protect, the fishing, the environment and the countryside. The Council will however, monitor the situation and if the need arises a permit system may be introduced.

Derwent Angling Code

a) The Law

1. The Salmon season starts on the 1st February and ends on the 31st October
2. A rod licence issued by the Environment Agency is required at all times
3. The use of a gaff is illegal
4. It is illegal to fish without written permission from the beat owner or his representative
5. All foul hooked fish should be returned. (foul hooked – a fish not hooked in the mouth)
6. It is illegal to kill kelts, smolts or parr
7. It is illegal to take unclean or unseasonable fish about to spawn or which are in the process of spawning.
8. It is illegal to buy or sell wild salmon roe or to fish with any form of salmon roe.

b) Derwent Rules

1. Rod caught salmon or sea trout should not be sold
2. The use of artificial shrimps and prawns is not good practice and in general their use should be avoided
3. The use of worms should be restricted and only permitted after the 30th June at times when the river height exceeds 3'6"
4. No lead weights should be used
5. Fly fishing will have preference over other methods of rod fishing
6. When fishing anglers should remain at least 20 metres apart.

The Parish Council remind residents that the River Derwent is a fast flowing river and when in spate is extremely dangerous and younger children should be supervised at all times when near this river.

LEISURE SERVICES - RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are made in respect of Leisure Services in the Village.

Recommendations

1. The Parish Council hold a public Meeting to form the Broughton Village Community Committee with a remit to provide a new village hall and other facilities in the village.
2. The Parish Council will seek a long term lease for the Welfare Field.
3. The Parish Council will seek to improve the Welfare Field for use by all ages including a new drainage system
4. In order to be able to seek funding for the improvement of the site
5. The Council will seek to improve the Play area by the provision of new equipment as requested by Broughton School Children in their questionnaires
6. Facilities for young people are required and the Parish Council will support any initiative in the village to set up to provide activities for young people.
7. The Council will encourage use of its land and facilities for use by young people in the village subject to suitable supervision.
8. The Parish Council will continue to support the Broughton Community Development Centre to provide IT facilities for local residents
9. The Parish Council will support local organisations providing leisure services and facilities for local people and in particular young people in the Parish.
10. The Parish Council will support the concept of a Youth Worker in the village
11. The Parish Council will seek information in respect of transport initiatives to enable young people to travel to larger towns to be able to enjoy sporting or social facilities e.g. swimming pools, sports centres, cinemas.
12. The Parish Council will seek to discuss the former recreational land at the rear of South Terrace for use by the village for leisure purposes

SECTION 10.0

10.1 Dog Fouling

Perhaps Of all the topics raised by Members of the Public during the Survey and in their questionnaires, Dog Fouling, particularly in areas used by young children was seen as one of the major problems in the village. Many people, whilst accepting that dog owners had the right to exercise their animals felt that more control and co-operation was needed to ensure key areas of the village were free from dog fouling.

Due to the layout of the village with narrow roads, many of the footways are also narrow and because of this dog fouling within the centre of the village poses a particular problem and along some of the otherwise attractive public footpaths throughout the parish. Of particular concern are the play area and football pitch on the Welfare Field together with the path to the school in front of the Christ Church.

The Parish Council having considered their response to this topic endorse the policies of the Borough Council in respect of Dog Fouling measures. However, the Council also recognise that suitable facilities and identified Areas must be made available for dog owners to exercise their pets in a hygienic manner.

In order to examine the problem further, the Parish Council have taken advice from the Borough Council Dog Warden and it has been agreed that as soon as possible, a Programme of education for dog owners will be drawn up and brought to the attention of dog owners by way of a published leaflet perhaps delivered with an edition of the Village Newsletter.

In addition, subject to consultation with the Borough Council and County Council areas where owners may exercise their dogs will be agreed and identified including the provision of Dog Loo's so everyone is aware of the rules. Hopefully the Parish and Borough Council will be able to work in co-operation with pet owners to find a more acceptable solution than at present.

One of the most important matters in this debate is to raise awareness of the dangers of disease from dog fouling and it is hoped this can be achieved by a joint effort from the Borough and Parish Council.

Recommendations

Following consultation with village residents the following recommendations are made in respect of Dog Fouling

- ❖ Undertake programme of Health Education
- ❖ Clearly indicate to dog owners areas where exercising dogs is acceptable
- ❖ Provide suitable signs in areas used by young children
- ❖ Provide suitable receptacles where necessary

SECTION 11.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11.0 Introduction

In common with most villages, direct employment within the parish has steadily reduced and most people have to travel to work outside the village. The former RNAD depot was the last major employer in the village and since this closed, farming, local shops and building trades form the majority of people who still live and work in the village.

However, the recent decision by the Borough Council to purchase the former depot subject to grant aid from the government is seen as a new economic opportunity for the village and it is hoped that any development on the depot site will provide local jobs in a pleasant environment. There is no doubt that within the village are a number of people who are unable to travel long distances to work but who would benefit from a range of different employment opportunities close to the village. Elsewhere in this plan, the Parish Council's Policy on the depot is produced in more detail.

In addition to supporting the redevelopment of the depot site, the Parish Council also set out its views on other employment initiatives, which could be considered in the future.

11.1 Training within the Parish

There are excellent facilities for IT training at the Tele Cottage, based at the school, but no other training schemes in the village. If suitable courses could be arranged in the tele-cottage to a National Vocational Standard, the qualifications gained may prove very useful if IT companies are attracted to set up businesses in the former depot site

Recommendations

Consultation should take place with training organisations to ascertain if any schemes could be provided in the village, which would be advantageous to the residents, both for work and leisure activities. If it is not feasible to have schemes run in the parish the possibility of providing free transport to other centres should be investigated.

11.2 Work from Home Schemes

There are a good number of locals who work from home, as can be expected in a rural environment. This type of employment varies from Computer based work to the manufacture of small goods.

The Parish Council recognise, that this is possibly the most likely way forward in securing employment for local people. The potential for well paid employment in the computer industry is the future, especially for the young, and is easily adapted to the Work from Home method of employment. It is felt that Broughton have a good source of training for this type of employment in the Tele Cottage which is based at the school.

The Craft Industry is also very much adapted for the work from home method of employment, and this should be encouraged and any advice which may be available, to help residents get started should be arranged.

11.3 Self Employment

Within the village there are a number of self employed tradesmen in the Building Trade and these small firms do their best to employ local people. As more and more infill house building occurs these firms are finding it difficult to obtain suitable depots to work from and it may be useful to explore the possibility of land being used at the depot site for this purpose.

11.4 Support for Local Businesses

Farms

There are currently two farms in the village who are an integral part of the Village Community. The Parish Council will support any measure to assist farms to retain economic stability.

Shops

The existing shops in the village provide a vital service for those residents who are unable to travel long distances for their shopping. In particular the post office service in the village is seen as vital to allow financial transactions to be undertaken in the village,

Ideally, the Parish Council would like to see additional shops in the village and would support measures intended to help rural shops such as rates reductions and the provision of better parking arrangements.

Public Houses, Clubs and Hotels.

In recent years, the difficulties of operating in the Licensed Trade have increased considerably with items such as the Uniform Business Rate, VAT and increased costs of wages all making it more difficult to make such businesses profitable.

The Parish Council would support any measures available to assist such businesses in Broughton as these premises not only provide jobs but they are also an important part of the Community.

The major Hotel in the Village is probably the main local employer and through its good reputation provides an important centre within the village for conferences, weddings and other functions. The Parish Council believe this provides an important facility in the Parish

11.5 Broughton CDC and Broughton Parish Council

Broughton Community Development Centre (CDC) will join with Broughton Parish Council (BPC) to provide ICT needs (and others) for the community as set out in the White Paper: [Our Countryside: The Future - A Fair Deal for Rural England](http://www.wildlife-countryside.detr.gov.uk/ruralwp/index.htm) (www.wildlife-countryside.detr.gov.uk/ruralwp/index.htm).

" wired up through ICT, the quality parish council will be an access point for information about local services (bus times, taxis, community transport, concessionary fares, housing applications, council tax rebates/housing benefit, council agendas/minutes, local plan/planning applications etc. and for further advice " .

" The Countryside Agency will equip every town and parish council with access to an Internet linked management and best practice toolkit to help provide simple guidance, learn from experience elsewhere, and make parishes more effective, representative and accountable. "

Broughton CDC (based at Broughton School) already offers many ICT facilities and will work with BPC to extend these facilities to achieve the aims above.

The Governors plan an extension to the Telecottage, which will result in a 8m.x 6m. room complete with ICT facilities but flexible enough for other uses

Again the White Paper: [Our Countryside: The Future - A Fair Deal for Rural England](http://www.wildlife-countryside.detr.gov.uk/ruralwp/index.htm) states:

" Information and communications technology has a vital role in extending access to learning and teaching opportunities..... pupils who, for reasons of distance, cannot otherwise link into training or after school hours activities; availability of school ICT facilities for use by the community will offer opportunities for fully interactive distance learning, which the roll out of broadband technologies to rural schools will bring" .

Broughton CDC already has ISDN access to the Internet and will be looking to broadband connectivity. The white paper further states:

" Shared and community use of school facilities: this can enlarge opportunity for the whole community through providing facilities not otherwise available including: sports facilities, after school clubs, neighbourhood learning centres, libraries, play schools and nurseries and lunch clubs for pensioners. Schemes of this kind can make a big contribution in many locations and help people from all backgrounds" .

Broughton School has been an adult learning centre since 1992, hosts a County Library, has a nursery, after school clubs, U3A involvement etc. The telecottage extension will enable us to meet the further aims of the white paper. Again the white paper:

" Those who are most likely to benefit from homework clubs, access to computers and leisure activities are least likely to be able to take part unless the service is provided close to their homes "

Broughton CDC through the Telecottage extension will offer local high quality service provision, provided by local people who know all the local needs. As well contributing to the costs of the capital build, BPC will be approached to earmark funding annually from their precept to achieve the White Paper aims e.g salary costs.

The need for a CDC to serve many local needs is well established in the village. The need for that centre to concentrate on ICT training and awareness training will be an on-going need where education – training - and work expectations will become even more reliant on ICT skills and knowledge.

This Telecottage Expansion Proposal will provide an extension onto the existing telecottage to join it up with a gable end of the school . The aims will be -:

- To extend through a new build, ICT training facilities for community use. The success of our existing facilities has led to the need for more facilities to be used during the day and at evenings.
- For those facilities to offer RSA, OCR, NVQ, beginners courses etc. in a range of ICT applications. Other traditional academic classes could be held in the room with the added advantages of the latest computer/audio/ video technologies.
- To offer the courses to young adults; unemployed; employed wishing to acquire new skills; those wishing to re-enter the job market; mature people wishing to gain an understanding of the new technologies.
- To promote the lifelong learning ethic to our community by having a local help and advice infrastructure.
- To offer the self-employed and small businesses the opportunity to become familiar with new technologies and the benefits it could bring.
- To work with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), especially in their identified priority areas of Adult Numeracy & Literacy courses.
- To use ICT technologies e.g. the Internet, video-conferencing to lessen the isolation often felt by rural communities.
- To - as the West Cumbrian job scene changes and requires more ICT trained staff e.g. the recently set up Cattle Passport Centre at Workington - help people acquire ICT skills and qualifications.

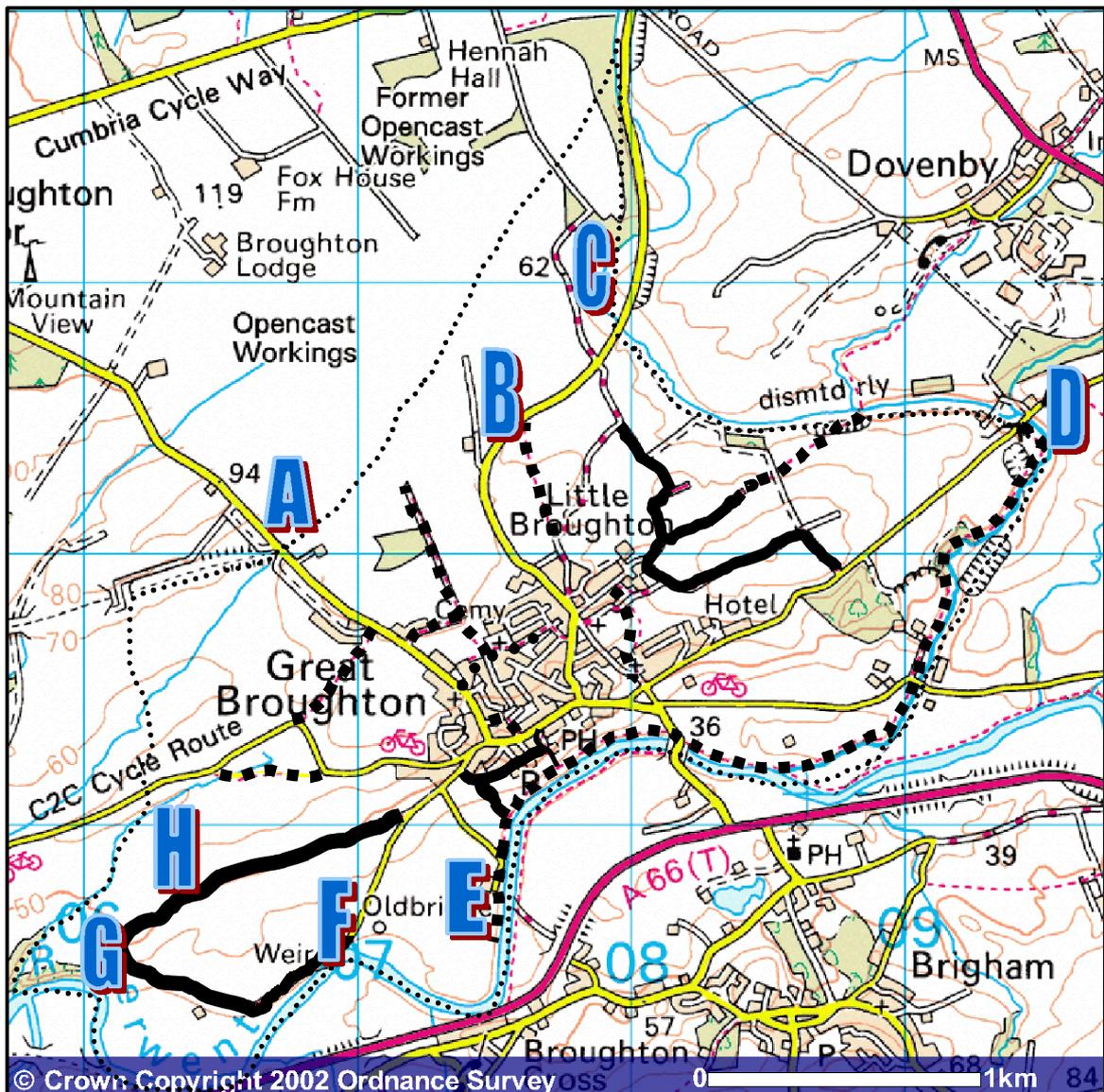
Our target audience includes those that have been made unemployed as heavy industries, including Opencast mining, have withdrawn from West Cumbria.

The involvement of University of the Third Age (U3A) personnel where appropriate, will hopefully stress the importance of life-long learning to the younger users of the facility and our primary school children.

Consultation will take part with the FE sector to run appropriate courses and as a source of funding for RSA, OCR and NVQ units although increasingly we see a closer liaison with the LSC.

SECTION 12.0 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Broughton Parish – Bridleways and Footpaths As of Definitive Map 2002



MAP 1

.....	Parish boundary	A to G
■■■■■■■■■■	Footpaths	see MAP 2
—————	Bridleway	

12.0 Introduction

The Parish of Broughton is fortunate in having a network of public rights of way throughout the Parish. Many of these paths give walkers fine views across the Lake District Hills, over the River Derwent and others provide safe routes through the village to the schools, shops and local churches. For many years, the public rights of way across the former NATO depot have

been closed but there is now increasing optimism that some of these paths will be re-opened once the site is purchased by the Borough Council and any safety works required are completed.

The Parish Council has liaised with British Coal since 1989 on the Broughton Lodge Opencast site to the north of the village. Most of this liaison has concerned the creation of new footpaths on the finished site. One such footpath will run West to East approximately following the line of the old railway as this is the historic Parish Boundary. Other new paths have been created and will be accessible as the site is fully opened to the public. Several new landscaped features including plantations, small lakes and ponds will increase the pleasure of local residents enjoying their right to use these paths.

During the past five years, the Parish Council has worked closely with the County Council to improve a number of the public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish. With the help of some grant assistance, over £10,000 has been spent over five years to improve path surfaces, styles, gates and provide better signposting. This work is not yet complete and under this plan, the Parish Council will seek to identify paths still requiring attention, the work required and the costs involved.

In many ways, Parish Council are the guardians of public rights of way and it is important that the heritage of public footpaths in all villages are preserved for future generations.

These Public Rights Of Way (PROW) within the Parish are surveyed regularly by the Parish Council. The following list gives details of each path and where appropriate a recommendation for repair or improvement is added

218001 Footpath From Endowed School to Welfare Hall

This path plays a vital role in providing a safe route to school for children in Little Broughton and a route to Christ Church from Great Broughton. The path was resurfaced and the drainage improved in 2000.

Recommendation -: Clean out gutter

218002 Bridleway Sewage Works to St Lawrence's Chapel

Recommendation -: Requires new gates and signing

218003 Footpath Shortcut on Camerton -Broughton Road

Recommendation -: New signs

218004 Footpath South Terrace to Camerton Road

Recommendation -: Needs hardcore on a wet section

218005 Bridleway Nook Cottages to River Derwent (known as the Syke)

218006 Footpath Penny Bridge to Broughton High Bridge

218007 Footpath From Broughton High Bridge to Broughton Beck mouth

218008 Footpath Old Post Office yard to River Derwent

218009 Footpath Top of Church Meadows to Soddy Gap
218010 Bridleway Top of Coldgill allotments to St. Lawrence's Chapel

Recommendation -: Compete hardcore foundation

218011 Footpath The Green Lt. Broughton to top of 218013
218012 Footpath End of Bridleway 218015 to Dovenby Parish
218013 Footpath Baptist Church to Lt. Broughton (with 218011)
218014 Footpath Old Pumping Station to Old railway (Soddy Gap)
218015 Bridleway Lt. Broughton to footpath 218012

Recommendation -: Needs hardcore in certain sections

218016 Footpath Alice Lane to new Linefoot road
218017 Bridleway Alice Lane to Lt. Broughton (with 218027)
218020 Bridleway Lt. Broughton to Dovenby Craggs road (Winder Lonning)
218021 Footpath Main street to Moor
218023 Bridleway Coldgill Ave to back of Old Post Office yard
218025 Footpath Broughton Beck mouth to Papcastle road

Recommendation -: Needs repaired where the footpath has fallen into Broughton Beck

218026 Footpath Papcastle road to Priests Bridge
218027 Bridleway Lt. Broughton to Alice Lane (with 218017)

Seats -: Where possible the Parish Council will seek to establish seats alongside footpaths and bridleways.

SECTION 12.2 FUTURE FOOTPATHS

At present there are no permissive paths within the Parish and those paths, which formerly crossed the Depot, have not yet been re-opened to the residents of the Parish.

In actual fact, access to parts of Broughton Parish has been denied to its constituents for any generation in living memory. The NATO site, Broughton Quarry and the Opencast have individually or conjointly been operating in the Parish since the start of the 20th Century. Broughton Parish has therefore hosted these Defence, Mineral and Waste facilities for over a Century.

Parishioners can hardly be accused therefore, of being impatient with their presence and it is now time for the Parish to be restored to that environment which befits a rural area.

To that end: -

- The Parish Council has worked with British Coal and the County Council since work began on the Broughton Lodge Opencast Site (1989) to plan that site's reclamation, landscaping footpaths etc. This Parish Council will continue to work with these authorities to see through the successful implementation of the reclamation plan.
- The Parish Council will work with Allerdale District Council on the reclamation of the former NATO site and put forward plans and ideas.
- The Parish Council will pursue a closing date for disposal at the Quarry. The quarry can then be returned to wildlife with appropriate public access.
- The Parish Council will seek to work with appropriate environmental authorities on the three above sites on issues such as enhancing wildlife, wildlife corridors etc.

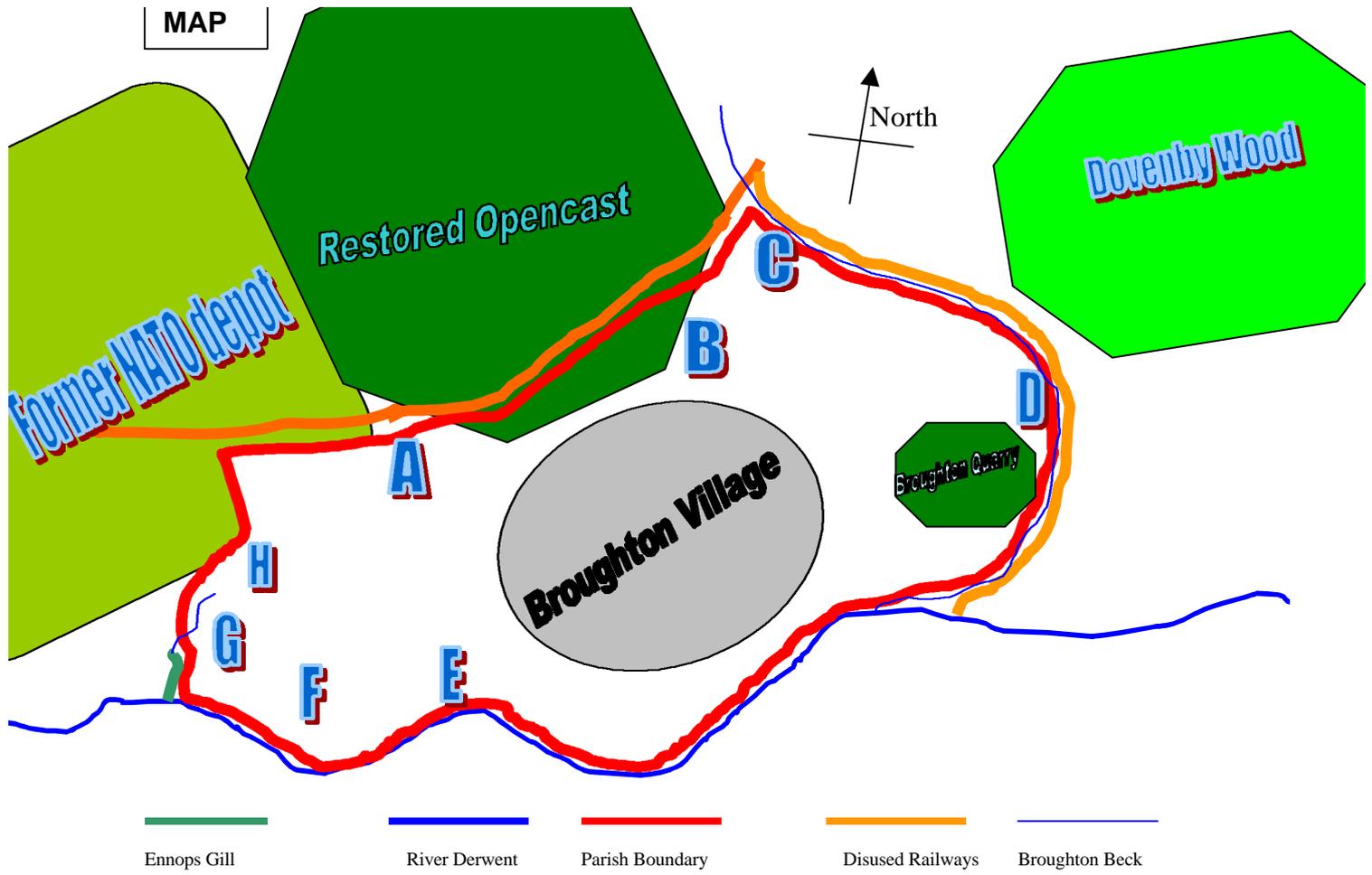
PERMISSIVE PATH

During the course of the Village Plan being prepared discussions have been taking place regarding the formation of a Permissive Path along side the River Derwent from the Bulling Meadow to The Mill (Section F to E overleaf). These discussions are being undertaken with English Nature and the landowner both of who have been extremely co-operative. The Parish Council believe this additional path in the village network would enhance the walks in the village as the River and its banks support a wide habitat of amphibious animals and birds and it is hoped these negotiations can be concluded successfully quite soon.

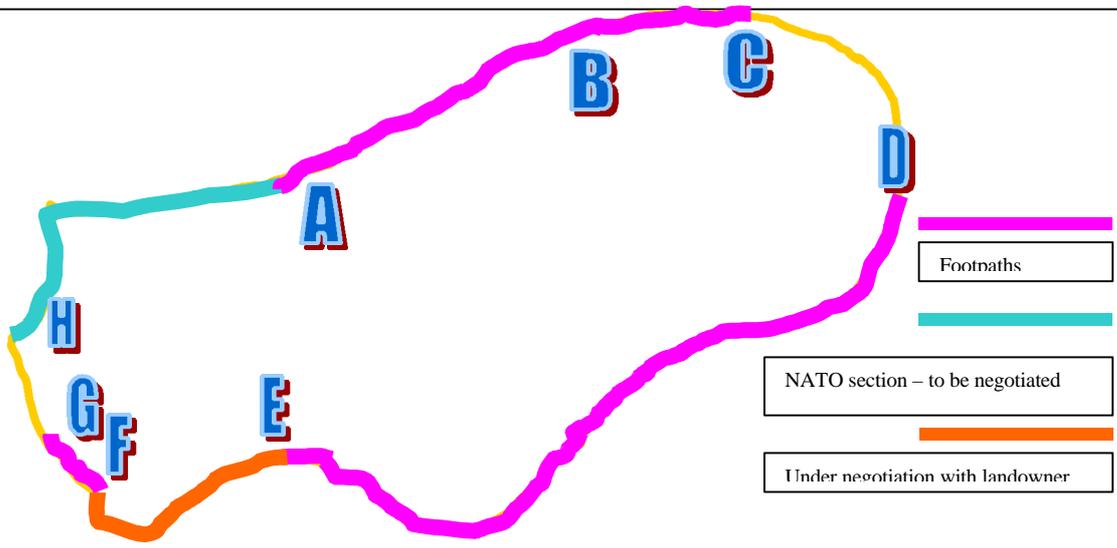
MAP 2

Overleaf is a map showing the Parish Boundary with the paths that coincide with the boundary marked in colour.

MAP



(See also MAP 1). The Parish Boundary is formed by the River Derwent to the South and the line of disused railways to the East & North. The railway line to the East predominately follows the Beck known as Broughton Beck, which becomes Carr Beck to the North as it flows under the Linefoot Road. To the West the boundary borders Ennops Gill and its small water course up to the Camerton road (H). Since the announced closure of the NATO Depot site (1992) to the North West of the Parish, the Parish Council has constantly reiterated its wish to re-claim all the original footpaths on the site along with the creation of others. These others include a path from A to H. A is the intersection of South & North Terrace and would follow the disused railway line into the former NATO site before turning South and emerging on the Broughton to Camerton road (H). There is already a footpath along the river edge from E to D. A (South terrace) to B (Linefoot road) is a soon to be established footpath through the restored opencast site. B to C is along the Linefoot road. F to G is the bridleway from the Mill up to St Lawrence's Chapel.. Section F (Bulling Meadow) to E (The Mill) is under negotiation with English Nature (EN) and the landowner as a possible footpath. The river and its banks support a good habitat for amphibious animals and birds favouring similar habitat. To the West, East & North (see above) there are excellent opportunities for wildlife, flora and fauna establishment, improvement and wildlife corridors. The Parish council will pursue these



SECTION 13.0 CLUBS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Introduction

As part of the plan preparation, each club or organisation in the village was circulated to obtain their views as an organisation about the future of the village. Those who replied all felt a village meeting place was an essential facility need in the village although their individual perceptions of what this should contain were different in each case.

The majority of the clubs felt that they required a hall to hold their meetings in, to use for fund raising and for holding events attended by the public. All felt that the present hall was unsatisfactory particularly in terms of kitchen and toilet facilities.

In some cases, the lack of a suitable venue was blamed as a cause for a club not being able to expand or provide activity for young people. There is nowhere suitable for a youth club, Broughton Players are restricted in having unsuitable premises in which to rehearse, the scouts are losing their hall later this year and they are seeking new premises.

It is interesting to observe that even though an organisation might not hold their regular meetings in the hall, most do use the hall for fund raising or celebrating an event at some time or another and a successful village hall is considered an important and vital facility for a village.

Outdoor recreational and sporting facilities were the second important issue raised by the clubs. Many felt that more facilities were needed for village children particularly supervised activities through clubs and some expressed the view that land within the village should be made available for this purpose. The need for the West Cumbrian Cycle network to be linked to Broughton was also suggested. There was a call for a community worker to work with young people in the village and for better transport links with Cockermouth and Workington to enable clubs to join in activities in the major swimming pools and sports centres.

CONCLUSION

There is no doubt there is considerable concern within the Village Clubs and organisations about the future of village meeting places now that the Village Hall is approaching the end of its useful life and the endowed School has been sold. Without a suitable venue for meetings or fundraising nearly all the clubs in the village would struggle to survive with the consequent loss to the village of the quality of life these organisations provide.

The following is a list of clubs circulated and overleaf is the views of the individual clubs or organisations who replied.

Broughton Royal British Legion
Broughton Football Club
Broughton Playgoers
Broughton Children's Carnival
Broughton Bowling Club
Broughton Boots
Dabbers Club
Broughton Scouts
Village Outing Committee
Luncheon Club
Broughton Community Development Centre (telecottage)

Broughton Red Rose RLC
Broughton Cricket Club
Broughton Woodcarvers
Broughton 1st Responders
Broughton Over 60's Club
Broughton Anglers
Craft Club
Broughton Guides
Reunion Tea Committee

BROUGHTON RED ROSE RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB



Broughton Red Rose are the premier sports club in the Parish and are well known for their sporting achievements in West Cumbria and beyond. In recent years, the Committee of the club have worked hard to provide a playing field, changing facilities and a clubroom in the Parish and with support from the people in the Parish they now have provided an important facility within the village.

The Club has two senior teams with a pool of 50 players and they also run an under 8, an under 9 years and an under 11 team. The pool of Junior players is around 100 children from around the area at any one time. This is obviously an important leisure outlet for young people in the Parish and the Parish Council give the club its support.

The Club are presently considering their future plans and from discussions which have taken place during the Plan Preparation between various other groups in the Parish, the Parish Council and the Club it has been suggested that the Rugby Club may wish to consider expanding their activities to include other sports including a cricket pitch, a football pitch, athletics and a golf driving range. There are also tentative arrangements for the club to allow the Broughton Scouts to locate a club hut on the site until they find a permanent HQ.

Already, a Football Club has been formed and the Rugby Club have agreed the football club can use its changing rooms and efforts are being made to raise funding for the pitch to be prepared and the club assisted in strips etc. The Cricket Club have also expressed an interest in moving from their present field if they can be accommodated in the complex and this would bring several sporting organisations together in a single complex which is hoped would assist in raising additional funding.

Obviously a multi sports complex of this nature would require additional land and an extension of the changing facilities but it is clear that there is a demand for a facility of this nature both in Broughton Parish and the surrounding Parishes and this was confirmed during the plan preparation.

Recommendation

The Parish Council will support the efforts of Broughton Red Rose Rugby League Club to expand its activities to include other sports and give support to seeking funding for additional land and an expansion of changing facilities to fulfil the need for such a complex.

BROUGHTON PLAYERS



Some of the cast of broughton Players for their Pantomime Sleeping Beauty

Broughton Players were formed just over five years ago to produce a pantomime which was staged in the Village Hall, Since then four more Pantomimes have been performed and the Players also stage summer shows and perform in the carnival.

The Players currently have 15 active adult members and 25 junior members who take part in the public productions and equally importantly, the Society stage workshops on subjects such as dance, choreography, movement and music for members during the year. The Players also have good support for a large number of volunteers when a production is in progress to assist in the backstage work in making scenery, costumes and selling tickets etc. For young people, the opportunity to take part in this type of activity in their own village is very rewarding and character building.

Broughton Players are dependent on the Village Hall in order to stage their productions and the loss of the Hall would be a major set back to the Players if it was to close and not be replaced.

When asked about the Village Plan the Players held a special workshop to discuss their ideas for the Plan in terms of their own future plans and any views they wished to put forward for the Village.

Perhaps not unexpectedly, a better hall for rehearsal and public performances was seen as their major consideration with the need for changing facilities and better equipment such as sound and lighting equipment as their secondary concern. Storage facilities and a meeting place of their own were also on their wish list. The Society would like to recruit new Members but feel the difficulties with a venue detracts from this aim and it is difficult for them to promote new activities without a secure future ahead.

At their workshop the Society also discussed the needs of the village and the views expressed were extremely detailed and it interesting to note that their discussions, held quite independently of the Parish Council focussed on the same issues of community awareness, the need for additional facilities such as outreach health facilities, facilities for the under 5's, village security and many of the other issues raised in the plan.

Recommendation

In considering the views expressed by the Society, the Parish Council acknowledge and support the work undertaken by Broughton Players in adding to the community spirit in the village through their activities and any plans for a new hall will take into account the needs expressed by this group

BROUGHTON SCOUTS

The Parish Council would like to thank Broughton Scouts for assisting in the preparation of the Village Plan by delivering and collecting questionnaire and Newsletters. This has made the consultation in the village much more successful..

Broughton Scouts are one of the most successful groups in the village and provide over 30 children with a range of activities within the Scout Movement. The Club currently meet in the endowed School but this is in the process of being sold and the Scouts are concerned about a future Meeting Place. Ideally, the Club would like a plot of land on which they could erect a Scout Hut with sufficient land for outdoor activities. On a temporary basis, Broughton Red Rose have offered the Scouts the opportunity to erect a hut on their complex.

From the consultations with the children from Broughton Primary School, the children are proud of the Club and the Parish Council believe it is important to support the Club within the village.

Recommendations

- ❖ The Parish Council will support Broughton Scouts in attempting to find a suitable headquarter site.
- ❖ The Parish Council will support the activities of the Scout Movement in providing facilities for young people in the Parish

BROUGHTON GUIDES

The Broughton Guides meet weekly in Broughton Primary School. This is one of the important clubs for young ladies in the village and the Parish Council will support the efforts of this group to provide a leisure facility in the village.

BROUGHTON DANCING CLASS

Broughton Dancing Class meets weekly in the School Hall. The Class is very popular and provides a vital leisure outlet for young people as an after school activity in the Village.

BROUGHTON BOWLING CLUB.

Broughton Bowling Meet every Friday in the Village Hall and play bowling matches. The Club have carpets and equipment and have some 20 members who attend on a regular basis. This club are dependent on the village hall for their venue.

BROUGHTON WOODCARVERS.

The space available in the Village Hall allows the Woodcarvers to meet as a group, bring in machinery and there fore work together or receive tuition as a club. The Group meet regularly on Saturdays in the Hall.

BROUGHTON OVER 60'S CLUB.

Members of the Over 60's club and their helpers meet regularly throughout the year in the village hall to raise funds for their annual dinner. The weekly sessions are however a pleasant social evening and the funds raised also provide regular social evenings with refreshments and entertainment laid on. The Village Hall is an important venue for this club.

SECTION 14.0 – A POLICY FOR YOUTH

Overview

During the plan preparation, the Parish Council have taken particular regard to the question of providing opportunities for young people in the village. At all stages of the consultations questions were asked about facilities for young people in the village and many people in their responses also made suggestions about youth activities. The views of young people were also sought directly and questionnaires designed to suit different age groups were completed by many of the village young people.

In Broughton Parish there are approximately 350 young people between the ages of 0 – 14 out of a population of around 1650. The Primary/Junior School in the village provides education up to the age of 11 when most pupils then go on to Cockermouth School for secondary education.

As in any community, there are a number of organisations who provide activities for young people and a number take part in extra mural activities in the Secondary School or in adjoining towns. Of course not all young people take up these opportunities and from time to time there are complaints of groups of young people wandering about the village complaining there is nothing to do.

An important part of the consultation process indeed, almost the most important part, has been with the local school who have used the plan process as part of the learning process and all children in the school have been given the opportunity of saying what they feel is needed in the village.

Several of the groups in the village who have young people as members have held special meetings to discuss the plan and their views have been incorporated where possible in the plan recommendations.

Broughton Primary School

The Headmistress and the staff of Broughton Primary School used the production of the Village Plan as part of their local history studies with their curriculum. Each class from nursery to year six had specific lessons in local studies and all children completed a questionnaire about how they saw the needs of the village.

The results of these questionnaires were very revealing and informative and the Parish Council are grateful to the school staff and pupils for their efforts who clearly took this consultation very seriously.

What came clearly out of this exercise was the pride the children in this school, have in their village, the value they put on friendships and they displayed an awareness and care about the environment of the village which was very interesting to read.

In their replies which were all their own thinking, quite a number of children identified Dog Fouling and Littler as the two main problems in the village which they did not like. Not enough to do was the probably the third dislike and whilst many said the Welfare Field was an important part of their leisure they also commented that the field was in a poor condition and the play equipment needed improving.

Perhaps most importantly, in the context of the Village Plan, their replies reinforced the need for the various clubs and organisations in the village to provide activities for young people and in this context the importance of the School and a good hall can be overstated. Obviously villages can not provide swimming pools and major sports centres but it is possible to provide many other activities and it is this theme that the Parish Council will concentrate their efforts on in the next five years.

Analysis of replies from Broughton Primary School

Overwhelmingly, the children of Broughton School want **sports and play facilities in the Village**. Football, basketball, archery, in fact all sports were on the list and improvement to the welfare field and play area were also high among their priorities.

Other requests included a music group, a computer group and trips out of the village

From these consultations and those with the rest of the Village, the Parish Council it is clear that efforts must be made to improve the condition of the Welfare Field and perhaps find other land in the village for recreation purposes. It is also a priority that everyone in the Parish should support local clubs in their efforts to provide activities for young people.

At present the following facilities are available for young people in the village should they choose to get involved.

- ❖ Broughton Scouts
- ❖ Broughton Guides
- ❖ Broughton Players
- ❖ Broughton Red Rose Rugby League Club
- ❖ Broughton Cricket Club
- ❖ Angling on Parish Council Fishing
- ❖ Dancing Class

Other facilities

- ❖ Play Area on Welfare Field
- ❖ Football Pitch on Welfare Field

Facilities in nearby towns

It is perhaps relevant to itemise facilities in nearby towns as a community like Broughton can not hope to provide major facilities and some element of travel is unavoidable

Cockermouth

Sports Centre and swimming Pool,
Grassmoor sports centre with Gym, All weather pitch, tennis courts.
Cockermouth School with full size all weather pitch.

Workington

Sports Centre and Swimming Pool
Ten Pin Bowling Alley
6 screen cinema complex

Aims for Youth Policy

In considering its policy towards young people therefore the Parish Council agreed to set out its aims within this document so that in the future there are clear guidelines for both the Parish Council, local organisations and young people themselves to understand what is required.

These aims can be summarised as follows

- ❖ To provide better facilities within the village for young people
- ❖ To ease access to facilities targeted at young people
- ❖ To reduce antisocial behaviour
- ❖ To seek improvement to transport links to larger towns

The Parish Council hope that by producing this document and publicising it at the exhibition, some of the barriers between the adults in the village and some children may be broken down. The Council feel it is important to avoid a breakdown of communication between young people and adults in the community otherwise an incident of antisocial behaviour by a minority can give rise to a heightened perception of crime and fear for older people in the community.

There is no doubt in Broughton, that some young people do feel the facilities in the village are inadequate and that public transport is insufficient to allow access to facilities in other towns and it is this the Parish Council see as important in producing suggestions for the future.

In addition to the Primary School Children, older children in the village also expressed their opinions and the following suggestions were made in respect of facilities required in the village.

Tennis Courts	Better Football Pitch
Skateboard Park	Basketball Pitch
Swimming pool	Archery Range
Cricket Nets in village	Water Park
Archery Range	Netball Pitch
Better play area	Music Club
Computer Club	Fish & Chip Take away

Obviously, some of these ideas are out of the question through cost but it is interesting that the young people in the village are suggesting facilities which are freely available in towns and facilities and which allow young people to spend time together without adult supervision or being dependent on transport to obtain.

Conclusion

Within its own powers, the Parish Council are limited in what they finance in terms of facilities for young people in the Parish. The Council can however use its best efforts to encourage voluntary clubs and organisations to provide facilities for young people and through the village plan set out the need for such facilities. By identifying the need, the Village Plan may also assist local clubs to obtain funding for new projects to meet the need demonstrated in the consultation for the Plan. The Parish Council will however seek to improve the Pay Area and welfare Field and continue to seek support for a new Village Hall, measures which will provide a base for those directly involved in providing youth facilities.

Recommendations

1. The Parish Council will support local club and organisations in providing activities for young people of all ages in the Parish
2. The Parish Council will support Broughton Red Rose in their bid to provide a multi-sports complex on their site at Papcastle Road.
3. The Parish Council will seek to obtain the services of a youth worker in the village to work with young people.
4. The Parish Council will approach Brigham Parish Council and Cockermouth Swimming Pool and sports centre to see if regular transport can be arranged and time booked at the centre for use by young people in both Parishes.
5. The Parish Council support the need for suitable Meeting Places for young people in the village.
6. The Parish Council will support Broughton Primary School in providing after school, activities in School Premises under adequate supervision.

Section 15 – Roads & Traffic

The villages of Great Broughton and Little Broughton were originally two separate villages which developed along the through road from Brigham to Broughton Moor using Broughton Bridge.

Originally groups of houses were built around courtyards off the Main Street but since the 1950's development has taken place on the back land rear of to the older properties.

The original Main Street and Moor Road leading to Broughton Moor are very narrow as are all the original lanes in the older parts of the village. These roads are simply too narrow for present day traffic and as a result the Main Street suffers from traffic problems and this is made worse by there not being footways along the whole length of Main Street for safe access for pedestrians. In Moor Road, the area around the School entrance is particularly dangerous and the Parish Council have been pressing for traffic calming measures in this area for some time.

A further problem is the design of the estates in Little Broughton where space for car parking is simply insufficient and particularly at evening time there are car parking problems and congestion and from time to time there has been accidents caused by the loss of visibility for driver negotiating these estates. Obviously with many families having two or more cars, the problems have got worse and the Parish Council consider the only solution to this problem is for more car parking to be made available. In fact on some of these estates there is land available for this purpose.

The Main areas of concern are as follows

Roads :

Condition	Main Street in poor condition Kerbs on Ghyll Bank poor in places Drainage run off from Derwent Park onto Coldgill a problem
Parking Problems	Main Street outside bakery and Derwent House Restricted parking to Ghyll Bank Parking very restricted at bottom of Derwent Park and West
End	Car Park at Kirklea floods, requires new surface Grange Avenue
Traffic Calming	Mirrors suggested for entrance of Moorfield Bank Major problem outside school on Moor Road Slow signs approaching Listers Cottages Measures required at Meeting House Lane Main Street needs survey and redesign Entrance to Ghyll Bank due increased size of estate
Footways	Several areas of footpaths in Main Street in poor condition Moorfield Bank – poor condition

Footways in Fletcher Close in poor condition including drainage
Widen Footway at Bottom of Harris Brow

Additional Footways required

Footpath from Rose Farm to Opencast required
From Broughton Bridge to Village

Salt bins required

Main Street
Meeting House Lane
Sun Dial Car Park
Top of Ghyll Bank

Recommendations

The Parish Council have long campaigned for a package of solutions to assist in controlling traffic speeds and parking within the village.

Such is the problem; the Council do not feel piecemeal solutions dealing with individual problems are sufficient.

The Parish Council therefore recommend that a full traffic survey of the village should be undertaken, if necessary in conjunction with the proposals for the depot redevelopment to ensure the safety of residents and allow the best use of roads in the village.

BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the plan consultation period, many people expressed concern about the danger of accident at the entrance to the School. Teachers, Parents and other residents all felt that traffic travelled too fast down Moor Road passed what is virtually a concealed entrance at peak times.

The Parish Council felt that additional traffic control measures are urgently required to slow down traffic and warn motorists of the school entrance by a system of warning lights, rumble strips and coloured markings.

BROUGHTON VILLAGE PLAN

ACTION PLAN

The following list gives details of actions to be taken following publication of the Broughton Village Plan. Where possible a timescale is included. It is probable that the Parish Council will set up a small working group to further these issues with the various organisations involved.

Planning: Village Design Guidelines

The Parish Council will request Allerdale Borough Council to consider adopting these guidelines as Supplementary Planning Advice for any persons intending new development in the Village. The Parish Council will also request the recommendations in this section are incorporated where possible in the review of the Allerdale Local Plan in 2004. (Timescale - 3months)

Housing

Need: The Parish Council will draw the conclusions in this plan to the attention of Local Housing Associations immediately and work with those Associations to find suitable sites. (3months)

Rented Accommodation: The Parish Council will consult with major landlords in the village to try and ensure all rented accommodation is of a suitable standard. (3months)

Broughton Park: The Parish Council will support the residents of Broughton Park Estate in their action to get the sewers on this estate adopted by United utilities. A Meeting of residents will be arranged by the Council following the publication of this plan. (3months)

Joint Caretaking Scheme

The Parish Council see the implementation of this scheme as a major success in the preparation of the plan and will continue to give financial support to this project. (ongoing)

Village Services.

The Parish Council will consult with a Village Service Providers to seek remedies to ongoing problems including unsightly overhead cables, sewer problems and infrequent bus services. (12months)

Health Services.

The Parish Council believe a new Village Hall would pave the way for the introduction of out-reach health services in the village. If a hall is achieved, the Parish Council will consult with local doctors and the NHS to introduce such services into the village. (12 months)

Extension to Burial Ground

The Parish Council have accepted an offer from Senator Homes for an extension to the burial ground adjoining the Parish Church. The Parish Council will seek funding immediately to wall off this land and undertake future maintenance. (ongoing)

A66 Junction

Whilst accepting the improvements to be undertaken on this junction are that is affordable at the present time, the Council will monitor the junction and if necessary seek further life saving improvements,

The Environment

The Plan consultation has raised a number of environmental issues identified in Section 7 of the Plan. The Parish Council will take up these issues individually with the appropriate owner or agency and a resolution sought. (12 months)

Village Safety

The Parish Council will liaise with Cumbria Police to implement the recommendations set out in Section 8.0 of the Plan. (6months)

Leisure Services.

Village Hall

As a matter of urgency, the Parish Council will call a public meeting to organise a village community committee to take on the task of taking forward the work of the former Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council towards the erection of a new village hall. (2 months)

Welfare Field

The Parish Council are hopeful of agreeing a long term lease for this important leisure facility and once this is achieved, funding will be sought for a drainage system and other improvements. The Village Community Committee will also consider the future use of the play area situated on the field. (6months)

Cricket Field

The Parish Council will support the improvement of the field and an expanded use for village organisation.

Facilities for youth.

The Parish Council will support all organisations providing facilities for young people. The Parish Council seek additional facilities including a possible travel scheme to enable young people to reach major towns for leisure opportunities. (12 months)

Dog Fouling

The Council will support Allerdale Borough Council Environment Wardens in education and monitoring dog fouling issues in the Parish. (ongoing)

Employment & Business

The Parish Council will support any measures to promote self-employment or new job opportunities in the village.

Public Rights of Way

The Parish Council will continue to maintain public rights of way in the village and ensure free access to these important facilities. (ongoing)

Youth Policy

The Council will support the recommendations set out in this section by taking a leading role in call meetings, giving active support to clubs and organisations and offering financial support to small groups to start up activities. (12 months)

Road and Traffic Issues

The Parish Council will seek an immediate meeting with the Cumbria County Council to discuss the traffic problems at the school entrance and seek a full traffic survey of the village to deal with ongoing traffic+ problems.