**Broughton Parish Council**

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Monday 24th November 2015 at 19:00.

Present: Cllr Sue Hannah(In the Chair), Cllr Steve Hannah, Cllr Mark Richardson, Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Maynall Weir.

Attendance: B Carter (Clerk),

Apologies: Cllr A Carruthers, Cllr M Bradley, Cllr R Gildert, Cllr R Mawdsley, A/BC Cllr J Farebrother

**206/15 Apologies for absence**

Received and noted from the above named persons

**207/15 Minutes of the last meeting (2nd November 2015))**

All councillors present were in favour of the minutes of the meeting of the 2nd November 2015 being accepted as a true and accurate record subject to a spelling correction. **Resolved** by all present that the minutes be approved.

The chair signed the minutes accordingly.

**208/15 Chairman’s announcements**

Cllr Sue Hannah noted that a lot of evidence forms regarding the footpath at Soddy Gap had been given out and the council were awaiting the return of these forms.

**Action: All councillors to work on getting these completed forms returned.**

**209/15 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest.**

1. *Request for Dispensation*

None received

1. *Declarations of Interest*

None received.

**210/15 Public Participation**

None received

**211/15 Applications for co-option (2 vacancies)**

No applications for co-option had been received.

**212/15 Police Report**

The clerk read out a report provided by PCSO Sarah Brown, which detailed 0 incidents in the public interest since the last meeting. The report also noted that in response to concerns raised by Broughton Parish Council that the police crime map showed there had been a decrease in the crime rates across Broughton

**Resolved** that the Police Report be noted as received.

**213/15 Update on matters arising from the minutes of the meeting 2nd November 2015**

1. **Broughton Lodge/Soddy Gap** as per the above resolution.

As per the Chair’s announcements the completion of evidence to support the registration of the footpath as a right of way is on going.

No response has been received regarding Broughton Parish Councils offer to purchase the Soddy Gap area.

1. **Graffiti on the Play area**

This matter is on-going

**Action: Cllr S Anderson & Cllr J Wilson to continue to pursue this**

**Iii) Pinfolds**

The Clerk informed the meeting that she was working on a paper regarding this matter and the issue would be on the January agenda.

Cllr Steve Hannah noted that part of the original curved wall remains at the site in question so it should be possible to establish the actual area of the original Pinfold.

**Action: Clerk to prepare a paper on this pinfold and its history for consideration at the January.**

**214/15 Clerks Matters**

A Clerks report had been received by all councillors in advance of the meeting.

*192.15.1 Access at corner entrance to Welfare Field Play Area- Standard of work*

This matter is on-going, Corfield haven’t yet undertaken the additional agreed work.

**Action: Clerk to work with Corfields to organise a date for this additional work**

*192.15.3- Tarmacing Quotes*

The Clerk informed the meeting that one quote had been received from Tolsons:

Welfare Field Track £6490 plus VAT

To introduce an edge to the track to support the Tarmac would be an additional £4490 + VAT

**Resolved** that the cost of the edging was disproportionate to the cost of the tarmac. It was agreed by all present that Tolsons be asked to tarmac the Welfare Field Track without the installation of edging. The tarmacking should include the entire track and the area in front of the access to the church, but should NOT cover the area which has the childrens playmarkings on it. The new tarmacking should be joined and sealed to the area that has the play markings on it.

**Action: Clerk to speak to the Contractor and ask which area the quote included. If it didn’t include the area at the head of the track infront of the church to ask for a quote for this work.**

**Resolved** that if the quote did not include the area outside the church access this to be approved as long as it doesn’t exceed ¼ of the total cost.

**Action: Clerk to authorise the contractors to go ahead with the works and liaise with the Church to ensure that the work is undertaken at a time to not impact any church functions.**

**215/15 Play-area**

The Clerk informed the meeting that a quote had been received from Playdale to complete all repairs required by the 2015 independent inspection.

**Resolved** that the quote for £627.14 be approved.

**Action: Clerk to contact Playdale and authorise them to commence the works inline with the quote subject to them being completed prior to Christmas.**

**Action: Clerk to prepare a short paper for the January meeting on the expenditure year on year on the play area.**

**216/15 Reports from visiting councillors**

None present

**217/15 Allotments**

1. Noticeboards

The Clerk informed the council that no quotes had yet been received

**Action: Clerk to agenda this matter for the January Meeting**

1. Drainage at Coldgill

The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter offering Mr J Dobie the work installing the drainage at Coldgill Allotment had been sent.

**218/15 Parish Plan**

It was **resolved** that the receipt of the paper prepared by the Clerk be noted.

**Action: Cllr J Wilson to go through the paper and make notes on those areas that have been completed/are no longer necessary etc.**

**Action: Cllr Wilson to submit his thoughts to the Clerk for collation and recirculation prior to the January meeting.**

**Action: Clerk to prepare this revised paper and add to the January agenda.**

**219/15 Parish Maintenance**

*Millennium Garden-*

The Clerk informed the meeting that two quotes had now been received for these works:

ISS Landscaping

Coombe & Sharpe

**Resolved** by the majority present that the ISS quote and design be approved subject to the alteration of the surface dressing to green slate, and the inclusion of a row of pygmy Berberis bushes to deter dogs and dog fouling.

**Action: Clerk to contact ISS to ask them to include the row of Berberis and to contract them to undertake the work**

**Action: Clerk to reply to Ms Pauline Harkness and thank her for her comments and input.**

**220/15 Correspondence**

1. *Suggestion from ABC that the PC contact Dr O Callaghan re Fudge*

**Resolved** that the Clerk write to Dr O Callaghan raising concerns regarding the frequency with which Fudge seems to escape and requesting that further measures are taken to contain Fudge within the heritderment of his property to prevent any harm coming to either Fudge or anyone else.

**Action Clerk to write to Dr O Callaghan.**

1. *Letter from Mr Telford*

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Telford of Penny Bridge which raised two issues:

1. That a bench had been sited on his land near the river, and he requested that this bench be moved.

**Resolved** by all present that the bench in question was approved by the Parish Council to be sited on Bulling Meadow which it is the Parish Councils believe belongs to the council.

**Action: Clerk to undertake a land registry search to establish the boundaries of the land in question and prepare a response based upon this to Mr Telford (Cllr Sue Hannah to approve the response prior to sending)**

1. That the map that accompanies the Broughton Fishing Licence incorrectly shows the end of the Broughton Parish Council fishing zone, and is currently including a portion of Mr Telfords land.

**Resolved** by all present that the boundary of the Broughton Fishing area ended on the line of the old bridge which crosses the river at a 90 degree angle, not the line of the old road.

**Action: Clerk to look at the records and maps, including contacting the Derwent Owners Angling Association to establish what evidence is in place. In addition testimony could be obtained from fishermen going back many years.**

**Action: Clerk to send a holding letter to Mr Telford if the investigations are going to take a prolonged period of time.**

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah to sign of any response prior to it being sent.**

**221/15 Finance**

1. *Financial Statement for November*

**Resolved** by all present that the circulated financial statement for November and the bank statement be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Sue Hannah

1. *Draft Budget for 16/17 for consideration*

This had been received by all councillors, and no comments or alterations were required.

**Action: Clerk to update the budget and table for formal approval at the January meeting once confirmed figures had been received from ABC.**

1. *Payments of accounts*

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| **Payee** | **Reason** | **Amount** |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £128.38 |
| Becx Carter | Salary (Via SO) Nov | £307.28 |
| Cumbria Payroll Services | PAYE Services | £12.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £76.80 |
| Becx Carter | Salary (Via SO) Dec | £307.28 |
| Cumbria Payroll Services | PAYE Services | £12.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £76.80 |
| WH Paterson | Christmas Tree | £110.00 |
| John Wilson | Reimbursement for thank you gifts associated with xmas tree | £33.97 |

**Resolved** by all present that the above accounts be paid, they were signed by two signatories (Cllr J Wilson & Cllr M Richardson).

It was noted that the Clerks expenses included a thank you gift for Carol at the Post Office for her help and support on Fishing Licences throughout the year.

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments.**

**222/15 Planning Applications for Consideration**

**Ref:** 2/2015/0635

Proposal: Change of use of chapel to form new dwelling including new vehicle access

Location: Methodist Church, Moor Road, Great Broughton, Cockermouth (Amendment- Removal of on site parking and new access)

**Resolved** that the council had no comments relating to this amendment.

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

**223/15 Planning Decisions**

The following decision was noted:

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| **Ref** | **Proposal** | **Location** | **Decision** |
| 2/2015/0472 | Erection of 4 bed dormer bungalow | Land adjacent to 3 Lister Terrace, Moor Road, Great Broughton | Approved |

**224/15 Consultations for Consideration & response**

1. Cumbria County Council Budget Consultation

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council support the proposed 2% increase in Council Tax. Other than that Broughton Parish Council have no further comments on this consultation as they have insufficient information to make any further comments.

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

1. Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation

**Resolved** that the council have the following comments (inline with the question numbers from the consultation)

1. Do you agree with the proposals to introduce changes for our Trade Waste Customers for their recyclable waste. **Resolved** No to impose this charge would encourage flytipping and discourage recycling.
2. Do you agree that we should invest in better ticket machines in our car parks to make it easier for people to pay for their parking? **Resolved** No an investment of £350k is a waste of money, what is the payback period on the installation of these machines. It would be more economical to look at each car park individually and create specific pricing structures etc dependant on local need and usage.
3. Do you agree that we are right to review our fees and charges for car parking given that they have not been reviewed for nearly four years. **Resolved** No, ABC should look at comparative commercial car parks e.g. Wilkinson in Cockermouth which are more widely used, better cared for, and cost far less that the current ABC fees.
4. Do you agree with our strategy to offer non- statutory services. **Resolved** Yes Broughton Parish Council support the continuation of non-statutory services being offered.
5. Do you agree that this is the correct approach to take when considering the need for savings (change in contracting & procurement). **Resolved** Yes Broughton Parish Council support his suggestion as long as it isn’t to the detriment of service delivery
6. Do you agree with our proposals to reduce the amount of funding provided to town and parish councils? **Resolved** No this support should continue at its current level
7. Do you agree with this proposed increase of 1.9% in Allerdale BC Council Tax? **Resolved** yes Broughton Parish Council support this proposed increase, however the council also feel that the District Councillors expenses should be paid at the same level as Parish Council expenses, also the leader of Allerdale Borough Council should be paid at a commensurate level to a junior doctor

**Action: The Clerk to submit the above comments.**

1. ABC Parking Charges Consultation

**Resolved** that Broughton Parish Council were STRONGLY opposed to these proposed changes. An increase of 20-25% is disproportionate, unnecessary and un-cost effective. How will the overnight parking charges be enforced? What is the cost of this enforcement? What extra services will be provided for the additional revenue proposed?

Regarding the specifics of the consultation **resolved** that Broughton Parish Council agree in principle with the alterations to the short & long stay car parking hours as long as they are applied sensibly.

Overnight parking **resolved** that Broughton Parish Council object to the proposed installation of overnight charging, due to concerns on how and the cost of enforcement.

Alteration to charging times, **resolved** that the council had concerns regarding policing of it, and the additional costs of the enforcement/over time payments to staff.

Installation of new machines, **resolved** that the council object to the installation of new parking machines due to the cost implications, and payback periods. In addition with reference to ‘overpayments’ how would this work on short stay car parks could you pay beyond the two hours and stay for three?

**Resolved** that an additional comment be submitted regarding the impact of these proposed changes on those businesses that currently re-imburse parking charges e.g. Sainsbury’s in Cockermouth. Have these businesses been consulted?

**Action: Clerk to submit the above responses.**

**225/15 Councilor Matters**

It was noted that a letter had been received from Mr R Dobie regarding a large investment planned for the Cricket Pitch.

**Action: Clerk to write back to Mr R Dobie and thank him for his letter, stating that as landowners the council probably need to give formal approval, this will be agenda’d for the January meeting. Congratulate him on this proposed development.**

**Action: Clerk to look at the implications of this development on upkeep & maintenance of the new plans.**

Cllr M Richardson informed the council that the school were looking into the possibility of purchasing a community mini-bus and that they may in due course approach the Parish Council for a grant.

**226/15 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** by all present that no meeting will be held in December.

**Resolved** by all present that the dates for the 2016 meetings be approved.

26th January 2015 at 19:00 in Little Broughton Village Hall

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………..Chairman**