

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Meeting of Broughton Parish was held in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**PRESENT:** Mrs A Carruthers, Mrs V Sherwood, Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), M Weir, C Jefferson, W Smith, D Oldfield, J Hobden

Also present P Martin (Clerk), Cllrs N Cockburn, E Martin and T North, PSCO Meunzberg, Sisters Isabel and Ann-Marie and 2 members of the public.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

### **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2011/12**

The Vice Chairman thanked councillors and the clerk for their work on behalf of the Council.

The Council has progressed in terms of governance and the brevity of the external auditor's report was testament to the work the Council has done in this area.

The major completed in the year was the installation of new playground equipment and surfaces at the Welfare Field. There is funding in place for new signage and for a bench at the playground.

The football pitch has benefitted from a new set of goalposts and regular, well attended, matches are being played.

There have been mixed results with our dealings with the Highways Authority. Meeting House Lane has now been made into a cul de sac and this should make the road safer for users. New safety barriers have been erected at the path end. The Council remains concerned at the effect on the village's roads of adding more than 50 new households.

The Council initiated a survey that was delivered to all homes. The survey results will be analyzed and will be used to help formulate a new Parish Plan.

Nine new allotments were formed at the Coldgill site and were let successfully; the waiting list for allotments now stands at 2. Maintenance issues at both sites are now in hand and regular checks will be carried out. The Council expects to reduce spending on allotments in the next year after having spent nearly half of its annual budget on the sites in 2010/11.

Two local residents have taken positions on the board of the development company at Derwent Forest, ensuring some community involvement in that project.

The Council is being encouraged to take an interest in future use of the Quarry site. The Council will be guided by the response to the survey.

The Council noted the successful objection to the proposed wind turbine development.

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Parish Council annual accounts were received by the meeting.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Vice Chairman invited PCSO Pippa Meunzberg to address the meeting.

PCSO Meunzberg explained that she was the newly appointed community officer with responsibility for Broughton. She gave a report on recent, local crimes and invited residents to sign up to the Community Messaging scheme.

Her work will be to prioritise efforts to prevent bike thefts and thefts from gardens. She noted some reports of anti-social behaviour by older children at the playground, knocking on doors and congregating at the school. She will attempt to work with the Council to provide additional holiday activities aimed at over 11's. She reported on the effectiveness of the Youth Café in Cockermouth and the possibility of a youth shelter in the village.

The Vice Chairman then invited Sisters Isabel and Ann-Marie to speak to the meeting.

The Sisters introduced themselves as the vicars at Christ Church and offered their support to all councillors and all residents in the local community.