

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 16th April 2013

PRESENT: J Wilson (Chairman), M Weir, Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), S Anderson, Mrs J Hobden and Mrs A Carruthers.

Also present P Martin (Clerk), Cllrs E. Martin and Mrs N Cockburn

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

1/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Sherwood, Mr Hannah and W Smith

2/13 MINUTES 19th March 2013

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2013 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

3/13 MEMBERSHIP

Vacancies for councillors

There no applications for co-option.

4/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Meadows

The chairman reported that he had received communication from Insp. Kelly in regard to the safety of schoolchildren. He understood that the police will request that a zebra crossing be installed at the point at which the footpath crosses the road.

Another meeting will be held during the forthcoming week with the developers and representatives from Highways and the police. Temporary signs warning of schoolchildren crossing are in place, permanent signs are on order. Cllr Anderson suggested that the road be made narrower at this point to slow traffic and to make a shorter crossing. Cllr Martin reported that he had pursued the possibility of adding double yellow lines to the street, so far unsuccessfully.

5/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman did not adjourn the meeting to give an opportunity for residents to speak as there were none present.

7/13 POLICE REPORT

The Council has not received a recent report in person from the police and will request attendance at a meeting in the near future. Councillors and residents are reminded of the Cumbria Constabulary website as a source of information.

8/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Footpaths

The County Council have replaced a stile with a gate along Winder Lonning. A resident has approached the County Council with a proposal to re-designate the route as a footpath, from a bridleway. If this re-designation takes place the Council will reinstate the stile.

At The Green there have been incidents involving a resident and horse riders using what is known as byway, or green road. The Chairman will attempt to gain a definition of the route's status. Cllr Martin offered to contact the County Footpaths Officer.

Main Street

The Highways Engineer will consider applications for the Main Street to be designated as a 20mph zone.

Welfare Field

An application is being readied for the Lottery Fund for new playground/gym equipment.

Thomas Paisley Institute – corres.

The Council has detailed monies owed to the Council to the Memorial Trust's solicitors.

Allotments

The Council has issued annual rent demands and has collected a good proportion of rents owed. There is a waiting list of 7 prospective allotment holders.

The Council **agreed** to an estimate of £240 to fence and subdivide a large plot on Coldgill Avenue to form 3 new allotments.

The Council **agreed** to pay for one load of hardcore to fill holes and ruts in the pathway at Coldgill Avenue if allotment holders were prepared to work to fill the holes,

Cockermouth Mountain Rescue

The Council **agreed** to make a donation of £100 to Cockermouth Mountain rescue to mark the group's 60th anniversary.

9/13 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Martin, who is retiring from the County Council, reflected on a purposeful 4 years in office. He reported that the Council still had a further £50m in savings to make during the next 2 years. There would be 85 redundancies in the Highways Dept. in June.

He felt that a Conservative/Labour coalition administration had worked well and productively. He reported that the money spent on waste digestion units would serve to save the County landfill tax in future years.

The Council has recently completed a proposal for a new prison at Longtown which could bring employment to the area. He urged politicians to look beyond the short term, and to plan for 3, 4, 5 and 10 years ahead.

He thanked Broughton Parish Council for its support and friendship and praised the Council for overcoming former problems.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Cllr Martin for his help and support and wished him a happy retirement.

Cllr Cockburn reported on her on-going work on the Planning Committee and her continued focus on works to make the A66 junction safer.

10/13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council had received the following correspondence, all of which was noted.

1 Derwent Owners Assoc. – AGM & subscription

2 CCC – Bus timetable

3 D Towers – Youth Club

4 A Hodgson – Youth Club

5 H Murphy – Dog fouling, Youth club

6 C Meighan – Youth club

7 A Melville – Play equipment

The Council will invite these correspondents to address a future meeting

8 Allerdale BC – Road closure, 20th July

9 E Martin, D Bell – Church Meadows

10 E Martin – Craggs Road flooding

11 Cumbria Trading Standards – Nominated Neighbour scheme

12 E Martin – school path

13 CMS – Community broadband

14 Police Commissioner

15 Hearing Loss drop-in sessions

16 E Martin – Road surfacing work A595

17 Allerdale BC – Strategic Housing Land Availability

18 CALC – newsletter

19 Police Commissioner – Police Plan

20 J Hill – Fly-tipping

The Council will communicate with the Allerdale officer responsible.

21 N Cockburn – A66 junction

11/13 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It was proposed and **agreed** to transfer money in the Building Society to a 90 day notice account

Financial Statement.

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/3/13	33972.48
Money Manager Account 31/3/13	89.42
Cumberland Building Society Account 30/3/2013	53941.59
Total	£88003.49

Invoices 16th April 2013

P Martin	Salary (Mar/Apr)	332.97
W Mackay	Skip Hire – allotments	180.00
Cockermouth Mountain Rescue	Donation	100.00
Derwent Owners Association	Subscription	40.00

Receipts 16th April 2013

Cumberland Building Soc.	Interest	927.74
Electricity NW	Wayleave (not in balance shown)	4.74
HSBC	Interest	0.01
Allerdale BC	Precept (not in balance shown)	6250.00

These invoices were **approved** for payment.

12/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference no.: 2/2013/0214
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Terry Meighan
Proposal: Rear extension, conversion of attached garage and erection of detached single garage
Location: Braeside, Little Broughton, Cockermouth

The Council has no objections or comment in respect of this application.

13/13 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

14/13 MEMBERS QUERIES

Repairs

The Council will examine the notice board for the need for further repair.
The Council noted work effected by allotment holders at The Nook to common pathways.

15/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28th May 2013, 7.30pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....Chairman