

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Broughton Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**PRESENT:** S Hannah (Vice Chairman), J Hobden, M Weir, W Smith and D Oldfield.

Also present P Martin (Clerk), Borough Councillors T North and N Cockburn, P Harkness and a member of the press.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

### **1/12 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Wilson, Sherwood, Jefferson, Loosli, Carruthers, Inglis and Martin.

The Council received the resignation of Max Loosli. The Council will post the appropriate notice inviting candidates for election.

### **2/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record after an amendment to the new bank signatory was made.

**Resolved**

### **3/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made a call for prospective councillors to apply for co-option to the Council.

The Chairman reported that the incidents of fires being set at Derwent Forest appear to have ceased. A meeting between the site developers and representatives of the local community was planned for 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chairman had received a proposal that the artist Percy Kelly, who lived in the village, be commemorated by installing a plaque on the Post Office. The Council will make further enquiries regarding a ceremony, and the style of plaque. It was proposed that the Council make a donation of £100 towards the cost. **Resolved.**

### **4/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

Pauline Harkness reported that the new edition of the newsletter featured an illustration of the bridge.

She advised on the upcoming 'Open Gardens' event, to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May. It will feature a raffle, plant stall, quiz and refreshments. Funds raised will be split between Hospice at Home and a fund to build a new toilet at the Church.

Mrs Harkness thanked the Council for their donation to Hospice at Home in recognition of gardening efforts at the Millennium Garden.

The Church is prepared to make a donation of £100 towards work on the War Memorial previously agreed by the Council. The Council will consider how best to add names to the memorial – it is known that a number of the fallen are not currently commemorated on the Memorial.

## **6/12 POLICE REPORT**

The Council received the following report of recent police activity in the parish.

A male was arrested and charged with threats to damage and possession of a bladed article in the village of Broughton.

A male has been arrested and cautioned for possession of cannabis in the area of Great Broughton.

In February several incidents of Anti Social Behaviour were reported. These included neighbourhood disputes, dogs not being under control, nuisance texts, youths running through resident's gardens and noise related problems from the night time economy.

## **7/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### Allotments

It was reported that all tenancies had been allocated and that all recent applicants had been offered plots.

The Council will post notices to offer best advice, (double bag and bin), on the removal of dead rabbits from the allotments.

The Council will contact an allotment holder regarding damage to a gate post and to fence posts.

The Council affirms that access to the majority of allotments at the Coldgill site is via Coldgill Avenue. The Council thinks it unwise to attempt to create any further entrance to Pennybridge Lane.

The Council will consider adding an additional standpipe at The Nook site.

The Council will write to gain permission to remove a tree that has fallen across the boundary ditch at The Nook.

### Drainage - Playground

The Council received an estimate for the cost of extending existing drainage on the Welfare Field onto the playground. The Council will request a financial contribution from the developers at Church Meadows.

## 8/12 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Martin offered his apologies for non-attendance and submitted the following report.

I am finding increasingly that I am being asked to attend several meetings on some evenings and, some time ago, I agreed to speak to the community at Great Asby which I now feel obligated to attend but the date clashes with Broughton PC meeting which I shall have to miss.

I am willing to meet with anyone, of course, at a mutually convenient time during the day, if required.

I was pleased to support the bids that the Newsletter and Mother and Toddlers group should receive funding from the Neighbourhood Forum. We are into a new financial year so if there are further requests from village organisations they should let me know.

## 9/12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CCC – Travel Guide

WG Mackay – Drainage

Broughton School request. The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £100. The Council will write with information regarding its budget and details regarding alternative funders.

HMRC – PAYE return

Derwent Owners Association. The Council resolved to subscribe at £40pa. The Council will gain further information on rules and obligations pertaining to members, particularly on measuring river levels.

BDO – Audit (18/6/2012)

Hodgson – Cycle park. The Council will thank the correspondent for their suggestions.

Cubby – Community or youth café. The Council will thank the correspondent for their suggestions.

Studholme – Youth activities. The Council will thank the correspondent for their suggestions.

Carruthers – Bulling Meadow. The Council will attempt to ascertain the ownership of sheep reported to be in the Meadow.

Hannah – various. The container on the playground proved to have been rented by Playdale and has now been removed.

Hannah – deeds. Former council members will be approached for any information they might have on the location of deeds and leases relating to the Council.

CALC – circular

Active Cumbria – Community Games

Tobacco free Cumbria – event 14/5/2012

Tallentire Wind Farm – CLG 26/4/2012

## 10/12 ACCOUNTS

### Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/3/2012	682.27
Money Manager Account 31/12/2011	89.33
Cumberland Building Society Account 29/2/2012	51535.42
Grant award outstanding (WREN)	29000.00

**Total £81307.02**

### Invoices 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Mar/Apr)	391.86
J Hobden	Fence posts	11.16
CALC	Subscription	262.00
VAC	Reply paid envelopes	54.98
Derwent Owners Assoc	Subscription	40.00
AST	Signs	331.48

The Council **agreed** to make these payments.

The Council has received grant funding for a bench at the playground. The Council will gain estimates for a picnic style bench and table.

### Receipts 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (not included in above balances)

Allerdale BC	Precept	5750.00
Electricity NW	Wayleave	4.74
Allotment rents		920.15

## 11/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference no 2/2012/0199

Applicant; Miss Bethan Owens, Persimmon Homes

Proposal; Variation of condition number 2 on planning application 2/2011/0162 to amend window details, chimney details and garage details.

Location; Land adjacent to Church Meadows

The Council has no objections or comment on this application

**12/12 PLANNING DECISION – noted**

Reference No: 2/2012/0100  
Applicant: Mr David Whitworth  
Proposal: Two storey extension to provide additional accommodation  
Location: 18 Ghyll Bank Little Broughton Cockermouth

Full Plans Approved

**13/12 MEMBERS QUERIES**

Cllr Oldfield reported on progress on the status of paths at Soddy Gap. It was suggested that the permissive path on Mr Stamper’s land might be made up to a right of a way. It was reported that the Community payback team had made a good start on clearing footpaths.

**14/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting, (the AGM), and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Little Broughton on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....Chairman