

## **BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**PRESENT:** J Wilson (Chairman), Mrs V Sherwood, Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), S Hannah, Mrs J Hobden and Mrs A Carruthers.

Also present P Martin (Clerk), Cllrs E. Martin, T North and Mrs N Cockburn and 2 members of the public.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

### **150/12 APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **151/12 MINUTES 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

### **152/12 MEMBERSHIP**

#### Vacancies for councillors

There no applications for co-option.

### **153/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Footpath, Church Meadows

The Chairman has met with the site manager for Persimmon Homes and has been given assurances regarding parking of vehicles at the point at which the footpath crosses the road.

#### Main Street

The Chairman has received correspondence from the Highways Engineer regarding the monitoring of the speed and volume of traffic on Main Street.

#### Dog fouling, Welfare Field

The Chairman has written an article for publication in the newsletter. Allerdale BC has installed a new bag dispenser at the Welfare Field.

#### Millennium Garden

Regular work will be carried out as part of the grounds maintenance programme.

### Welfare Field, Home Housing

Home Housing has offered to lease a portion of the Field at a peppercorn rent for a period up to 99 years. There will be no early termination penalty. There is a desire that the land continue in public use. Home Housing has requested that the lease be drawn up at the Council's cost (likely to be around £700) and that the Council undertakes maintenance work at its own cost.

The Council **approved** a proposal that a 99 year lease be drawn up at a rent of £1/year.

### **154/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **155/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to give an opportunity for residents to speak.

Mrs Thompson has continued to correspond with Mr Bell of Highways regarding traffic problems related to the Church Meadows development. She has circulated a petition and encouraged respondents to send it to Highways.

She reported that there have been additional police patrols between 8am and 9am at Church Meadows but there have been further incidences of dangerous parking and she's sent photographs of the vehicles involved to Mr Bell. She has been told that warning signs have been ordered by Cumbria CC.

The vehicle survey conducted recently showed that there were 2500 vehicle movements in 1 week on Church Meadows; 20 of which were speeding. 2000 vehicles travelled as far as the new development.

There was some anecdotal evidence of delivery vehicles travelling inappropriately quickly along Ghyll Bank and Church Meadows to avoid the time restrictions placed on deliveries. The new development has planned traffic and speed restrictions but there are no current plans to deal with the additional traffic on adjoining roads.

Cllr Martin explained the Parish Council's original fears, conveyed in its comments to the planning application, were probably not accelerated to the County Council (and hence triggered earlier involvement by Highways) by Allerdale BC. He is very concerned at the volume of traffic evidenced by the survey and at the number of vehicles passing the footpath crossing point at speeds above 5mph. This is unacceptable in his view. He asked that consideration be given to designating Main Street as a 20mph zone.

Cllr Martin believes that the crossing point should be lit, possibly by flashing 'school' signs, and suggests that individualised letters (rather than a form petition) be sent. He will request that the police position no waiting cones at the crossing point and will take steps to inform the Cumbria CC employee and local resident not to park a

Council van dangerously. He will attempt to undertake a site visit at a busy time, (either just before or just after school).

It was suggested that the road might benefit from double yellow lines. The Community Police Officer has suggested that a zebra crossing be installed. The officer will be encouraged to contact the Traffic Sergeant. The Council will write to Highways regarding the period of time it is taking to remedy issues relating to the development.

### **156/12 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.

### **157/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### Newsletter

After the newsletter was delivered the Council received comment that Allerdale BC be asked to follow the refuse collection van on bad weather days to collect rubbish blown from bins.

#### Thomas Paisley Institute

A further letter had been sent to the trustees.

#### Bus Shelters

The Council had liaised with the RBL regarding a new shelter but the cost of the build is prohibitive. The handyman will be asked to repair a pane in the Moor Road shelter and to clean the shelter.

#### Footpath stiles

The Council will report damage to stiles to the County Footpath office.

### **158/12 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cockburn reported that she had asked Home Housing to have a skip removed from Moorfield Bank.

She reported on the Gold award received by the Brigham and Broughton First Responders Group. She will contact the Village Hall committee regarding the permanent display of the plaque.

She suggested the SHLAA officer be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Cllr North reported that Allerdale BC had approved a 1.9% rise in Council Tax for 2013/14 and that payment (unless by direct debit) now becomes due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. The draft Local Plan is now available online.

Cllr Martin reported that the Meeting House Lane works were due to be completed in mid-April.

He reiterated that he would do what he could for Main Street to be designated a 20mph zone.

He will suggest that HGV restriction signs be moved from Camerton Road into the village.

He reported that there was no intention on the part of the Derwent Forest developers to use the land to the front of South Terrace.

Work continues to monitor traffic at the A66 junction.

The Cumbria CC budget will be cut by £50m in the next 2 years. The Highways department will be restricted and there will be 85 less staff in June.

In his opinion the debate around the nuclear waste depository scheme is closed.

Cllr Martin has concerns around the rising number of children in care (now 620) and the enormous number of cases of domestic violence, (16,000 in the last year).

He highlighted the availability of the Neighbourhood Care Scheme to support projects to look after elderly and vulnerable people in their homes.

## **159/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Broughton Children's Carnival – thank you  
Cumbria Community Foundation – Jennings River Ride  
Allerdale BC – Deed of dedication, Welfare Field  
University of Cumbria – Planning tool kit  
Came & Co – Newsletter  
BDO – Audit briefing  
Clerks and Councils Direct – newsletter  
CALC – National Grid  
CALC – Connecting Cumbria  
K Blackburn – fence  
P Inglis – Punchbowl  
Tallentire Wind Farm – meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March  
CALC – March newsletter  
Allerdale BC – footway lighting  
Allerdale Area Working Proposals – questionnaire  
I Winter – grasscutting

Allerdale BC, Environmental Warden – various  
 Cumbria Fire Service – community engagement  
 P Inglis – Punchbowl share allocation  
 CALC – Allerdale District AGM  
 N Cockburn – SHLAA’s  
 E Martin – footway lighting  
 CALC – NoW bus cards  
 Cumbria in Bloom  
 P Harkness – Grounds maintenance. It was proposed and **agreed** that the Council make a donation of £100 to the Parochial Church Council

**160/12 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 17/2/13	39540.16
Money Manager Account 31/12/12	89.41
Cumberland Building Society Account 31/3/2012	53013.85
	<b>Total £92643.42</b>

**Invoices 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

P Martin	Salary (Feb/Mar)	320.97
HMRC	PAYE	207.00
Cumbria Pest Services	Pest control – allotments	252.00
Broughton PCC	Donation	100.00

**Receipts 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

None

These invoices were **approved** for payment.

## **161/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Reference no 2/2013/0178

Applicant; Mr R Howard

Proposal; Single storey garage extension

Location; 24 Ghyll Bank, Little Broughton

The Council has no comments or objections

Reference no 2/2013/0115

Applicant; Mr T Benest

Proposal; Proposed single storey side extension and replacement of flat roof with pitched.

Location; Howick House, Broughton Park, Great Broughton

The Council has no comments or objections

Reference no 2/2013/0166

Applicant; Mr Richard Gott

Proposal; Installation of a single wind turbine on a 30m monopole mast

Location; Burton House Farm, Tallentire

The Council objects to this application on the basis of an accumulation of local wind turbines and the loss of visual amenity.

## **162/12 PLANNING DECISIONS**

None

## **163/12 MEMBERS QUERIES**

Cockermouth Mountain rescue

The Council will consider making a donation of the occasion of the Cockermouth Mountain Rescue's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Potholes, Monkey Villas

The Council will endeavour to re-fill potholes at Monkey Villas.

## **164/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 7.30pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm**

**Signed.....Chairman**