

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 21st August 2012

PRESENT: J Wilson (Chairman), Mrs A Carruthers, S Hannah, Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), W Smith, C Jefferson, M Weir, Mrs V Sherwood and Mrs J Hobden.

Also present P Martin (Clerk), Cllrs T North, N Cockburn and E Martin, a representative of the press and 4 members of the public.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

59/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Oldfield

60/12 MINUTES 23rd July 2012

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 23rd July 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

61/12 MEMBERSHIP

Vacancies for councillors

The Council received the resignation of Cllr Oldfield; the Council will notify the monitoring officer and will advertise the vacancy.

62/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that work to clean and restore the War Memorial had been completed. He will collate a list of names that are missing from the Memorial and the Council will investigate the possibility of gaining a grant for these names to be added.

The Council will arrange a meeting with its legal advisors regarding the registration of land within the parish. Cllr Carruthers indicated a willingness to attend.

63/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

64/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mrs Armstrong-Squires reported her concerns regarding street car parking above Woodlea and Wood House. The houses have been damaged by cars that have not been securely parked rolling down the hill while unattended. Mrs Armstrong-Squires wishes the Council and others to explore the possibility of providing additional car parking on area outside 96 Ghyll Bank which is currently set to grass. Cllr Wilson replied that he would raise her concerns with the Home Housing Group and with the police.

65/12 POLICE REPORT

The following report was received;

Rural

A total of six incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour were reported in the rural areas, all were dealt with positively.

66/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Code of conduct

Councillors noted the new code of conduct and the possible need for special dispensation measures later in the year when the Council sets its precept.

Allotments

The Council has let two further plots at the Coldgill site and currently has a short waiting list.

The Council will again contact the Community Payback team to request that they trim/cut the unallocated area at the Coldgill site and two untended sites at The Nook.

The Council will gain further estimates for the cost of extending the water supply at the Nook site and for depositing hardcore to form parking and path surfaces at Coldgill and Monkey Villas.

Church Meadows development

The Council has received further complaints regarding access to footpaths; it will take these matters up with the developer.

Maintenance/repairs

The handyman has completed the repainting of the bus shelters and will install a picnic bench at the Welfare Field.

67/12 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Martin reported that a decision would be made soon by Cumbria CC, and by Allerdale and Copeland, on the proposal to site an underground depository for radioactive waste in Cumbria. The decision will be taken at cabinet level and will be informed by the opinion of CALC and by parish councils.

Broughton Parish councillors chose not to debate the proposal.

Cllr Martin noted that the top 3 local proposals in the Community Travel Plan had not been acted upon; he will press for further progress. He will make enquiries regarding the installation of a weight limit sign at the bridge for vehicles travelling south.

68/12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mrs Armstrong-Squires – Parking
PCSO Meunzberg – Parking
West Cumbria MRWS – Final report
Tallentire Wind Farm – Bridleway closures
Mr Quas – Nuclear Waste meeting
CALC – commentary on MRWS final report
Home Group – Estate walkabout – representatives of the Council will attend
Charity Commission, ACT – Thomas Paisley Institute – the Council will attempt to contact the trustees through their solicitors.
Pennine Playgrounds – Outdoor gym
CALC – Guidance on dispensations for Parish Councils
Allerdale – Local Plan consultation
Allerdale – Dog control orders – the Council will consult with Allerdale BC
Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Cumbria

The Council also received a suggestion to site a bench along the Soddy Gap footpath above the pond. The Council will liaise with the landowner.

69/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference no. 2/2012/0544
Applicant: Mr J & M Stamper & Sons
Proposal: Single wind turbine with hub height of 55.6m and blade tip height of 79.6m and associated metering units
Location: Land at Wellington Farm, Lamplugh Road Cockermouth

The Council objects to this application on the basis of the cumulative effect of the loss of visual amenity to the community. (A vote was taken, 5 – 3 in favour of objection)

Reference no.: 2/2012/0445
Applicant: Mr Alan Telford
Proposal: Erection of 2 detached bungalows (resubmission of 2/2011/0762)
Amendment: Reduced dormer height
Location: Land at Coldgill Avenue, Little Broughton

Reference no 2/2012/0445
Applicant; Mr Alan Telford
Proposal; Erection of 2 detached bungalows (resubmission of
2/2011/0762)
Location; Land at Coldgill Avenue, Great Broughton

The Council reiterates its original objection to this application;

The Council objects to the application. It considers the access to the site is inadequate both for construction and subsequent use. There are existing traffic problems at nearby junctions and additional traffic will exacerbate dangers.

It is considered that the application would destroy a visual amenity that villagers have long enjoyed and that the overall proposal would be detrimental to the village amenity.

It is further believed that the, already granted, proposal to build 58 new houses at Church Meadows will satisfy foreseeable housing need in the village.

The Council further notes the narrow nature, and in some places non-existence, of a footpath and feels that the application, if allowed, would set an unacceptable precedent for possible future development outside the village boundary.

Reference no.: 2/2012//0582
Applicant: Mr Stamper
Proposal: Proposed roof over existing middin
Location: Rose Farm, Main Street, Little Broughton

The Council has no objections or comments.

Reference no.: 2/2012/0569
Applicant: The Scout Association – 1st Great Broughton Scout Group
Proposal: Erection of a scout barn to replace extant planning permission 2/2009/0519
Location: Field no. 3100, adjacent to Coldgill Avenue, Great Broughton

The Council has no objections or comments.

70/12 PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions received

71/12 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement.

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/7/2012	40873.25
Money Manager Account 31/6/2012	89.37
Cumberland Building Society Account 31/3/2012	53013.85
	Total £93976.47

Invoices 21st August 2012

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Jul/Aug)	486.45
I Winter	Grasscutting	79.00
Broughton VH	Room hires	210.00
Robertson Memorials	War memorial restoration	136.50

These invoices were **approved** for payment

Receipts 21st August 2012

HMRC – amended penalty	100.00
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72/12 MEMBERS QUERIES

Bench, Soddy Gap

The Council will consider a proposal to site a bench

Flagpole

The Council will contact potential hosts for the site of a flagpole and consider the practicalities of flying flags.

Flytipping

The Council will consider recent reports of flytipping

73/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26th September 2012, 7.30pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....Chairman