

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 26th November 2013

PRESENT: J Wilson (Chairman), Mrs S Hannah (Vice Chairman), S Hannah, M Weir, Mrs M Bradley, Mrs A Carruthers, W Smith and M Richardson.

Also present P Martin (Clerk) and a member of the press

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

106/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs V Sherwood, S. Carter, J Hobden, A Clark, N Cockburn and T North

107/13 MINUTES 29th October 2013

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2013 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

108/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that there were a number of suitable applicants for the post of clerk. It was agreed that Cllr Sue Hannah convene a panel to hold interviews on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December.

The Chairman had received no further recent correspondence with Highways apart from confirmation that the matter of making Main Street a 20mph zone is still under consideration. The Council will request attendance from a representative of Highways at a future meeting.

The Chairman asked individual councillors to offer their views on the subject of 'Geological disposal of radioactive waste: Review of the site selection process.' All councillors contributed their opinions and there was a consensus view that the process should progress to the next stage which should involve a rigorous study of the suitability of local geology for use as a deep repository. The Council will enter this opinion into the formal consultation.

The chairman reported widespread local concern at the withdrawal of bus subsidies to rural routes, including Broughton to Cockermouth and from Broughton to Workington. The bus timetable and route has been changed, single tickets are £4 and user numbers are falling. Bus passes only cover the cost of the subsidised part of the fare. The bus company are considering closing the service as it is non-viable.

The affected user groups include young people, mothers and the elderly who are reliant on public transport for various reasons.

The council agreed to write to the County Council to request that the Council make known the value of the subsidised element of the fares and to suggest that a scheme be introduced to enable bus passes to cover part of the cost of taxis fares when taxi journeys have to take the place of buses.

It was noted that the Rural Wheels service is not running frequently due to a lack of volunteer drivers. The council will supply details of the scheme to the newsletter and will invite residents to contact the Parish Council with details of how the bus changes have impacted upon individuals.

109/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

110/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

111/13 POLICE REPORT

The Council did not receive a report from Cumbria Police. The Council reminds residents that regularly updated information is available from the Cumbria Constabulary website.

112/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Allotments

The Council has contacted a number of allotment tenants regarding non cultivation of their plots.

Welfare Field playground

The Council has received an estimate of £1578 for repair of the rubberised play surface. The Council approved these repairs.

New amenities for young people

The Council noted the high level of use of a skatepark in Workington. The Council will contact the Derwent Forest developers and Broughton Moor Council for an indication as to their interest in pursuing enquiries. The Council will also contact Cumbria CC regarding the use of the Quarry. Councillors also discussed the use of part of the cricket ground site. Cllr Bradley will gain an estimate of costs.

113/13 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

There were no visiting councillors present.

114/13 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 1 Connecting Cumbria – newsletter. The Council noted the installation of distribution boxes locally. It is hoped that superfast broadband will be available in the village by 2015.
- 2 Allerdale BC – Dog fouling stencils. The Council will arrange for these to be painted on surfaces throughout the parish.
- 3 Cumbria CC – Supported bus services
- 4 M Grout, B Dixon – Nook allotments. The Council will write to allotment holders reiterating its offer to match fund repair work.
- 5 CALC – Allerdale Parishes Annual Meeting
- 6 Cockburn et al – A66 junction
- 7 Healthwatch Cumbria
- 8 Infinergy – Turbine, Fox House
- 9 M Sowerby – Fishing return
- 10 United Utilities – Winterwise
- 11 CALC – newsletter
- 12 N Cockburn – Land Registry info
- 13 Allotments Development Initiative
- 14 War Memorials Trust

115/13 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement.

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/11/13	12039.37
Money Manager Account 30/9/13	89.46
Cumberland Building Society Account 29/6/2013	83941.59
	Total £96070.42

Invoices 26th November 2013

P Martin	Salary and expenses (October/November)	436.84
Gt Broughton Scouts	Newsletter delivery	200.00
Paterson	Christmas tree	100.00

Receipts 26th November 2013

Allotment Rents	36.00
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116/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2012/0916 Development Panel 26/11/13

It is understood that this application has been refused at a panel committee meeting.

Reference No.: 2/2013/0809

Applicant: Mr Nick Orton

Proposal: Alterations and proposed two storey extension including proposed conversion of existing loft space to provide additional living accommodation.

Location: Prantik, Harris Brow, Great Broughton

The Council will gain paper copies of plans

Reference No.: 2/2013/0751

Applicant: Mr John Chamley

Proposal: Erection of garden decking and privacy fence

Location: 17 Ghyll Bank, Little Broughton

The Council has no objection or comments.

117/13 PLANNING DECISIONS - noted

Reference No.: 2/2013/0709

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Thomason

Proposal: Residential dwelling

Location: Bryleen, Moor Road, Great Broughton

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118/13 MEMBERS QUERIES

There were no members' queries.

119/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th December 2013, 7.00pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....Chairman