

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broughton Parish Council was held at Little Broughton Village Hall on Tuesday 27th November 2012

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

Also present Cllr N Cockburn, Cllr T North, Cllr E Martin, P Martin (Clerk) and a member of the press.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

104/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jefferson and Anderson.

105/12 MINUTES 30th October 2012

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 30th October 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record. **Resolved**

106/12 MEMBERSHIP

Vacancies for councillors

There no applications for co-option.

107/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A66 Junction

Cllrs Wilson, Cockburn, North and Martin had attended a meeting regarding the Broughton/Brigham junction on the A66. Representatives of the Highways Agency, Enterprise Mouchel, Cumbria Constabulary and Cumbria Highways were present. The meeting convened to address safety issues at the junctions.

It was apparent that the Highways Agency had not been informed of the plans for significant housing developments in Broughton, Derwent Forest and in Brigham, each of which would lead to additional traffic using the junction. They will monitor the situation and conduct traffic surveys. They will consider solutions for resolution, but these were unlikely to be implemented before 2015 as funding will need to be sought. A concern was voiced that the survey should take into account seasonal issues.

The Council is grateful for the support of Cumbria County Council, Allerdale Borough Council and Tony Cunningham MP.

Councillors and residents are asked to log any incidents at the junction and to pass on relevant information to Cllr Cockburn

Church Meadows path

The Council has received a reply from Mr Bell from Traffic Management at Cumbria CC indicating that he is pressing for school warning signs to be erected. It is unlikely that a zebra crossing will be installed, partly because the number of users would not justify its build. There is the potential for other traffic calming measures. The Council should consider means of speed monitoring.

The developers have installed some tactile pavement at the crossing point. Councillors discussed seeking to add S106 agreements to any future planning applications at the site.

Land adjoining Welfare Field

Home Housing has suggested that they will consider letting land adjoining Ghyll Bank and the Welfare Field to the Council at a nominal rent for the purposes of installing an outdoor gym. The Home Group will not finance any drainage groundworks.

The Council will confirm their acceptance of this offer.

108/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

109/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman did not adjourn the meeting to give an opportunity for residents to speak as there were no members of the public present.

110/12 POLICE REPORT

The Council has not received a recent report from the police although councillors and residents are reminded of the Cumbria Constabulary website as a source of information.

Warning notices regarding parking above Woodlea have been posted.

111/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Playground

The Council will arrange for signs to be erected at the playground as soon as possible.

Footpath

The Council will request that the developers erect a sign indicating the path at Church Meadows.

Monkey Villas

The Council will arrange for potholes to be filled at Monkey Villas.

112/12 REPORTS FROM VISITING COUNCILLORS

Cllr Martin reported that the County Council was seeking consultation on its published budget proposals. The Council was considering how to make further savings beyond the £18m already made. It is increasingly difficult to make the additional (£6m) savings imposed on the Council. He urged residents to respond to the consultation.

He reported that the EU had ruled that broadband programme funding was allowable and that a rural roll out plan would be announced in January.

Cllr Martin had sought the likely extent of community benefits if it was decided to house the nuclear waste repository. He is exploring the implementation of a 'sovereign wealth fund' to aid communities in the long term.

Cllr Cockburn is concerned at the relatively high number of successful planning applications in favour of new wind turbines in Allerdale in comparison with Eden and Copeland. She will be meeting to discuss introducing interim measures to the local plan.

Cllr North has been involved in taxi licensing issues in Workington, particularly focussing on enforcement. The committee has also considered revoking licenses from premises selling alcohol.

113/12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC – Allerdale Joint Area Working Groups

CALC – November newsletter

Historic Counties Trust – Cumberland Flag. The Council supports the proposal to register a county flag.

Leonard – Nook allotment path

Grout – allotment works

HMRC – Real Time information. The Council will seek advice from CALC.

Smith/Telford – Pennybridge Lane flooding. The Council will write to Mr Telford

RES – Tallentire Wind Farm Group

Martin et al – Craggs Road flooding

NALC – Model Standing Orders. The council will receive a précis of these changes.

Clark – Meeting House Lane

CALC – Grit bins

Cumbria in Bloom – report

Inglis – Punch Bowl Inn. A community meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thurs 6th December.

RES – Tallentire Wind Farm, A595 works

Clerks and Councils Direct – newsletter

CALC – annual report

Great North Air Ambulance – appeal, precept
Sowerby – fishing return
CCC – Bus timetable
Derwent Owners Assoc. – minutes, agenda
Allerdale BC – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
CCC – Local news and views
Allerdale BC – concurrent grant, precept. The Council will communicate concerns regarding the concurrent grant to ABC
BDO – extranet
Allerdale BC – Lease of land questionnaire

114/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference No: 2/2012/0863
Applicant: Animal Concern
Proposal: Creation of an animal sanctuary including kennels, cattery, office, dwelling and associated infrastructure.
Location: Land adjacent to Main Street, Little Broughton

The Council has no objections as long as the activity is non-commercial.

115/12 PLANNING DECISIONS - noted

Reference No: 2/2012/0734
Applicant: Mr & Mrs L Gorley
Proposal: Erection of first floor sun lounge
Location: Whiteside, Little Broughton

GRANTED

116/12 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement.

Bank Statements

Current Account - Statement 17/11/2012	41383.65
Money Manager Account 31/9/2012	89.39
Cumberland Building Society Account 31/3/2012	53013.85

Total £94486.89

Invoices 27th November 2012

P Martin	Salary and Expenses (Oct/Nov)	334.17
J Wilson	Postage	7.50

Receipts 27th November 2012

None

These invoices were **approved** for payment.

117/12 MEMBERS QUERIES

Condition of phone kiosk

The Council will make enquiries regarding the cleaning and maintenance of the phone box by the Post Office.

118/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22nd January 2013, 7.30pm at Little Broughton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....Chairman