Broughton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Parish Council held in Christchurch, Great Broughton, on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 18:00.

**Present:** Mary Bradley (in the Chair), Sue Hannah, Steve Hannah, Nigel Clubley, Bill Smith, Nicky Cockburn, Becx Carter, Cumberland Cllr M Harris

**Apologies:**  Russ Cockburn (Work Commitments), Adrian Davis Johnston (no reason given),

With 6 Councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 55/2024 Apologies and reasons for absence

# *Apologies:*

**Resolved** by all present that the apologies listed above be noted as received.

**56/2024 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interest**

None

# 57/2024 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

**58/2024 Minutes of the meetings held on the 19th March 2024**

All members of the council had received a copy of the minutes in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the 19th March 2024 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

**Action: Clerk to upload the completed minutes to the website.**

**59/2024 Chairman’s Announcements**

* Broughton Primary School are struggling to get Governors for the school, and were looking to have a Parish Council link, which in principle all agreed was a good idea but there are issues around councillor capacity.
* Cumberland Council Lengthsman/Parish Maintenance agreement, Cllr M Bradley has submitted feedback to Cumberland Council around green space management with reference to this. It is sitting within the Place, Sustainable Growth & Transport directorate

**60/2024 Public Participation**

None

**61/2024 To receive and consider applications for co-option (2 Vacancies)**

None received.

**62/2024 Reports from visiting councillors & Police**

# *Cumberland Council*

# Cumberland Councillor Martin Harris had provided a written report via email this was noted as received by all present.

# Derwent Forest- Concerns were noted by Broughton Parish Councillors about the potential for the site being developed as cheaply as possible in a piecemeal fashion (along with sewage implications), and the needs for a separate access (avoiding Great Broughton Main Street) to be installed prior to the development commencing. It was noted that the masterplan is being ‘redrawn’ and that further consultation could take place in due course.

# Councillors present noted serious concerns about the possibility of Cumberland Council liquidating the asset for quick cash gain with no consultation/consideration of the impacts this may have on the local community.

# A66 Roundabout at Broughton/Brigham- A decision is pending from Cumberland Council on if the additional funds linked to HS2 that will be received in March 2025 could be in part utilised to alter the cost/benefit balance of the A66 Roundabout Decision.

# 63/24 Clerks report

# The Clerks report had been circulated to all in advance of the meeting and this was noted as received.

#### Parish Plan

**Resolved** by all present that this be approved and adopted with immediate effect.

Thanks were noted to Nigel Clubley for all his efforts and the finished document.

**Action: Clerk to upload this to the website.**

**Action: Clerk to agenda one item of the Parish Plan for consideration at each meeting going forward**

**Action: Cllr Sue Hannah & Cllr M Bradley to put a post out on Facebook to let people know that the Parish Plan is ‘live’ and thank people for taking part in the village survey.**

#### Derwent Forest

Cllr M Bradley noted that she is awaiting a meeting with the key parties to allow a further briefing to take place with Broughton & other neighbouring councils.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for the May 2024 meeting**

# 64/24 Play-area

#### Play-area refurbishment update.

It was noted that additional work is required on the quotes following a query from the FCC Communities Foundation.

**Action: Clerk and Cllr S Hannah to pursue this and update at a future meeting.**

An application is being submitted to the Cumberland Council Investment Panel for £5k.

# 65/24 Allotments

# At the March 2024 meeting Broughton PC discussed offering dispensation to an allotment holder to allow a skip to be sited for historic clearance. Cllr M Bradley has obtained a quote for a 16 yard skip (with a lid and a lock) that could be on site for 2 days. The cost for a mixed skip will be £420 plus VAT. Cllr M Bradley requested that Councillors consider paying for this skip given the huge volume of work that the tenants have done to clear these two plots, which could have cost the Parish Council 1000s of pounds.

# Resolved by all present that the Clerk organise the ordering of a skip for plot 29b & 37 once Cllr M Bradley has confirmed access arrangements.

# Action: Cllr M Bradley to check the width of the gate before the skip is ordered.

# Cllr Steve Hannah noted that he has made a start on clearing plot 51 and will invoice for any incurred expenses (e.g. weedkiller)

# Cllr M Bradley has looked at the stream, it was noted that the bit within the curtilage of allotment plots has been strimmed, but the bit that is alongside the lower part of external boundary of the Allotments on plots remains over grown.

# Action: Tenants backing on to the stream to be reminded not to dump material into the stream to the rear of the plots.

# Action: Cllr M Bradley to remind tenants that abut the river to also not use this as disposal area.

# Action: Clerk to agenda Allotment Newsletter for the May 2024 meeting.

# 66/24 Parish Maintenance & Highways

#### Broughton/Brigham A66 Roundabout.

Cllr N Clubley updated that he is going to be meeting with Andrew Semple from Brigham.

It was noted with disappointment that Cumberland Council are unwilling to commit to anything until ‘government’ guidance is issued on the HS2 funds, and that no formal response has been received from Denise Rollo (Portfolio holder for Highways).

# 67/24 Correspondence

1. Letter from Angel Advocates

A request has been received from this Christian based independent and legal advocacy charity for funding or publicity support.

**Resolved** by all present that the Parish Council are not able to support this activity at this time but wish them all the best in their endeavours.

**68/24 Planning Applications**

**Ref: FUL/2024/0055**

Location: Rose Farm, Little Broughton, Cockermouth

Proposal: A purpose build agricultural building of steel portal frame construction utilised for muck midden

**Resolved** by all present that the Parish Council have no comments or objections.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

**Ref: FUL/2024/0059**

Location: 67 Main Street, Great Broughton

Proposal: Change of use from public house and dwelling to single dwelling house

**Resolved** by all present that the Parish Council have no comments or objections.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

# 69/24 Planning Decisions

**Resolved** by all present that the below planning decision be noted as received:

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| HOU/2024/0021 | 3 Camerton Road, Great Broughton | Construction of a new extension and balcony to the rear, and replacement porch to the side of the property | Approved with conditions |

**70/24 Finance & Accounts**

### Payment of Accounts

**Resolved** by all present that the below accounts be paid via BACS authorised by 2 authorised signatories:

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| **From** | **Reason** | **Amount** | **Approve/Ratify** |
| Becx Carter | Salary | £486.94 | Ratify |
| HMRC | PAYE | £128.20 | Ratify |
| CALC | Subscription | £375.82 | Approve |
| Cumbria Payroll Services | Payroll Fees | £244.80 | Approve |
| Derwent Owners association | Subscription | £50 | Approve |
| Jackson Hetherington | Grass Cutting | £295.00 | Approve |

**Action: Clerk to pay these accounts.**

#### To consider & approve the bank reconciliation and spend against budget reports.

**Resolved** by all that these be noted as received and signed as a true and accurate record.

1. *To consider & appoint the internal auditor for the forthcoming year.*

**Resolved** by all present that Mrs Rachel Kelly be appointed as the internal auditor for Broughton Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

**71/24 Councillor Matters**

* Concerns were noted about the ongoing lack of street cleaning/weed clearance on the pavements etc. This has been raised with Cumberland multiple times but no action every appears to be taken.

**72/24 Date & Time of Next meeting.**

**Resolved** by all that the meeting dates for Broughton Parish Council going forward be set as (all at 19:00 all in Christchurch):

21st May 2024 (APM & ACM)

18th June 2024

23rd July 2024

17th September 2024

22nd October 2024

26th November 2024

14th January 2025

Meeting closed 18:56

**Action: Clerk to agenda meeting start time for consideration at the May 2024 meeting**

Signed……………………………………………. (Chair) Dated………………………………………………..