

BRIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st March 2023

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mrs M. Light, Mr D. Wilson, Dr M. Greaves, Mr J. Myers and Ms S. Simcox

CLERK: Mrs D. Holliday

3 members of the public

1. Apologies of absence notified to the Clerk

Cllrs Cockburn, Kennon and Farebrother. The Council accepted their apologies.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 17th January 2023

Proposed by Cllr Myers and seconded by Cllr Wilson. Signed as a true record by Chairperson Light.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes held on the 17th January 2023

Minute 11: Installation brackets for the speed radar equipment have arrived.

Minute 12: New play equipment for play park has been ordered.

Minute 13: To be discussed at Agenda item 14.

4. To receive declarations of interest in respect of Matters on the Agenda

None

5. Police Matters

Clerk Holliday informed the Councillors that our PCSO has requested that the Council inform them of any external events.

The meeting will be suspended to allow the public to speak

Two residents of the Parish asked if there was any further information regarding the proposed dwelling in a field behind High Rigg. Cllr Greaves informed the residents that Allerdale Planning are still considering the application.

Our Shadow Cumberland Councillor spoke to explain how his role as Cumberland Councillor will work when he starts his position in April 2023. He will be covering the area which previously had 10 Councillors, so he will attend meetings when able to do so.

6. County and District Councillors reports

Clerk Holliday informed the Council that Cllrs Kennon and Farebrother had both sent a report for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May. They will no longer be Councillors after the 4th May 2023. Cllr Wilson suggested writing a letter of thanks to our Councillors for all their help and support over the years. This was Agreed by all the Councillors.

Clerk Holliday to write letters of thanks.

7. Correspondence

All relevant correspondence is forwarded to the Councillors and responded to as required.

Clerk Holliday explained there had been further requests for litter pickers and requested more to be purchased. All Councillors Agreed to the purchase of litter pickers.

Clerk Holliday to purchase litter pickers.

Chairperson Lights explained she had informed the company who brought a caravan through the village and down Stang Lanning that they had caused damage to the wall and the metal fence and that the owner of the Quarry had been informed. The caravan was not being delivered to Brigham Caravan Park.

Clerk Holliday explained she had seen information that the new 30mph speed limit for Low Road had been approved, but that the Council had not received formal notification.

8. Financial Matters

The Council remain within their budget and all spendings can be found on our website.

9. Grass cutting Tender

Clerk Holliday informed the Cllrs of the 3 Tender applications. The prices ranged from: £1425 a year (including Broughton Cross-on hold while access unsafe) to £2625 a year. The Parish Council discussed them all in detail and all AGREED to accept the cheaper quote.

Clerk Holliday to inform the successful applicant to commence 3-year grass cutting Tender in April 2023.

10. Brigham 10K

This event will be on 23rd April 2023. Clerk Holliday asked if the Cllrs would be providing a litter pick before and after the race as this has been done every time the event has been held. It was Agreed that this would be done this year. Clerk Holliday explained the Council has sourced 250 water bottles from United Utilities for the race.

Cllr Greaves to organise litter pick with Councillors and Clerk.

11. Planning Applications and Decision Notices

Ref: WTPO/2023/0006

Applicant: Mr Clegg

Proposal: Removal of dead hawthorn tree

Location: 27 St. Bridget's Close

Cllr Greaves explained that a Comment would not be submitted to Allerdale Planning. This is because Allerdale Planning Department have already informed the Council that they would not refuse applicants removals of trees in this location if deemed unsafe.

12. Community Plan update

Clerk Holliday asked Cllr Wilson if the Action Plan should be updated bi-monthly to ensure that the Plan is being utilised. Cllr Wilson Agreed to this.

Clerk Holliday to commence updating Action Plan after the bi-monthly meetings.

13. Emergency Plan update

Cllr Greaves explained that there is a requirement for cascading information in the Emergency Plan. Cllr Myers asked if a meeting with the people listed as contacts could be organised to ensure everyone is aware of what they need. Cllr Wilson also added that it would be helpful to check the volunteer list as well.

Cllr Greaves to organise meeting. Cllr Wilson to update the Emergency Plan for agreement at the next meeting.

14. Update from Council's working parties.

Planning and Flooding

Cllr Greaves updated the Council.

There has been no communication back from Allerdale's Kerry McCartney about the Ash Tree close to Gratone's garden. We suspect it may have a contribution to the flooding problems there.

Application FUL/2023/0025, for the (many times refused) building in field 0005 behind High Rigg and Ellerbeck Brow, is still under consideration by Allerdale. Although there are no supporting letters from the public, a possibly over-simplified assessment of the entrance has been made by Highways and has stated that it could potentially meet requirements as being a 'private drive'. The near neighbours have sent in pictures to try and explain and hopefully scale back what appears to the objectors to be folly.

Communication

Cllr Greaves updated the Council.

We are about to deliver issue 51 of the flier and the new volunteer deliverers all helped out in January. This month we will add a one-page sheet for the issue around the Broughton Cross Recreational Area.

There remain two houses in the parish who do not wish to receive one. We should give thought to whether we should deliver to the many people living at least part of the year in the Holiday Park.

We are in regular communication with parishioners and current subjects include closed footpaths – where advice from the Rambler's Association is being sought.

A Cascade Plan has been written to link into our Community Emergency Plan to serve as a record/guide for who to ring (if the 'phone networks are intact) and in which order.

Cllr Wilson remains on the CALC team for the GDF and sends through the information from there for sharing with many parish councils, including ours.

Finance

Cllr Greaves updated the Council.

A Community Partnership Grant was approved for The Memorial Hall and their application for solar panels. They have received the money and installation (by Eden Solar) should happen over Easter. This will involve scaffolding on the pavement for a short while. The work links into our Emergency Plan.

Our Precept has been increased but at a lower level than the main council's monies and certainly much lower than the Police and Fire commissioners' monies.

Open Spaces

Cllr Greaves updated the Council.

No progress by Tendley Quarry or CCC (after 14 months of reporting to Ms Davis-Johnson) on the re-fixing of the OG Road gatepost but they are aware and we'll be grateful when it's done.

Two (of 3) footpaths remain closed, FP216001 at Quarry Bank and FP216002 at East House Farm.

We about to deploy the traffic speed safety indicator device in Broughton Cross.

The situation with the Broughton Cross Recreational Area Trustees is unresolved but the Charity Commission are engaged with Brigham Parish Council in communication. We (and the public) do not know who really is a documented trustee or who the Chair is, so the course of action will involve asking the residents to form, via a slot at the annual meeting of the parish in May, a new committee and to formally document the electing of a Chair person. They can then take up correspondence with the Charity Commission directly.

The 5t limit on Stan Lonning was exceeded in February when a mobile home was being delivered and the company went off what was the expected transport route. The Police declined to intervene.

Request EI/132698 has been submitted to Highways to try and reduce the amount of long and/or wide vehicles coming though the parish following Satnav, for example down Hotchberry Road or along High Brigham, by installing road signage saying 'narrow road ahead' etc.

15. Members Queries

Cllr Wilson informed the Council that there would be a National Public Warning System Emergency Bleep on the 23rd April 2023. It will be activated on all 4G and 5G phones and will alarm even if mobile set to

silent. This alarm is going to be useful to inform residents either on a National or Local level if there is an Emergency they need to be informed about.

Cllr Wilson informed the Council that he had attended several sessions of the GDF open day and will attend the CALC new Council briefing meeting and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk Holliday explained she had reported all the pot holes on Stang Lanning and that some of the responses from HIMS state they need further information even though what3words and a photo had been submitted. Cllr Myers stated this has happened when he has submitted potholes also. Cllr Greaves explained that the exact location needs to be used. Chairperson Light also explained that [potholes will only be filled in if the relevant documents have been submitted and that the team allocated to repair potholes can only repair the ones they have been allocated to do.

Cllr Wilson asked the Council if they would be interested in organising something for the King Charles' Coronation on the 6th May 2023. Clerk Holliday explained what had been organised for previous Coronations.

Coronation for King Edward VII on 9th August 1902: Decided to celebrate the event in a similar way to what was done for the Jubilee of 1897. All children of school age or under a tea and arrange sports and prizes. A good substantial meal to people over 60 years of age. Have a bonfire. Mr Paisley offered Low Rough woods at the disposal of the inhabitants for the day and would arrange for an ample supply of water and a location at the Craggs for the bonfire.

Coronation for George V on 22nd June 1911, George VI on 12th May 1937, Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953: documented that a public meeting would be organised to discuss festivities.

The Councillors all Agreed to discuss ideas and then organise a meeting to formalise any plans.
Clerk Holliday to publicise meeting to residents.

16. Elections

Clerk Holliday explained the Election process and handed out Nomination Papers. They would remain Councillors until the 4th May 2023 and if they are unopposed they would just need to sign a declaration form. She advised the Councillors that if they are standing for re-election they could hand their completed forms to her and she would submit to Allerdale Borough Council for checking and submission. The documents have also been put on Facebook, the website and in the noticeboards.

17. Date of next Meeting: 16th May 2023

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