

BRIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 5th January 2021 at 7pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mrs M. Light, Dr M. Greaves, Mr D. Wilson, Miss S. Simcox, Mr J. Myers and Mr R. Barber
COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr A. Kennon, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Mrs N. Cockburn, CLERK: Mrs D. Holliday
Planning Manager: Mr S. Sharp

1. Apologies of absence notified to the Clerk

District Cllr: Mrs J. Farebrother

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd November 2020

Proposed by Cllr Wilson and Seconded by Cllr Myers. To be signed as a true record by Chairperson Light.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes held on the 3rd November 2020

Minute 6: To be discussed at Agenda Item 6

Minute 11: To be discussed at Agenda Item 10

Minute 13: To be discussed at Agenda Item 11

Minute 14: Clerk Holliday reported that the hedge near the school had been cut back slightly in the previous few weeks.

Minute 16: Clerk Holliday reported that at least 70 Comments had been given regarding the paper copy of the flier. It was felt that a lot of residents still found it valuable to have it delivered. A lot of residents still do not have access to the internet/Facebook. Cllr Greaves asked if all Councillors happy with this and they all agreed for it to remain printed.

Minute 17: Cllr Wilson reported that after discussions with Mr S. Sharp it was decided that the Planning Department had all the information they required regarding the Genesis Homes build at St. Bridget's Close.

Minute 18: Cllr Greaves stated the Objection to the TPO on the tree in the Pound had been submitted to the Planning Department.

Minute 19: Cllr Greaves stated he had met the new residents from the shop, and they are happy for the Parish notice board to stay on their building and are aware we would be happy to promote their business when appropriate.

Minute 21: Clerk Holliday explained she had been put in contact via Cllr Kennon to the appropriate person and the requests for the repositioning of the no through road sign and removal of the 60mph sign on Old Greysouthen Road had been submitted.

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

None

5. The meeting will be suspended to allow the public to speak

None present. Questions from residents will be Minuted at the appropriate Agenda item.

6. Police Matters

Cllr Simcox reported that yet again the community speed laser training had been put on hold again due to the pandemic.

Cllr Simcox to organise dates as soon as Government rules allow.

7. County and District Councillors reports

Cllr Kennon stated that Highways were looking into a suitable location for the Long wagon sign to stop them coming down Hotchberry Road and that he had no update regarding the Brigham/Broughton Roundabout.

8. Correspondence

All appropriate correspondence is sent to the Councillors.

Questions from residents are either dealt with at the time or will be discussed at the appropriate agenda item.

The Clerk explained that the Council had been asked to help publicise the Census that was happening this year and that she had already completed the requested documents.

9. Financial Matters

a, finances

Clerk Holliday reported that there is approximately £8000 in the bank. This figure needs to keep building as this year the benches will need painted and none of the bins/notice boards have been replaced so far. The Playpark will also require new equipment in the next few years.

b, cheque signing

Clerk's wages and HMRC (Dec)	£169.34
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Xmas lights prizes	£60.00
Land Registry Searchx2	£6.00

c, precept

The Cllrs all agreed that the Precept should remain at a 0% increase for the next financial year as several more houses will be paying and there will be an actual overall increase.

Clerk Holliday stated this would mean the precept would be £11,400, an increase of £275.

Clerk Holliday to submit completed form to Allerdale Borough Council

10. Christmas Lights Competition and Decorations

Clerk Holliday explained there were 25 entries this year and the whole Parish looked amazing. All the Councillors agreed.

1st- 29 The Hill

2nd- Gate Ghyll

3rd- 11 Butterfields

Cllr Barber stated that a special mention needed to be given to 7 Derwent Row as they did an exceptionally good job with the space available.

There was discussion from the Cllrs regarding changing the way prizes are given considering that more residents are entering, and this will be discussed further at the November 2021 meeting.

11. Broughton Cross recreational area

Cllr Wilson asked the Cllrs if they had all read the letter that he sent them regarding the request from the current Chairperson of the Broughton Cross recreational area. They all stated they had read it and were happy with the content. Cllr Wilson explained that the Chairperson needs to call a meeting and Cllr Myers agreed and said this was important due to legal matters. Cllr Wilson stated one trustee needs to be someone nominated from school and one nominated by the Parish Council. Cllr Barber was asked to organise this for the school as he is a school governor. Cllr Barber agreed and asked if it needed to be someone from school, but the reply was that it could be anyone the school appoints. There also needs to be someone nominated by the Parish Council once the meeting is organised.

Clerk Holliday to organise letter to be sent to the Chairperson of the Trust.

12. Parking at the top of Cockermouth Lonning

Clerk Holliday explained there had been 4 complaints about the trailer parked on the junction of Cockermouth Lonning as it had a sign on it saying no one was to park in front of it and it is tied to a tree on

someone else's land. The trailer also should have lights on it. Cllr Greaves stated he would speak to the owners regarding a resolution to the situation.

Cllr Greaves to discuss the trailer with the owner.

13. Flooding issues

Clerk Holliday informed the Councillors that a resident had requested assistance with the flooding down Hotchberry Road and to have a grit bin installed. During the cold period, the road had become icy and was dangerous when driving from their property.

Cllr Wilson informed the Council that he had met with Mr Sharp at a meeting on Low Road regarding issues relating to flooding at the East Quarry, caravan park, the Cut and St. Bridget's Close. Cllr Wilson asked if everyone had read the report he had sent after the meeting and the Councillors stated they had. **(Appendix 1.)**

14. Grass cutting Tender

Clerk Holliday explained that the next financial year would be the last year of the 3-year contract with the current contractor and asked if everyone was happy with the grass cutting provided. All Councillors agreed that they were happy with the work.

Clerk Holliday to inform the contractor to commence work in the next financial year.

15. Planning Applications and Decision Notices

Mr Sharp was asked by the Council to explain the decision regarding putting a TPO on the tree in the Pound. Mr Sharp explained the TPO process and that a resident had informed the Planning Department the Parish Council wanted to remove it. Clerk Holliday explained that she had discussed the matter with Mrs McCartney from the Planning Department and that she had no issues with the removal of the tree as it was not on their land. She was also informed it was on land that the Parish Council held historic responsibility for but also did not own but that there was concern regarding the structure of the Pound being damaged. Mr Sharp stated that a tree with a TEMPO assessment would have a TPO put on it but that a TEMPO score of 14 meant it was TPO defensible, meaning there is a strong reason to put a TPO on the tree. The Councillors asked many questions about the TEMPO assessment and Mr Sharp stated he would forward the assessment to the Clerk for distribution to the Councillors. Cllr Greaves asked if the date for further representations is the 30th March, and this was confirmed by Mr Sharp. Mr Sharp after much discussion then stated he would ensure the TPO was discussed at the Development Panel for a decision. The Councillors were happy with this resolution. Cllr Greaves informed the Councillors that he had discussed the serving of the TPO to the Parish Council and that no one knows who owns the land. He then asked Mr Sharp who have they served the TPO to as it must be served to the landowner? Mr Sharp stated that he had a lot of experience in these Matters and that it is often complicated.

Clerk Holliday to forward TEMPO assessment to the Councillors.

Cllr Wilson asked Mr Sharp about the TPO's on the trees at St. Bridget's close as they were very close to people's homes. Mr Sharp answered that they were in discussion with Genesis Homes regarding their plan on planting trees on the site and other issues. The process of removing the TPO's on the trees on the corner of the site (Church Corner) was a formal process and he is not saying he would support chopping the trees down as they have a high amenity value.

Chairperson Light asked about the play equipment which should have been installed many months ago. Mr Sharp stated he was aware of this issue and was in discussions with Genesis Homes.

Cllr Wilson asked Mr Sharp if the Council could request TPO's on any tree in the Parish and explained that there is significant evidence of Ash die back in the Parish. Mr Sharp replied that anyone can put a request in but that at present they were struggling with resources.

Cllr Greaves asked why the owner of East Quarry had not been served Notice to repair the surrounding walls. Cumbria County Council have been very clear who owns the Quarry walls, and they are in a dangerous state of repair. Mr Sharp stated that the person working on it was on long term sick and was to be progressed.

Cllr Greaves asked Mr Sharp regarding a resident's request for information on a container which is being moved around a field in the Parish. Mr Sharp explained the regulations on Planning and that they used size, performance and fixing to the ground to inform their decisions on what is classed as a development. There is also the issue of what the structure is being used for, for example a field used for agriculture can only use containers to hold things relating to agriculture.

Cllr Greaves to inform the resident of these rules and regulations.

Cllr Myers asked Mr Sharp if the offer of Planning teaching sessions were still available. Mr Sharp stated that he could offer 2x45 mins sessions to discuss planning law and examples.

Clerk Holliday to liaise with Mr Sharp to organise the teaching sessions.

Chairperson Light thanked Mr Sharp for attending the meeting and he left the meeting.

Cllr Greaves spoke to the Cllrs and stated the issue with the Quarry walls has been going on for years and there are still legal people working at Allerdale Borough Council who could deal with it. If Cumbria County Council have told them to serve the Notice under the Road Safety Act, then we need to keep pushing them to do it. Cllr Cockburn asked Cllr Greaves to write to her and Cllr Farebrother regarding this issue.

Cllr Greaves to write to Cllrs Farebrother and Cockburn for support

Cllr Cockburn spoke to say she was very angry regarding the large removal of trees on the Genesis Homes site. There was no discussion regarding the visual impact from Great Broughton.

Cllr Greaves reported that the application (OUT/2020/0010) to build a bungalow outside the village settlement limit at Ellerbeck Brow has been refused by Allerdale and the main reason is because it does not fit with Allerdale's Local Plan.

Cllr Greaves gave an update on the widening of an access onto a resident's property. The development on their land is classed as Permitted Development. However, Highways had not responded to the issue of the dropped kerb.

Clerk Holliday to request a resolution to this issue from Highways.

16. Update from Council's working parties

Chairperson Light stated she had spoken to her contact at Tendley Quarry regarding the repair of the gate at the top of Old Greysouthen Road. They have said it should be done in the next few months.

Cllr Greaves reported that the discussions around the suitability of the pipe at The Cut under the road at Kirkcross/St. Bridget's Close continue and The Local Flood Group have met Andrew Harrison about the pumping costs from the East Quarry back over to The Cut.

Cllr Greaves reported that the Memorial Hall and Social Club remain closed.

17. Members Queries

Cllr Wilson stated he had noticed that this Autumn he saw clear evidence that the Ash trees lost their leaves in September and the trees worst affected by Ash die back are down Cockermouth Lanning.

Cllr Simcox reported that residents at Derwent Row had complained regarding dogs not being in control by their owners when on or off a lead and heated discussions with owners. Clerk Holliday reminded the Council that this issue was out of their control and that the people affected had to report it to the Police or Street Scenes themselves.

Cllr Greaves to provide this information in the flier.

18. Matters for the next meeting

Assessment of Assets

19. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Appendix 1.

Meeting held with Mrs D. Standen, Cllrs Myers and Wilson and Mr S. Sgarp from Allerdale Planning Department.

The Quarry Flooding Committee are looking for some form of compensation for the cost of pumping and maintenance of the pumps at the Woodyard which may be contained within Genesis' planning application and agreement given that the dumping of the soil and rubble within the then Kirkcross Quarry had disrupted the natural flow of water out from the Cut. Also, that, in no way, should the residents of Low Road and businesses within the East Quarry be responsible for the maintenance of the pipe which now provides the outflow from the Cut, under the road, and into the Kirkcross Pond. On this, Mr Sharp assured this would not be the case. On the former, he agreed to look again at the documentation to see if anything could be done with regard to compensation.

We discussed (again) the issues of drainage from High Brigham and the problems which would/may be encountered with Andrew Harrison's idea of an attenuation pond higher up in the Quarry as this is dependent on the permission of the landowner (!) and also the prohibitive cost of diverting the water away from the Quarry. Mr Sharp did say he would look again at the plans for the outlet pipe from the Cut to see if any modification was possible, but that this had all been signed off.

The possibility of pumping water out of the Cut into the public drains was mentioned, but only really in passing.

Other issues discussed were:

The awful fence - ABC are requiring Genesis to provide some form of landscaping to hide the fencing in front of the Church. This is likely to take the form of trees planted within baskets to retain the roots and so restrict growth. I did point out that the extension of the board fence on the northern perimeter was not on the Plans. As for the section on Low Road where there is a steep drop, ABC are requiring remedial action to make this safe. Mr Sharp is also aware that the entrance to the estate should be a wall.

Trees - It is accepted that the houses have been built too close to the trees. Although TPOs are in place for the trees at the moment, it would be very unlikely that ABC would object to the felling of a particular tree if the householder applied in the future on the grounds of danger and/or structural damage. ABC are requiring Genesis to plant appropriate trees within the estate.

Buses – Mr Sharp assured us that, in any future development application in Allerdale where a bus route was disrupted, a clause would be included for the developer to provide an alternate service.

Mud on the roads - This had been a prolonged concern and Mr Sharp was well aware of the problems which had been caused, and, similarly with:

Contractors' Vehicles and parking on Low Road.

Mrs Standen asked Mr Sharp if there was a need for a Post Development Review, but he basically said that this was not necessary as it would add little, if anything, to what ABC knew already about this development.