

BRIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th of July 2022

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mr D. Wilson, Dr M. Greaves, Miss S. Simcox, Mr J. Myers

County Councillor: Mr A. Kennon

District Councillor: Mrs J. Farebrother

CLERK: Mrs D. Holliday

3 residents of the Parish

1. Apologies of absence notified to the Clerk

Mrs N. Cockburn, Mrs M. Light and Mrs J. Hutchings

The Council accepted the Apologies given.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd of May 2022

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council- Proposed by Cllr Simcox and Seconded by Cllr Myers and signed as a true record by Vice-Chairperson Wilson.

Meeting of the Parish Council - Proposed by Cllr Simcox and Seconded by Cllr Myers and signed as a true record by Vice-Chairperson Wilson.

Annual Meeting of the Parish – agreed as a true record of the meeting

3. Matters arising from the Minutes held on the 3rd of May 2022

Minute 11. Cllr Greaves happy with the quality of the printing of the flier with the Parish printer.

Minute 17. Only 1 response from Allerdale Planning which has been forwarded to Cllr Wilson.

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

One resident asked the Council regarding help on the legal regulations on external lighting. Their house is overlooked by two houses who have external lights which shine into their house, and it is causing negative issues. Cllr Myers offered to look into the regulations and get back to them.

One resident discussed community activities and the usage of the recreation area on Old Greysouthen Road. Resident advised to contact the Chairperson of the Trust responsible for the recreation area. Advised that there is already a lot of community activities in the Parish, most of which are held at the Memorial Hall, but they are welcome to organise extra activities.

6. Police Matters

All Police issues can be found at www.cumbria.police.uk

Clerk Holliday informed the Council that she had met with our PCSO regarding several issues being brought up by residents.

1. Children playing “knock on doors,” causing distress to residents. The PCSO agreed to speak to residents and speak to the children involved.
2. Food being left on Old Greysouthen Road and surrounding footpaths. The PCSO advised that residents continue to report any suspicious activities, but witnesses are required for any specific action to be done.
3. Parking on the highway leading to residents being verbally abused and harassed. The PCSO took photographs and stated would discuss the issues with Highways. Highways have said, no breaking of

the legislation is being committed but that verbal abuse and harassment is a police matter and residents should report these encounters to the Police.

7. County and District Councillors report

Cllr Kennon reported that there has been significant graffiti damage to public areas in Cockermouth. He also stated he would not be standing again for our new Councillor.

Cllr Farebrother reported back on the Genesis Homes complaints being resolved. The path and fence outside 3 properties has been repaired and is now much safer. The recently planted trees opposite the Church is on Highways land, but they appear to be doing nothing about it. Genesis are adamant they own the land.

8. Correspondence

All appropriate correspondence is sent to the Cllrs and any questions for the Council will be discussed at the corresponding Agenda Item.

9. Financial Matters

a, discussion about finances, within budget

b, Clerk Holliday stated herself and Cllr Myers had met to discuss the budget for the next 3 years and a written copy given to the Councillor's for comments. No comments given.

c, yearly audit submitted

10. Radar speed sign

Clerk Holliday gave the Councillors a quote for a radar speed sign which has all the functions they are requiring. There was discussion between the Councillor's, and they all agreed they were happy with the price of £2700

Clerk Holliday to order one radar speed sign.

11. Old Greysouthen Road

Cllr Greaves informed the Councillor's that this is still being dealt with by Highways and that they are trying to locate the adoption papers. He will continue to ask for updates.

12. Footpaths update

Cllr Greaves explained that a resident has walked all the footpaths in the Parish and sent in a written report. This needs to be sent to Mr D. Gibson at the County Council. Cllr Wilson stated that of the 3 footpaths only 1 of them is open. There are new United Utilities signs saying one of them is going to be reopened. This led to discussion about the agricultural lane starting on Hotchberry Road, Cllr Farebrother had spoken to Hazel Wainwright about it, and it is a public right of way despite the sign on the entrance saying it was private. Cllr Greaves stated the right of way goes up to the gate only.

Clerk Holliday to forward report to Mr D. Gibson

13. Planning Applications and Decision Notices

Proposal: Replacement of external WC, new wheelchair access and new LED lighting for footpath,

Location: St. Bridget's Church, Brigham

Decision: Full Planning Permission given with conditions.

Cllr Greaves informed the Cllrs the Parish Council response had been submitted.

14. Community Plan new draft

Cllr Wilson asked that the Council now publicise the new draft for comments.

Cllrs to circulate 5 paper copies of the plan to residents for feedback and Clerk Holliday to direct residents via Facebook to find the documents on the website.

15. Emergency Plan

Cllr Wilson asked if the Emergency Plan could be emailed to Kate McGibbon, Community Resilience Officer as he was unsure if they had a copy. Cllr Greaves discussed the Memorial Hall's idea of installing Solar Panels to the roof, which would mean that emergency electricity power would be available in the event of an emergency power cut.

Clerk Holliday to forward a copy of the Emergency Plan

Cllr Greaves to discuss with the Memorial Hall their decision to install solar panels.

16. Update from Council's working parties

Cllr Myers informed the Councillors that he had still not had a reply to his planning concerns and that he had complained to the appropriate person and was awaiting a reply.

17. Members Queries

Cllr Myers asked the Councillors their views on the overgrowth leading up the path to the Parish Council playpark.

18. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 20th September 2022

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