

BRIGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st March 2022

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mrs M. Light, Mr D. Wilson, Miss S. Simcox, Mr J. Myers and Mrs J. Hutchings

CLERK: Mrs D. Holliday

2 residents of the Parish

1. Apologies of absence notified to the Clerk

Mrs N. Cockburn, Mrs J. Farebrother, Mr A. Kennon and Dr M. Greaves.

The Council accepted the Apologies given.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd November 2021

Proposed by Cllr Myers and Seconded by Cllr Hutchings and signed as a true record by Chairperson Light.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes held on the 11th January 2022

Minute 10. Precept accepted by Allerdale

Minute 13. To be discussed at Agenda item 21

Minute 15. Footpath at Broughton Cross added to grass cutting Tender

Minute 16. To be discussed at Agenda item 13

Minute 17. To be discussed at Agenda item 14

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

No comments

6. Police Matters

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

Cllr Simcox informed the Council that we are still waiting to have the Community Speed Radar equipment back and that it may be useful to link up with Bridgefoot and other teams along the A595 so that we get the equipment more often. It's disappointing that numerous people said they wanted the Community Speed Radar for the Parish, only 4 people outside the Parish Council offered to help.

Cllr Simcox discussed the purchase and locations for the Speed Indicator Device (SIDs). The three locations would be Ellerbeck Brow, Derwent Row and Low Road. Clerk Holliday stated a resident had requested Hotchberry Road is considered as a location as well.

The Council all Agreed to purchase a Speed Indicator Device.

Clerk and Councillors to look for devices and to agree on specific purchase at next meeting.

7. County and District Councillors report

Cllr Cockburn sent in a report to be disseminated.

I am now on the Joint Committee for setting up the new Cumberland Authority and the Local Government Panel. The new Government Panel will mean that there will need to be a new Local Plan for Planning as our new Authority covers 3 areas. The CCC executive "fighting the Unitary decision" Judicial Review failed again, and they are considering their position. They can go to the Supreme Court.

Cllr Farebrother sent in a report to be disseminated.

Still waiting for feedback from the site meeting at St. Bridget's Estate. The new interim Planning Manager at Allerdale is now in post and has been asked to follow up on the issues raised. Highways have confirmed that the road verge that Genesis planted with trees belongs to them.

The new Education and Enforcement Office has agreed to paint yellow dog poo enforcement signs around the village and that the team would be visiting the Parish to observe for offenders.

Remember to discuss the Climate Change Grant.

8. Correspondence

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

- Friends of St. Bridget's have asked if the Brigham 10K could be mentioned in the flier. It will be held on the 20th March 2022. *Cllr Greaves already aware to include this in the next flier.*
- Reports of further dropping of chocolate, food, Dettol and slug pellets on Old Greysouthen Road and surrounding paths. *Residents advised to report any incidents*
- Dog fouling has increased. *New yellow dog fouling signs in place around the Parish and some site visits to be performed by Allerdale Borough Council.*
- Speeding on Hotchberry Road. *Area to be considered for speed radar sign location and community speed radar initiative.*

9. Financial Matters

The Council remains within their budget.

All spendings can be found at www.brighamparishcouncil.org.uk

10. Planning Applications and Decision Notices

None

11. Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Wilson updated the Councillors regarding the Local Government reorganisation as detailed in his report circulated to the Councillors. The process of handing over to the new authorities is very complex and District and County Councillors will be replaced by less Councillors to cover larger areas. This has meant some Councillors have decided not to continue their position when the new authorities come into action.

12. Broughton Cross recreation area

Cllr Wilson stated he nothing to report as we are still awaiting a meeting to be set up by the Chairperson of the Trust.

13. Old Greysouthen Road

Cllr Greaves via email informed the Council that he had received a reply from Highways regarding vehicles being driven through the No Through Road. They are wanting more information which will be sent to them.

14. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Clerk Holliday informed the Council that a Brigham and Broughton Cross Jubilee Celebrations Facebook page had been set up and already had 6 residents willing to help organise some events for the Jubilee. The Clerk stated she would attend the meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. Highways had responded to say that the road outside the Memorial Hall could be closed following the correct application.

Clerk Holliday to relay this information at the Jubilee Groups first meeting and if this is required to commence the procedure to apply for a road closure.

15. Allerdale Climate Change Action Plan/Nature Recovery/Parish Land Use

Cllr Wilson discussed the Climate Change Action Plan that had been circulated to the Councillors and that he had incorporated some of the actions into the Community Plan.

Clerk Holliday spoke, to say the Gardener's Club had contacted the Parish Council about turning some of the areas in the Parish into wildflower areas and that she had met with the Chairperson to show her the locations of the areas the Parish Council were in the process of doing this with. There was also a fund to apply for free wildflower plugs and seeds from the Cumbria Wildlife Trust to take part in the "Get Cumbria Buzzing's The Big Plant" and the Clerk stated the application had gone in and had been successful. The amount to be given would cover approximately half the area planned for planting. The Councillors all Agreed that this fits in with their plans to assist with nature recovery. Clerk Holiday asked on the Gardener's behalf regarding extra funding so that all the areas could be planted at the same time. The Gardener's had not applied for donations over the past 2 years.

It was agreed that £150 would be given towards the project.

Clerk Holliday to inform the Gardener's Club of their successful application for funding towards the project and to assist with publicising the event.

16. GDF Community Investment Fund

Cllr Wilson explained the new Allerdale Partnership had had their first meeting and currently had 6 members. Cllr Wilson discussed the Community Investment Fund and that we should think of what we could apply for. It would be a good resource for the Broughton Cross recreational area improvement. Cllr Wilson also discussed the invitation from the current Chair of the Partnership to meet up with the Parish Councillor's or attend a meeting to discuss any issues or questions we may have. Cllr Wilson suggested that they organise an informal meeting with her, so we don't have to wait until our next meeting. All Councillors Agreed with this plan.

Cllr Wilson to organise meeting with the Chair of the Allerdale Partnership.

17. Community Plan new draft

Cllr Wilson talked through the draft Community Plan that had been circulated to the Councillors and displayed on the screen for everyone to see. All Councillors were in Agreement of its content.

Cllr Wilson to circulate completed Community Plan prior to the May meeting.

18. Emergency Plan

Cllr Wilson asked for comments about what the Parish Council needed to do regarding purchasing equipment to be stored at the Memorial Hall in the event there was an Emergency requiring the use of the hall and there being no power. There were discussions regarding generators, equipment and insurance implications. Clerk Holliday pointed out that all these items would need to be serviced, renewed and may never be required. It was suggested that residents would be asked to loan equipment to the hall if required, for example sleeping bags, battery lights and portable gas stoves.

Councillors to consider ways of organising equipment loan

19. 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.

20. Members Queries

None

21. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Signed.....

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