

ANNUAL MEETING OF BRIGHAM PARISH

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd May 2022

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

County Councillor: Mr A. Kennon

CLERK: Mrs D. Holliday

1. Chairpersons' report

Cllr Light thanked the Councillors for their work over the past year and especially Cllr Wilson for the work on the Emergency Plan and Community Plan. We have had several online meetings to ensure we were able to continue to meet.

2. Clerks report

Clerk Holliday stated that it had been a busy year despite the limitations caused by the covid pandemic and that the use of virtual attendance in future meetings will be beneficial to ensure meetings can go ahead as we still have 3 councillor vacancies.

3. Working parties and sub-committee's report

Business: Cllr Myers stated that Cllr Light and himself had not attended the Tendley Quarry as it had been postponed due to covid restrictions. They visited all businesses and left their contact details.

Planning: Cllr Greaves explained that it had been a quiet year for planning issues and that the three main issues were; the application of a dwelling outside the village boundary, building work at Scales Farm and new dropped kerbs.

Finance: Clerk Holliday explained the Council remained in budget.

Flooding: Cllr Wilson discussed the new drains installed at Hotchberry, Church Lane and Stoneybeck. The dumping of waste at the Quarry on Stan Lonning had been dealt with.

Communication: Cllr Greaves discussed the flier and the requirement to find a new way of printing it.

Quality: Cllr Wilson explained that the improvement work to the pavements at the St. Bridget's estate was being dealt with by Allerdale Planning and District Cllr J. Farebrother, along with the planting of trees by Genesis Homes on land which they do not own.

4. County Councillor report

Alan Kennon, County Councillor - written report.

My District Cockermouth South includes the Parishes of Dean, Greysouthen, Brigham with Broughton Cross and Little Clifton. During this time the majority of meetings have been conducted virtually using online platforms such as Zoom or Teams. These have been an excellent method to keep contact with most if not all parishes during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Local Committee for Allerdale
- Allerdale Highways and Transport Working Group
- Scrutiny Advisory Board – Communities and Place

Funding for various schemes from my local area allowance to improve the town and surrounding areas has been reduced to £2000 per member this year and into the future.

Cockermouth:

- £2,000 Cockermouth Town Council – Memorial Gardens toilets (£1,000 each from you and Catherine

– members allowance)

- £5,000 Cockermouth Wasps (Rugby) – new outdoor games area (£500 from you and Catherine)
- £800 Kirkgate Arts – new hearing loop
- £2,000 Cockermouth Football Club – new goal posts (your members allowance committed last year but paid this year)
- £2,200 Highfield Food pantry
- £2,200 Kings Church meal share
- £500 Cockermouth Titans – flooring (members allowance you and Catherine)
- £1,000 Cockermouth Scouts – new lighting (members allowance you and Catherine)
- £3,000 Aphid control project (will be delivered this Spring/Summer)

Allerdale wide:

- Digital inclusion project (digital support handbook and borrowing device scheme)
 - Adult Learning (1:1 support)
 - Christmas food parcel project
 - Hardship funding grants - food, utilities, white goods. Allerdale wide project but payments administered by Cockermouth Rotary.
 - Youth survey
 - Teenage sexual health e-clinic pilot
 - Right 2 Work – supporting disengaged young people
 - Cumbria Family Support – supporting with family disputes
 - DWP youth hub
 - CADAS – youth champion project
 - Cumbria Youth Alliance – Dreamscheme project
 - Centre for Leadership Performance – additional support for vulnerable people to apply for the Dream Placement programme
 - Street Tag – youth activity app
 - Cumbria Youth Alliance – Friday Night Youth Projects (includes Amplify which King's Church run from The Hub in Market Place)
 - Every Life Matters - suicide awareness training and sessions for young people
- Alan Kennon – Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07787551073 or email alan.kennon@cumbria.gov.uk

5. District Councillor's report

Janet Farebrother, District Councillor – written report

St. Bridget's. After the site visit in January, I sent a map from County Highways, clearly showing that the Highways verge does not belong to Genesis Homes. Although they have received this information they disagree. County Highways don't appear to be taking any action and the contact is Peter Barnard. Also, Genesis Homes have submitted a plan for the footways which was not acceptable. I have tried to find out what next, but I have had no response to date.

6. Members of the public invited to speak

None present.

7. Members of the Council invited to speak

No further comments.

8. Date of next meeting: 16th May 2023