**BROUGHTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman: Mr Rob Ives Clerk: Rev’d Judith Morgan**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18th April 2017**

**Present: Parish Councillors** Rob Ives, Raymond Thynne, John Berry, Thomas Armstrong and

Paul Tweddle.

 **County Councillor** Keith Little

 **Parish Clerk** Judith Morgan

*Councillor Rob Ives in the Chair*

**140/16 Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Elaine Martin and Marjorie Harrison, County and District Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes and from PCSOClare Parker

**141/16 Requests for Dispensations –** there were none.

**142/16 Declarations of interest –** there were none.

**143/16 Public Section –** None.

**144/16 Police Matters** – None.

**145/16 Minutes**

On the proposal of Councillor J Berry, seconded by Councillor P Tweddle, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2017 were approved and signed as a truerecord.

**146/16 Matters arising from the Minutes**

1. Further to minute 126/16 and on the proposal of Cllr R Ives, seconded by Cllr R Thynne, it was resolved that a donation of £200 be sent to the WLSI with the recommendation that they also apply to the Broughton Moor Wind Farm Fund. **Action: JM**
2. Further to Minute 128/16 iii) an email from Mrs R Hindle was read and received.
3. Further to Minute 128/16 vi)
4. It was reported that the handyman had painted the vintage sign post and strimmed around the base. The post had been mistakenly reported as having been straightened and County Cllr K Little agreed to arrange with County Highways for this to be done. **Action: KL**
5. ISS estimate for renovation of Moorfields Bus Shelter, if appropriate to their workload, still awaited. **Action: JM**
6. Cllr T Armstrong presented a quotation he had secured from Messrs Nicholson for repairs to the footpath behind his property, of £1600.00 plus VAT. As the Parish Council has no power to instruct this work to be carried out, it was resolved that the estimate be kept on file. County Cllr K Little agreed to meet with Councillor T Armstrong and to ask Guy Timperley to visit, too. It was hoped that some progress could be made on this matter before the May meeting of the Parish Council. **Action: KL & TA**
7. County Cllr K Little reported that he had asked for all drains through the village to be checked and blockages removed, and this had been done.

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1. The clerk reported that the village handyman wire brushed and repainted the public seat on Church Road near the old tennis court, cut back vegetation and litterpicked at the same site. Councillors agreed that he had done a good job.
2. County Cllr K Little apprised the Parish Council on the current situation regarding the unauthorised encampment at Linefoot.
3. Further to Minute 130/16, further quotes were being sought for new locks, Council agreed that an upper limit of £200 be set for this work and Cllr R Thynne be authorised to order as appropriate. **Action: RT**
4. Cllr T Armstrong advised that the replacement locks for the noticeboard were on order and should be fitted within a week. **Action: TA**

**147/16 Planning Matters** – there were none.

**148/16 Community Centre**

 A request was received from St Columba’s Church to use the Community Centre for a PCC meeting on 31st May – this was agreed. **Action: JM**

**149/16 Wind Farm Report**

The Council heard that two payments had been made recently. One to St Columba’s Church for assistance with grass cutting in the Churchyard (£1600.00) and the other to Cuddly Koalas (£1,000). A further application was under consideration from the Over 60’s group and the Advisory Group would recommend acceptance of CCF’s advice on this matter.

**150/16 Proposal re Basketball Court**

A further email from the Head of Broughton Moor School was read and received. Clerk to contact Mr Brotherhood to advise that the Parish Council would prefer an initial agreement to run for five years.

**151/16 Parish Plan**

The following were noted:

* Cllr R Ives had received permission from the owner of the boat to take and use it as a planter. County Cllr K Little agreed to source a map of the village showing which pieces of land are owned by whom. **Action: KL**
* County Cllr Little advised that County Highways will cut all verges though the village twice per year, to a depth of one metre from the roadside, to provide visibility splays.
* Cllr T Armstrong confirmed that Cllr M Harrison is looking to source planters for the area around the bus stop opposite the school, clerk had checked the budget allocation in 2017/18 precept figures for same, allocation for all open space development work was £1,000. It was felt that this could be a joint project for the Parish Council and the School. **Action: MH and JM**
* County Cllr K Little advised the Parish Council that litter picking may be seen as taking work away from Allerdale employees and that the Street Scene Officer should be contacted in this regard.
* Volunteers had removed the paint and vegetation from in and around the Bus Shelter on Seaton Road and this had been taken to the Allerdale Waste facility at a cost of £30. A further clear up had taken place and Allerdale had removed the bagged waste within 24 hours of being asked.

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* It was noted that United Utilities vehicles park on the grass verge near the old tennis courts when checking the pumping station and the grass verge is being chewed up as a result. County Cllr K Little advised that County Highways may put hard core there if UU were to request it. **Action: JM**
* **C**lerk to report to ABC Environmental Health, fly tipping at the gate to the former RNAD site on Seaton Road – mainly polystyrene and plastic. **Action: JM**
* Quad bikes and a motor bike being ridden in fields amongst sheep had been reported to the police.
* The possibility of a Summer ‘Open House’ for local residents, and/or a newsletter, were discussed but no resolution made.
* Clerk to ask ISS to cut back the overgrown verge on the tennis court site. **Action: JM**

*Cllr T Armstrong and County Cllr K Little left the meeting at this point (8.00pm)*

**152/16 Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were received:

1. Notification from ABC that the first half of the 2017/18 precept had been paid by BACS transfer.
2. Letter from J Burcow, Speaker of the House of Commons, re Parliament Week 2017 – passed to Cllr R Ives.
3. Email from Cllr C McCarron-Holmes, re trophy given to Broughton Moor in memory of her late husband. Cllr McCarron-Holmes felt that this could be used for a competition in the village. Clerk to write to Mrs C Ferguson to ask about the trophy’s whereabouts. Councillors to give consideration to what type of competition this could be used for. **Action: JM and All.**

**153/16 Playingfield Inspection Report**

No new report received.

**154/16 Finance**

1. Cheques to be issued;

The following were agreed:

101456 HMRC (PAYE) £ 66.20

101457 Rev J Morgan (Salary and Expenses) £315.72

101458 West Lakes Squirrel Initiative (Donation) £200.00

**155/16 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 16th May 2017 Annual Village Meeting at 7.00pm to be followed by Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm**.**

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