**BROUGHTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman: Mr Thomas Armstrong Clerk: Rev’d J Morgan**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th September 2019 in Broughton Moor Community Centre**

**Present: Parish Councillors:** Thomas Armstrong, Paul Tweddle and Denise Scott

**Parish Clerk:** Judith Morgan

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Marjorie Harrison, Borough Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes and County Councillor Keith Little

**46/19 Requests for Dispensations** – None.

**4 7/19 Declarations of Interest** – None.

**48/19 Public Section** – No members of the public were present.

**49/19 Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr T Armstrong, seconded by Cllr D Scott, the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**50/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. Further to Mins 30/19 an email from Amber Sykes of County Highways confirming that an investigation of the crossroads and accident statistics would be made before reporting back to the Parish Council, was read and received.

The Chairman reported that warning signs had been stolen from the site of the ongoing United Utilities’ works on Seaton Road but the police were not interested when the matter was reported to them by a member of the public.

1. Further to Min 32/19 i) a letter from the Ven Richard Pratt, Archdeacon of West Cumberland, was read and received. It was noted that the Rev’d Susan McKendry is still Vicar of Broughton Moor and any matters relating to the upkeep of the churchyard should be directed to her.

Emails were also received from ABC stating that they had no authority over the churchyard and could, therefore, offer no assistance.

1. Further to Min 38/19 an email forwarded by County Cllr K Little, from David J Gibson, Chief Countryside Officer confirmed that “there had been some alterations PINs made to the original (footpath) order, since then it has had to be re-advertised with the updated details. To which both landowners had objected, this objection is still with the planning inspectorate and we are awaiting their response”.

**51/19 Planning**

The following were received:

1. Information from Allerdale Borough Council re Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) (Site Locations) – Main Modifications Consultation.

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1. OUT/2019/0029 – Mrs Sarah Tunstall – Outline application for a four bedroom bungalow with detached double garage, Glen-Craig, Broughton Moor Maryport – Full Plans Approved.

**52/19 Enviromental Issues in the Village**

Cllr P Tweddle reported three incidents of fly tipping in the parish in the last week, all of which had been reported to Allerdale and some had already been removed.

Councillors expressed their concerns that the suspension of collection of recyclable and garden refuse for up to two months by Allerdale Borough Council would inevitably lead to an increase in fly tipping, which was lamentable.

**53/19 Library inside Bus Shelter**

It was felt that, although this was a good idea, it would be subject to vandalism. Idea to be ‘shelved’ and may be returned to at a future date.

**54/19 Over 60s Request for Financial Aid**

This issue could not be discussed as the council’s request for further information had not been met.

**55/19 Community Centre**

1. Payment from a recent private party was handed to the Clerk. It was noted that the invoice was for £30 but the hirer had been so impressed with the facilities on offer that £35 was paid.
2. The Clerk reported an increase in regular bookings with a Toddler Group and a Music Group starting up in recent weeks. The Music Group, being a private booking, pays for the facility.
3. It was agreed that Allerdale Borough Council be granted permission to use the Community Centre for the Police Commissioner Elections in May 2020. This will provide further, much needed revenue, for the Community Centre.
4. A further private booking had been confirmed for 26th October, when the Centre would be used for a Baby Shower.
5. Letters sent by the Clerk to the Broughton Moor Homing Society and their reply, were read to the meeting. It was noted, with some concern, that the shed currently situated in the yard at the rear of the Community Centre, was purchased using Broughton Moor Wind Farm money and it was felt that either, the shed should be gifted back to the community or the money raised from its sale be returned. It is understood that a private sale has taken place and that £800 has been secured by the, now defunct, Homing Society. Questions were also raised as to why the shed had not been offered to the Community Centre on a first refusal basis. It was, regrettably, agreed that the Homing Society should be granted access to remove the shed and that an application be made to the Wind Farm Fund for a new shed to be shared between the Community Centre and the Toddler Group, for as long as the Toddler Group should meet at the Centre.

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1. The date for the Annual Village Christmas event, including the switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights, was set for Monday 2nd December 2019. Additional new decorations would be purchased in line with the budget outlined for this when the Precept was set for the current financial year. Clerk to write to the school and to Mrs Chris Ashcroft, Church of England Reader, to ask that the school carol service and procession of lights be planned to coincide with this event. Santa to be asked to attend once again this year.

Clerk to also write to Tivoli to ask, as they did last year, if they would erect the Christmas Tree and donate the cost of doing so as their sponsorship of the event.

The Chairman agreed to order a 20ft tree from Messrs Pattinson, as last year, and to have it delivered in the week commencing 25th November 2019. The Chairman and Cllr M Harrison would also purchase everything required for the event from the cash and carry on the Parish Council’s behalf, as in previous years.

It was noted that the school roll is currently 66.

It was agreed that there would be no raffle this year.

**56/19 Playingfield Inspection Report**

Copies of the latest report were circulated and received.

The annual RoSPA report was also received – several recommendations were included in the report – Cllr T Tweddle agreed to take this away and check what needed to be done, for discussion at the next meeting.

**57/19 Jobs for the Handyman**

Nothing identified for immediate maintenance but the flower tubs would need to be repainted outside before replanting in the Spring.

**58/19 Correspondence**

The following were received:

1. Information from Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) re proposed Climate Change event.
2. Appeal letter from the Great North Air Ambulance – on the proposal of Cllr T Armstrong, seconded by Cllr P Tweddle, it was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to this appeal.
3. Remittance Advice from Allerdale confirming the second half Precept payment would be made to the bank account by 30th September 2019
4. Poster re Water Primrose – an invasive non native plant – poster to be displayed in the noticeboard.

**59/19 Cheques to be issued:**

The following were approved and passed for payment

101621 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection) £103.20

101622 Tivoli Group Limited (August invoices) £602.66

101623 Stephen Small Handyman Services £ 52.50

101624 Rev J Morgan (Salary and Exps Sept) £279.42

101625 HMRC PAYE (Sept) £ 66.20

101626 PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit Fee) £ 240.00

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101627 T Armstrong (reimbursement for plants etc) £ 30.88

101628 Tivoli Group Limited (September invoices) £602.66

101629 E-On (Community Centre Gas Bill) £ 44.18

101630 GNAAS (donation) £ 50.00

Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th October 2019

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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