**BROUGHTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman: Mr Rob Ives Clerk: Mrs Jean Sorensen**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19th July 2016**

**Present: Parish Councillors** Rob Ives, David Sharp, Clare Thinnessen, John Berry, Elaine Martin

 **County Councillor** Keith Little

 **Parish Clerk** Jean Sorensen

 **Also Present** Rev Judith Morgan

**35/16 Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Thomas Armstrong and Marjorie Harrison, Allerdale Borough Councillor Lee Williamson and the Police

**36/16 Requests for Dispensations –** there were none.

**37/16 Declarations of interest –** there were none.

**38/16 Public section**

No members of the public were present.

**39/16 Police Report –** no police officer was present.

**40/16 Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr E Martin, seconded by Cllr J Berry, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**41/16 Matters Arising**

1. Further to minute 21/16 County Cllr K Little reported that he had met with Carl Melville, Area Engineer, and assessed the village. As a result, all footpaths had been cleared along the road to Broughton and a bid had been made to Cumbria County Council for £88,000 for footpath resurfacing; weed spraying and gully clearing was imminent; the grass cutting contractor had been spoken to and it was hoped that the village would be left in a tidier state in future. In addition, County Highways would cut back the overgrown bushes along the footpath and inform the landowner. Cllr E Martin asked that a concrete pad be placed at the bus stop at Sunnyslack before the winter and Cllr Little agreed that this could be done. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Leven with an update on the issues they raised at the June meeting.
2. The Clerk reported that a training session for councillors was being held at Allerdale House on 13th September at 4pm. Cllrs Martin, Berry, Harrison and Thinnesen agreed to attend – clerk to inform ABC of numbers attending.

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**42/16 Community Centre – Update and discussion**

The Chairman reported that Mrs Ferguson had lodged a counter claim through her solicitor and the matter had now been referred to Milburns’ litigation department. Concern was expressed that this protraction of the situation would be costly to the village.

The Clerk reported that an invoice for £102 from JJ Electricals of Workington for replacement of light bulbs in the community centre, had been posted through Cllr T Armstrong’s letterbox but was originally addressed to Mrs Ferguson. The council considered paying the invoice and were advised by County Cllr Little that to do so would set a dangerous precedent and that, as Mrs Ferguson had ordered the work, she should pay for it. JJ Electricals had confirmed that other works had been ordered by Mrs Ferguson but would be cancelled in the light of recent events. It was agreed that this, and all other matters relating to the Community Centre, should be placed in the hands of the Parish Council’s solicitors and that Cllrs R Ives and D Sharp would seek an early meeting with Milburns’ to discuss the outstanding issues.

**43/16 Footpaths**

The Chairman updated the council on progress so far. County Councillor Little offered to speak to Bob Muscatt to progress things further re strimming of the footpaths.

*Cllr Little left the meeting at this point.*

**44/16 Wind Farm Report**

The Clerk reported that the final draft agreement had been received from Euan Phillips; Cllrs R Ives and J Berry had looked at it and approved the wording. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Annalee Holliday of the Cumbria Community Foundation in order to progress matters further.

**45/16 Correspondence**

1. Letter of resignation from Mrs J Sorensen effective from October 2016. Vacancy to be advertised – applications to be passed to the chair. Mrs Sorensen was thanked for her hard work on behalf of the council, sometimes in difficult circumstances.
2. Cllr E Martin reported on a meeting held in The Wave, Maryport relating to flooding issues in Maryport. Presentations had been made by members of the Environment Agency staff. Cllr Martin had raised issues of flooding in Broughton Moor and knotweed on land at Seaton Road; Environment Agency to look into both issues.
3. The clerk reported that she had spent a total of 5 hours on the telephone to British Gas attempting to set up a maintenance agreement, with no success. After discussion it was resolved that the clerk should contact EON to arrange a gas service and that Cllrs R Ives and D Sharp would engage a local electrician to carry out regular checks on the electricity supply.

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**46/16 Planning**

The following notifications were received:

1. 2/2016/0323 Mr Steven Brown – Erection of detached Garage on land to rear of Southfield Cottage – resubmission of application 2/2016/0048– full plans approved.
2. 2/2016/0372 Mr Ian Myers – Lawful development of certificate for a proposed garage conversion at Beckside, Seaton Road – Certificate of lawful development approved.

One new application was received:

1. 2/2016/0498 Mr John Wilkinson – retrospective application to erect front porch at 17 Heatherfields – no objections.

**47/16 Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment:

Cheque No Account Amount Paid

 101412 EON £ 179.67

 101413 CALC £ 44.25

 101414 ISS £ 539.32

 101415 St Columba’s Church £ 500.00

 101416 J Sorensen Salary -July £ 278.82

 101417 J Sorensen Salary – August £ 361.82

 101418 PAYE July £ 66.20

 101419 PAYE August £ 66.20

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th September at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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