

Great & Little Broughton Parish Council Meeting

Great Broughton Village Hall

Monday 15th July 2019

7.00pm

Minutes

1.Members Present

Cllr. Mr. M. O'Neill, Cllr. Mr D Ashton, Cllr. Mrs S Wilmot, Cllr Mr D Moreton, Cllr. Mrs H Eldabe, Cllr Mr R Jones

2. **Apologies for Absence:** - Cllr. Mr G. Ablett, Parish Clerk Louise Halliwell

3. **Guests Present** HDC Cllrs. Mr Andy Wake and Mr Bryn Griffiths, NYCC Cllr Mrs H Moorhouse.

4. Code of Conduct Interest

None

5. Police Report

None received

6.Public Question Time

No questions.

7. Sign as a correct record Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as correct by Cllr. O'Neill and returned to the Parish Clerk.

8. Issues discussed

8.1 Purchase and installation of speed signs

NYCC Cllr. Heather Moorhouse explained that although NYCC have agreed in principle to allow PCs to purchase and install vehicle activated speed signs (VASS), to ensure a common approach The Highways Authority have a number of technical issues to address prior to developing guidance to the PCs on the standards to be applied when purchasing VASS models, location of signs, installation and power, etc. Cllr. Moorhouse will keep us informed of progress.

8.2 Playground Resurfacing

Awaiting a third estimate prior to further discussion on the merits and cost of the differing resurfacing methods. Cllr. Ablett to chase the third estimate. Cllr.

Jones raised the possibility of staying with the current bark surface, and suggested if we put economics aside for the moment, aesthetically it probably suited the current design of the park better than an all-weather surface. It was explained that the do-nothing scenario of staying with bark will be discussed when deciding how to proceed.

8.3 Insurance

The Parish Clerk has received three quotes. The Clerk will make a recommendation based on the information received.

8.4 Annual accounts

The finalised 2018/19 accounts have been received. Cllr.O'Neill will send them to Council members for review and approval prior to signing them off.

The accounts will be posted on the PC website once signed off.

8.5 Ings Lane

The last resident of the gypsy site has given assurance that he will clear the site of domestic occupation and restore it to pasture by January 1st 2020. We understand that HDC officers will monitor compliance with the undertaking.

8.6 Local Plan

A draft of the Plan has been published. The draft Plan contains no domestic development allocation in Great Broughton. It does contain industrial allocations to extend Stokesley Business Park within Great Broughton Parish boundaries. The draft Plan does not change the status of Great Broughton as a Service Village despite the Parish Council clearly demonstrating that the settlement no longer meets HDCs own criteria for determining the villages position on the settlement hierarchy. The Parish Council find this unacceptable and intend to pursue the issue with HDC. HDC Councillors Wake and Griffiths agreed to support our objection.

8.7 – Transport for the elderly review

Cllr O'Neill met with Community Care Stokesley to discuss the issue. It quickly became clear that Community Care already have a comprehensive transportation service in place covering door to door bus services to Stokesley Market on a Friday (currently used by a number of Great Broughton residents), volunteer car drivers are available to take people to medical appointments etc and a programme of half day shopping trips to the larger towns, also a programme of day trips to places of interest in the region. Community Care are doing a fantastic job of making sure that the elderly in the village communities around Stokesley do not need to be isolated by lack of transport. Cllr. O'Neill suggested that the PCs role should be limited to supporting Community Care by publishing their services and contact details on the PC website and village notice boards.

Due to the unexpected absence of the Parish Clerk the planning and financial reporting items of the agenda will be sent out to the Councillors electronically at a later date.

Any Other Business

Cllr. Eldabe had been approached by a resident of Cringle Moor Chase with a request that the Parish Council take responsibility for cutting the grass on the road edges into the Close. After discussion the Council declined to accept responsibility.

Cllr. Ashton raised the issue of placing flowering plants around the village name signs. It was agreed to proceed but to defer a decision on what to plant until later in the year.

Cllr. Moreton raised the issue of the public footpath that runs to the east along the length of the High Street. A resident has claimed it is impassable. Cllr. Moreton agreed to investigate.

Cllr. Jones presented his ideas on the areas for improvement of the PC website. The meeting supported his suggestions and he will implement them.

Cllr. Jones also highlighted that the footpath on Kirkby Lane approaching the school is being impeded by a overhanging tree. Cllr. Jones will contact the owner and request it be cut back.