

Great & Little Broughton Parish Council Meeting

Great Broughton Village Hall

Monday 11th November 2019

7.00pm

Minutes

1.Members Present

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

Apologies for Absence: - Cllr Mr G Ablett,

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

4. Code of Conduct Interest

Cllr Moreton confirmed he had to decline commenting on a planning application later in the meeting as he was acquainted with the applicant

5. Police Report

Police report received and circulated to all Councillor's

6.Public Question Time

There were no public questions

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

It was agreed that the minutes from the previous meeting were correct, they were signed and returned to the Parish Clerk

Issues discussed

Financial Report

The Financial and budget report was presented, it had overrun in several budget areas which were discussed individually.

The Current Account currently stood at £27,727.33. This included £23,639.71. of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.

The Reserve Account stood at £11,735.92

There were 7 cheques signed at the meeting

1.Stephen Johnson £868.80

2.Stephen Johnson £694.80

3.Autela £47.08

4.Parish Clerk Salary £250.58

5.Adam Burton replacement cheque £349.08

6.S Wilmot for Bulbs £23.18

7.HDC Election Fees £977.30

A discussion took place about whether to move forward with removing the tree suckers on the Holme and also removing the moles on the Holme given what was remaining of the budget. It was agreed to proceed with these tasks.

A bill was being prepared for Kirkby Parish Council for the grass cutting and we are also awaiting refunds from previous years VAT payment.

There was also a discussion regarding the unfunded task in the village. The safety barrier by the fish ladder at the south end of the Holme beck was now dangerous and needed attending to.

HDC Cllr Moorhouse was to send an e mail to Andy Brown on the 12th November to ascertain who was responsible for carrying out this work due to the urgency of it.

Cllr Eldabe was in tandem to obtain a quote for the work from Nobles so we were prepared once we had news from Cllr Moorhouse.

At the previous meeting a draft budget was drawn up, at this meeting three different versions were offered for consideration.

A budget of £12,150 for the fiscal year 2020/21 was accepted by the councillors. A request for a precept of that amount will be sent to HDC.

Planning Issues / Decisions

Planning application reviews

19/02067/OUT - PC recommended refusal

Planning Appeals

App-/G2713/W/19/00021/REFUSE - Appellant Mr Billy Foster -This planning application is currently under appeal. A public inquiry will be held on 19th November at 10am at HDC Council offices - Northallerton. Cllr O'Neill declared he will be unable to attend and asked for a volunteer to present the PC objections.

HDC Planning Decisions

None.

Local Plan Progress

HDC Cllr Wake will make contact with HDCs Helen Kemp to see if there are any further updates on the Local Plan and also if there is any news on downgrading the village from a Service Village.

The Local Plan should have been finalised in November and Cllr Wake will establish the cause of the delay and revised programme.

Ings Lane

There was no further information at this time but concern was shown that it was getting nearer to the court agreed date to have the site cleared and returned to pasture.

Observations by HDC enforcement officers were being made to see how things were progressing and a report will be given at the next meeting.

HDC Correspondence

Any Correspondence since agenda set - None

Reports on Actions arising from previous meeting of Oct. 21st.

VASS Signs - A meeting had taken place on 31st October with Cllr Moreton, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Wilmot and the Chairwoman Mary Frew from Kirkby Parish Council and a representative of the Highways Authority. The representative explained the process to allow the PC to purchase and erect Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) and to discuss the pros and cons of the two types of signs currently approved by Highways. A survey of the north and south approaches to the High street was conducted and suitable lampposts to carry the VASS were identified. A clear line of sight of 75m after the start of the 30mph limit needed to be available at both points.

An agreement had been made on the lamp posts. Cllr Moreton was to contact Highways, inform them of the selected lamppost locations and get the paperwork moving along for the potential purchase of a VASS sign. **Action ongoing.**

Potential CIL Funded Projects

Playground resurfacing - it was agreed that the surface of the play area would be kept as bark chippings at this time. It was also agreed that Cllr Jones would speak with the PTA of the school to seek their input into the potential redesign of the playground and its equipment.

It was also discussed that staying with the bark surface meant a number of simple routine maintenance tasks would be required to maintain the surface safely. Surface raking twice a month and weeding once a month plus the bark will have to be replaced circa every second year to a depth of four inches. A number of volunteers will be required to carry out this work. **Action ongoing.**

Banking Arrangements

It was agreed to move forward with internet banking and set up accounts with Unity Banking. Cllr Ashton gathered the requisite information from Councillors Moreton, Eldabe, and Wilmot who along with himself have agreed to be signatories to the accounts. **Action ongoing.**

Bulb Planting

Cllr Eldabe and Cllr Wilmot had purchased bulbs and planted them in front of the north and south entrance signs to the village. **Action complete.**

Tree Suckers and Moles on the Holme

It had been agreed previously in the meeting to go ahead with both of these tasks. **Action ongoing.**

Picnic tables for the playground

It was agreed that the purchase of the picnic tables would be added to the play area review.

Website

It was confirmed by Cllr. Jones that all submitted documents were in place on the website.

PC Meeting Dates

It was confirmed that the Parish Clerk would circulate potential dates to the Councillors and others for approval. **Action ongoing.**

Christmas Tree

It was agreed Cllr Eldabe would order the Christmas tree for delivery on either the evening of 6th December or early morning of the 7th when it would be erected. Volunteers to help erect the tree are being sought by Cllr. O'Neill.

Any Other Business

It was confirmed in relation to the blocked footpath east of the High St – that the landowners had been contacted by Andy Brown the NYCC Foot Path and Rights of Way officer.

Cllr Wilmot was going to check with Andy Brown to see if she could identify the stiles around the village needing remedial work by utilising the what3words location app.

Cllr Jones asked about the possibility of the Parish Council potentially helping to subsidise a film club in the village. Set-up fee was expected to be circa £250 which would pay for licensing. Cllr. Jones was informed with regret that at this time the PC did not have funds in the budget for such a project.

It was suggested that Cllr Jones may wish to approach the Village Hall committee as they are an established charity and then it may be possible to apply for some kind of grant to help it move the project forward.

The Parish Clerk thanked the Parish Council for offering her the opportunity of being the Clerk for the last 3 years but tendered her resignation due to growing family commitments.

Cllr O'Neill would arrange for the vacancy to be posted on the PC website along with the job description and a proforma employment contract, also a notice of the vacancy will be posted in the Parish News Letter and on the PC notice boards.

Date of next meeting 16th December 2019