

GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** deb and helen
- 2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MAY 2022**
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
- 3. CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCILS REPORT**
The Chair read through information from his report as attached.
- 4. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**
none
- 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
There were no matters discussed under any other business.
- 6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – May 2024 at 7pm, date to be confirmed

Adopted: _____ Date: _____
Chair of Great and Little Broughton Parish Council

Introduction.

Following the resignation of several councillors at the end of the last period in May 2022 we welcomed two new councillors onto our Parish Council. This gave us a total of six councillors with a vacancy for one more councillor.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for their support and work throughout the past year, especially as everyone does so as a volunteer. I feel that the fact councillors carry out their role on a voluntary basis can be often overlooked.

We also welcomed a new Parish Clerk who has been a very welcome addition following the resignation of the previous Clerk after many years of diligent service.

Overview of Activities

There have been a number of activities that we have worked on this period, a selection of which are detailed below.

1. We made a very welcome arrangement with our neighbouring Kirkby Parish Council to assist with funding of the play park. They will now contribute a portion of the upkeep to the park. Our thanks go to them.
2. The playpark has received the new goal posts which are proving popular. These were made possible as they were 100% funded by a grant.
3. We have downloaded the speed sign data and have been able paint a picture of the volume and speed of vehicles moving through the village which has been supplied to the relevant body.
4. We have reopened a relationship with the Tees River Trust to improve the wildlife and ecology of the beck and its surrounds along The Holme.
5. We have corresponded with NYCC highways and had fixed the footpath along Backers lane and the fencing and footpath leading from the ford to the high street.
6. We have drawn up and put out to tender the grass cutting contract for the village and selected a new contractor who began work recently.
7. We have begun an initiative to secure the green as designated Village Green status
8. We have appointed a contractor to further upgrade the playpark by improving the entrance and its accessibility and expect completion soon.
9. We have liaised with Zzoom management to reduce their impact and monitor/feedback quality of workmanship by contractors.
10. We introduced new solar lights to the trees on the green.

Community Update

There was difficulty surrounding the electricity supply to the Christmas tree and the Parish Council were unable to make suitable or practical alternative arrangements. In advance of Christmas 2023 the Parish Council welcome input and support from villagers as to how this can be resolved on a permanent or temporary basis moving forward.

The Parish Council increased the precept payment which is collected alongside council tax. This was a measure taken to keep pace with inflation of costs for all products and services for which we have to pay.

Plans for the Future

The Parish Council wish to improve the environment around the village. As chair of the Parish Council I would welcome joint initiatives with community groups, residents and other bodies that can work towards a common goal of making the parish a better place to live.

We are keen to operate with more resource and seek to co-opt a 7th councillor at the soonest opportunity.

We will investigate our standing in the relationship with the Village Hall and its ownership status.