

GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON 17 APRIL 2023

PRESENT: Councillors - Geoff Ablett, Robert Jones (Chair), Cathy Williamson and Susan Wilmot.

ALSO PRESENT: 5 residents, County Councillor - Bryn Griffiths, Clerk to Great and Little Broughton Parish Council: Angela Livingstone.

It was acknowledged that the public notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and agreed that in accordance with Paragraph 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council can RESOLVE that the press and public be excluded for the meeting if required. This would be used for item 23.55

23.42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen Eldabe and Deborah Towler; these were accepted.

23.43 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2023 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2023 were proposed as correct and approved. The Chair signed the document. There were no matters arising which were not on this agenda.

23.44 POLICE REPORT - to 28 March - 1 Arson/Criminal damage, 2 Commercial burglary.

Cllr Jones declared an interest in planning applications on the Holme and left the meeting. Cllr Wilmot took the Chair in his absence.

23.45 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - A resident read out a statement regarding the planning application on 22 The Holme. Residents were reminded that the Parish Council had requested that this be called in by Cllr Griffiths to ensure that the application was decided by the Planning Committee, not the Planning Officer. The resident stated that the application had not been on the agenda for the March meeting, this did not allow residents the opportunity to comment. It was reminded that this was due to the application being received after the agenda was issued and the short timescale given on the amended application by the Planning Department as there had already been an extension granted. The protocol regarding discussions including anyone with an interest in an application were discussed. The Parish Council were reminded of The Holme being within a conservation area, and that property numbers 3,5 and 7 were directly opposite at a close proximity to 22 The Holme. The resident felt that the amended plans showed no regard to a number of areas, had inappropriate bulky proportions and would have an adverse effect. She stated that the minutes of the March meeting talked of the gates being in keeping, she stated that the full frontage was a concern and demonstrated the size of the stone pillars. She stated that a planning application in a conservation area must enhance the area and the local council had a responsibility to ensure the character was not diminished. The Chair assured that all members of the Parish Council care about the conservation area and that the amended plans were a big improvement. Residents were informed that it had been assumed that residents were content with the amendments as there had been no comments received, no grounds to object on and a tight timescale given. Cllr Griffiths advised of the planning process going forward and the Parish Council were made aware that an extension had now been given till 16th May which would allow this to be added to the May meeting agenda if a supplementary comment needed adding.**ACTION: May Agenda**

23.46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors discussed the following information received:

23.46.1 Planning applications & Parish Council responses -

23.46.1.1 23/00619/FUL & 23/00620/LBC Blue Hall 14 The Holme - The Chair reminded that there were two applications as this was a listed building and a report had been received on the history of the building. The applicant was in attendance to answer any queries and advised that she was aware that they were the first family to live there for some time and had been in the property for five years now. They valued the listed building status and were wanting to increase the space sympathetically. The work would most affect one neighbour who was present and was supporting the application. A Parish Councillor had concerns regarding the loss of heritage. The applicant assured that they were keen to work with planners to ensure the preservation of the heritage of the building. She questioned concerns on the fairness of councillors and bias

following some previous issues. She was assured that the concern was solely for the history of the listed building. A further concern was the need to remove hedging as it was believed this should be maintained. The Chair questioned if the hedge would remain and the applicant stated this would depend on the final application. A Parish Councillor stated that the design appeared sympathetic. All agreed that rules around the Listed Building status would be looked at by the officer. A resident agreed that this was not visible from the front of the property and only the residents who were supporting the application should have an objection. **Resolved:** Two councillors had no objection and one objected as stated in the minutes. The Chair assured that the Conservation and Listed Building Officers were best placed to ensure that plans were acceptable. No objection by the Parish Council.

Residents left the meeting and Cllr Jones returned to the meeting and re-took the position of Chair.

23.46.1.223/00642/FUL Green Bank Farm - Cllr Ablett declared an interest. Councillors discussed the size of the building and amount of equipment for a small farm. A building had been demolished and the new building would be unlinked from the house. **Resolved:** Councillors agreed to object to the application due to the following: The Local plan was commented on which applies to agricultural buildings and that it was felt to be impossible to have net biodiversity gain E3. Under E2 it was believed that the house was close to the barn and would impact on this closest property and S5 development in the countryside with a substantial increase in the floor space from around 100 to 295 square metres. **ACTION: Clerk**

23.46.1.3 23/00763/FUL 83 High Street - Councillors noted this was within the conservation area. No objections.

23.46.2 Planning decisions -

21/01190/FUL land to rear of 81-83 High Street - construction of new property - Granted - Councillors discussed that CIL money should be provided from this application.

22/01939/REM Station Nurseries - Granted

23.47 VILLAGE MATTERS

23.47.1 Playground refurbishment (entrance and path) - AB Playgrounds had provided a start date of 24th April, work to be completed over three days. Parish Councillors were to visit the site to ensure that work being completed was as expected and included the repair to the broken spring animal. **ACTION: Councillors**

23.47.2 Village Green - There were no updates at present.

23.47.3 Broken Style - A councillor stated concerns on repairs to styles as this may not be the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was agreed that some landowners were diligent. It was agreed that the village appearance should be looked at in detail and priorities agreed at a future meeting. **ACTION: Future agenda**

23.48 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Grass cutting - Mr Ward had commenced work and was keen and mindful of the environment. Full details which had been requested were still awaited and the Clerk would progress. **ACTION: Clerk**

23.49 DEVELOPING FUTURE PLANS/PROJECTS -

23.49.1 Cllr Eldabe had advised that she would attend an online meeting of the Tees Rivers Trust. There had been a comment to a Parish Councillor regarding rubbish blocking the stream where builders were working at the top of the village, the resident had cleared the rubbish but stated concerns regarding the number of branches which were slowing the water. **Resolved:** Cllr Williamson to contact Tees Rivers Trust and report back to the resident. **ACTION: Cllr Williamson**

23.49.2. The Chair stated the need for plans to ensure the village was attractive for all who lived there. He felt this specifically was important for the Village Green. The lights purchased for the tree trunks for Christmas were still on the trees and it was felt that these should be left in place. All agreed the need to ensure the options for the Christmas tree lights be looked at soon and the Clerk was asked to add this to the May agenda. There had not been the time to organise any electricity to the tree for Christmas 2022 and the costs were also felt to be restrictive. There had been no support for erecting the tree and the residents needed to be asked if they wished to have the tree and be advised of costs if an electric supply was installed. **ACTION: May Agenda**

23.50 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT/ROTA

The Chair advised that a resident had reported an issue with a rope. Cllr Wilmot to complete inspection prior to work commencing. The Clerk was asked to book Cllr Williamson onto Playground Inspection training. **ACTION: Clerk**

23.51 CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS

The Clerk informed of Climate campaign information and a resident donation sent to the former Clerk which she had collected. This was for a figure of £403.74 and was to be used at the discretion of the Parish Council for planting trees, shrubs or otherwise for the improvement of the environment of the parish. Clerk to send thanks to the Solicitor and ringfence the funds. **ACTION: Clerk**

23.52 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 23.52.1 Financial Report – The Clerk gave information on the financial position and payments were approved. Payments to account - Kirkby Parish Council grass cutting contribution £519.48. Funds were expected from NYC for the areas which the Parish Council had agreed to cut on behalf of highways. The Clerk informed that it would be later in the year that this was received. Payments from account - Clerk monthly salary, bank charge £18. Payments to be made - Poole Resources Xmas tree £100, YLCA £428. Clerk to purchase stamps to send VAT return and return slip to Kirkby PC and claim back costs. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 23.52.2 Year end accounts 2022-2023- The Clerk provided information on the final account position at 31st March 2023 which was agreed by Councillors and would be forwarded to the internal auditor to check before coming back to the council. **ACTION: Clerk**

23.53 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Griffiths informed that wording on the March minutes looked to imply a joint constituency area, it was a joint planning committee for the two areas of which he was a member. The Electoral Commission was looking at areas and ensuring comparable sizes. Nutrient quality for the input into the river was still being addressed and stopping applications.

- 23.54 Date of next meeting** - Monday 15 May 2023 at 7pm, this meeting would commence with the Annual General meeting of the Parish Council.

- 23.55 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**(to exclude public for discussion) - One application received. Parish Councillors discussed the application and resolved that Mr Chris Tyerman was welcome as a Parish Councillor. Clerk to advise Mr Tyerman and send relevant information. **ACTION: Clerk**

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