

GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

PRESENT: Councillors - Martin Coady, Helen Eldabe, Robert Jones (Chair), Chris Tyerman, Cathy Williamson and Susan Wilmot.
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk to Great and Little Broughton Parish Council: Angela Livingstone, North Yorkshire Council Cllr Bryn Griffiths

24.40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies for absence had been received from Deborah Towler. The reason for absence was approved by the council. There were no declarations of interest.

24.41 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2024 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2024 were proposed as correct and approved. The Chair signed the document. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

24.42 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No public present.

24.43 POLICE REPORT

24.43.1 1 – 31 March - incidents included on the report were 2 x arson/criminal damage, 1 x drugs and 2 x violence against the person.

24.44 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received and considered by Councillors.

24.44.1 Planning applications - ZB24/00421/FUL - resubmission - Jubilee House - Councillors discussed the application and RESOLVED: To continue to object as per the original objection, as the information given did not sufficiently address the matters of biodiversity net gain and alternative accommodation within our or neighbouring parishes or close to the main place of business in Stockton on Tees. The inconsistencies within the application were also of concern.

ACTION: Clerk

24.45 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS -

24.45.1 Cllr Griffiths informed of a consultation taking place at present on the home to school travel policy, North Yorkshire Council were looking to change policy and reduce to mandatory provision which would give a dramatic saving, the consultation ended on 26th April. The Council were still looking at savings on staffing and buildings. It was advised that officers were still being reallocated; this was to be completed by summer. Councillors questioned the plans for the savings made and if this would be a reduction in council taxes or an improved service. Cllr Griffiths informed of a statement online from Carl Les. It was questioned what functions the new North Yorkshire Mayor would undertake. Councillors were informed that significant annual investment funding of £18m/year would be available to the mayor from central government for a 30 year period. The Mayor would be responsible also for Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner duties, Adult Education, transport strategy development, as well as housing schemes and businesses developments, including those on brownfield sites.

24.46 VILLAGE MATTERS

24.46.1 Update on Village Green application - The consultation end date was awaited and information would be received following this.

24.46.2 Works to Wainstones Wood - To be completed in drier weather.

24.46.3 Grass cutting and trees throughout the village -The Chair stated that he had been very pleased with how Steven Ward had stewarded the works last year. A quote had been received from Mr Ward as requested for the works needed on removing ivy and lower tree branches. A quote had been received for a cost of £120 for works on The Holme and £150 for works on the Village Green. A cost had also been requested for the bench works outside of the village hall, a cost of £55 for the single plank had been given or £95 to refurbish the full bench. RESOLVED: It was agreed that these costs were low and the tree works and repairs to the full bench were approved. Clerk to advise Mr Ward to complete the works.

ACTION: Clerk

A village walkabout was agreed for 17th April to enable a three year maintenance plan to be agreed based on the tree survey completed.

ACTION: Cllrs

24.46.4 Tees Rivers Trust update - Cllr Williamson informed that the meeting had been agreed for 2pm on 1st May, with a location to be confirmed. RESOLVED: Cllr Coady and/or Cllr Tyerman to attend. Cllr Williamson to confirm attendance.

ACTION: Cllr Williamson

24.46.5 Speeding in the Village 20mph limit outside school - The Chair informed of discussions with the school Headteacher. He had questioned if the school would support a 20mph limit outside of the school. The Headteacher had confirmed that this was supported personally but would enquire the thoughts of the pupils. A letter had been

received that the pupils unanimously supported this action. It was advised that the school had introduced a no parking area in the D outside of school at collection time.

24.47 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Great Broughton damaged sign - Following the receipt of a quotation for the works, North Yorkshire council had been asked for any alternative contractors and had provided a list of contractors, they had advised of the need to use an approved contractor. Cllr Tyerman informed that the person he had contacted had informed that they were approved. RESOLVED: To obtain quotations and enquire with North Yorkshire council if they were approved prior to sending the quotations to the insurance company of the driver who damaged the sign. **ACTION: Cllrs/Clerk**

24.48 DEVELOP FUTURE PLANS / PROJECTS

24.48.1 To look at future spending of recent bequest and CIL payment – There had been agreement at the March meeting to spend funds on coir rolls at the riverbank on The Holme and a bench. Cllr Tyerman stated that the play park would benefit from a picnic table, this would require paving on the ground. RESOLVED: Cllr Tyerman to draw up a plan for a bench and paving and obtain quotes. **ACTION: Cllr Tyerman**

24.48.2 Interpretation boards - Cllr Eldabe had spoken with the History Society regarding the provision of boards and would progress this. **ACTION: Cllr Eldabe**

24.49 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT AND ROTA

24.49.1 Rota - Cllr Tyerman - April, Cllr Jones - May, Cllr Towler - June. Cllr Coady - July.

24.49.2 Cllr Wilmot informed that she had attempted to find a lock suitable for the broken one on the gate at the play park but had been unsuccessful. Cllr Coady informed that he would progress this. **ACTION: Cllr Coady**

24.49.3 A broken sign was discussed and it was agreed that this was an old sign which was no longer relevant and could be removed. Cllr Coady to remove the sign. **ACTION: Cllr Coady**

24.49.4 The Chair informed that historically the play park bark was replaced regularly and residents would support in distributing this in the play park, as previously discussed this needed replacing this year. It was discussed that around 20 bags would be required of play park approved bark with an anticipated cost of around £3000. RESOLVED: Cllr Tyerman to progress the amount required, obtaining costs and a timescale. Clerk to check the amount to be invoiced to Kirkby Parish Council for their contribution. It was agreed that Facebook pages would be utilised to invite residents to support with removing weeds and distributing the bark. **ACTION: Cllr Tyerman/Clerk**

24.50 CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS - email re highways query -fallen tree on B1257 - reported to Highways, response sent re complaint, invoice sent to Kirkby for grass cutting contribution, email to planning re 6 Town Green Drive works. Costs received from S Ward for works requested.

24.51 FINANCIAL MATTERS

24.51.1 Financial Report – The Clerk gave information on the financial position which was approved by the Parish Council. Payments to account: Interest £91.72.

Payments from account:- Clerks salary, Bank service charge £18.00

To approve: YLCA £25.00 training, YLCA £449.00 membership, Clerk pay outstanding & NI £62.73.

24.51.2 Councillors were advised that the year end financial information was completed to go to the internal auditor. The Chair advised of the need to find a new auditor and Councillors were to enquire with their contacts for a suitable replacement. **ACTION: Cllrs**

Date of next meeting - Monday, May 13th 2024 at 7pm (upstairs room).

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