

GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillors - Martin Coady , Robert Jones(Chair of meeting), Chris Tyerman, Cathy Williamson and Susan Wilmot.
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk to Great and Little Broughton Parish Council: Angela Livingstone.

24.132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen Eldabe and Deborah Towler. Cllr Griffiths NYC had also sent his apologies. The reasons for absence were approved by the council. There were no declarations of interest.

24.133 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2024 were proposed as correct and approved. The Chair signed the document.
ACTION: Clerk

24.134 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No residents present.

24.135 POLICE REPORT The report showed data from 1-30 November 1 Arson/Criminal damage, 1 Commercial Burglary(suspicious circumstances), 1 Violence against the person (dog bite) - Total 3

24.136 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received and considered by Councillors.

24.136.1 Planning applications - ZB24/02153/CAT Lyndon House 76A High Street, PROPOSAL: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - No observations.

24.136.2 Planning decisions - ZB24/01211/FUL Cabinet House 7 Ellerbeck Court PROPOSAL: Change of use from E(c)(ii) Professional Services (IT Consultancy) to B2 Manufacturing workshop (Exhibition props) with associated offices. No alterations to building. The decision on this proposal was: **Granted**. ZB24/01886/FUL OS Field 1961 Broughton Grange PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing single storey outbuilding and erection of garage block with home office above. The decision on this proposal was: **Granted**. ZB24/02007/CAT Holme Beck Tree Works, PROPOSAL: Works to a Tree in a conservation area Removal of dead Rowan tree. The decision on this proposal was: **Granted**. ZB24/02069/CAT Land At High Street PROPOSAL: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area. The decision on this proposal was: **Granted**.

The Clerk had received information on an appeal to the Secretary of State after the agenda was issued, Councillors had no further comment to make on the application ref ZB24/01323/FUL 5 Ellerbeck Way.

24.137 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS - Cllr Williamson informed that a resident had stated concern on the lack of drainage available on High Street opposite Alderside Steadings. She had sighted sludge and leaves and would report the issue to NYC.
ACTION: Cllr Williamson

24.138 VILLAGE MATTERS

24.138.1 Village Green application - no updates at present.

24.138.2 Wainstones Wood - An email had been received advising that there was no funding in the current year but it was hopeful that works will commence in the spring.

24.138.3 Trees throughout the village - Cllr Coady informed that Mr Ward had commenced on some tree works.

24.138.4 Tees Rivers Trust - Cllr Williamson informed of a meeting with Tees River Trust. The trust expected to receive funding for environmental improvements and were keen to progress with the coir rolls previously discussed to stop the banks eroding. They implied that they would fund and complete the works, A sketch plan had been requested, the trust would meet in January and it was likely that work could commence quickly. The trust had been impressed with the improvements seen in the river since works had been completed 7 years earlier. Cllr Coady had asked if they would help with the mole issues but this was not possible. A resident had approached a Councillor regarding flooding and eroding and had stated that they would write to the Parish Council. This matter was discussed and the Parish Council agreed they would support the resident with this issue. Cllr Williamson informed that the coir rolls had yellow and blue flag iris in them. The toxicity of these plants was discussed and it was agreed that these were native species and were found in many areas by riverbanks including Stokesley.

24.138.5 Picnic area development at Playground - Cllr Tyerman informed that he still awaited a reply from AB Playgrounds. It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait until March for progress on this quote. If no costs were received it was agreed that the Parish Council would look at a route of completing the works with Mr Ward and local support.

24.138.6 Speeding in Village inc CCTV and 20mph limit/ Community Speedwatch - Cllr Williamson informed that the Community Speedwatch only had a small number of volunteers and was running once per week for half an hour. It was hoped that this would increase in the spring. The request for a 20mph speed limit outside of the school had been submitted by Cllr Eldabe and was still awaiting a response. The Police had responded regarding the CCTV and advised that they were unable to support holding data. RESOLVED: Parish Councillors agreed that there was not the facility to hold data locally and there was no other solution to take this forward at present.

- 24.138.7 **Open Spaces** - Local authorities had been contacted to request pest control support but this was not available. It was agreed that the playing field remained a concern, there had not been a huge number of mole hills, but Councillors felt this needed addressing. It remained uncertain if rabbits or moles were causing a problem. A non destructive route of installing a rabbit fence on the outside of the park with wire in was discussed which may deter rabbits and moles. RESOLVED: Cllr Coady to request a cost from Mr Ward for this work. Councillors discussed completing other remedial works at the play park at the same time, to be considered. **ACTION: Cllr Coady**
- 24.139 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** - Great Broughton damaged sign -work commenced on site.
- 24.140 DEVELOP FUTURE PLANS / PROJECTS** - Parish Council website - website accessibility and Gov.uk domain. To adopt Accessibility Statement. RESOLVED: Councillors approved adoption of the Accessibility Statement circulated by Cllr Williamson which would now be added to the website. The training session attended by Cllr Williamson and the Clerk had been informative and costs for upgrades to the website would be looked at in 2025.
- 24.141 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT AND ROTA**
- 24.141.1 December - Cllr Coady, January - Cllr Jones. There were no concerns with the play equipment and Cllr Tyerman reported that the fence works recently completed remained solid.
- 24.142 CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS** - NYC information on update to Parish Portal, Parish Liaison meeting attended, response re application ZB24/01898/HNA, YLCA information on training, VE Day 80th Anniversary 8th May - Councillors agreed that the Sports Club may be interested in hosting an event for the Anniversary - Cllt Wilmot to suggest this, Clerk to forward any information, Broadacres information on available property for rent, Boundary Commission advice on consultation. **ACTION: Cllr Wilmot/Clerk**
- 24.143 ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER** - RESOLVED: No newsletter till February edition, to discuss in January.
- 24.144 FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- Financial Report – The Clerk gave information on the financial position which was approved by the Parish Council. Payments to account:- Interest to account £198.09, Aviva insurance claim settlement £3600. Payments from account:- Clerks salary (to increase monthly payment in line with increase and to claim any backpay/differences/NI owing by year end), Unity Bank Service charge 31.10 £5.40 and 30.11 £6, S Ward grass cutting payment £5320. Payment request NYC Grit bin £90, YLCA training £20. The Clerk advised of the need to renew the website domain name in January at a cost of £36. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Annual donations - to consider figures and approve, the Clerk reminded that the donations given last year had been Village Hall £750 and The Globe £200. These donations were approved for this year. It was acknowledged that the Village Hall was in a better financial situation due to the hard work and efforts of the Village Hall Committee. An increase on the donation to the Village Hall to cover the insurance cost would be considered in precept discussions.
- 24.145 PRECEPT 2025/2026**
- To consider any items to be included in the budget and the precept to be requested. The history of the precept amount was discussed and of the increase the previous year to enable the Parish Council to best support the village and enable any enhancement. Cllr Jones and the Clerk had looked at precepts for other parishes and the amount requested had been very low and showed that the Parish Council was not being very active. The increased precept had included funds for tree works which had been agreed to be included over the next years to amount to £12,000 to ensure that any required works were budgeted for. Councillors discussed if the precept could be reduced, retained, increased by inflation or a larger figure to cover new projects. A large amount of the surplus funds were ringfenced for projects, tree works and the play park; some of the money had been received from CIL funding. It was agreed that funding was required for fencing, play area improvements and tree works. Works to stiles were also required. It was agreed that of the surplus, £15K would be allocated to the development fund, £6K for tree works, then £12K unallocated cash, which was a £6K buffer and £6K everyday operating funds. Any additional surplus in 25/26 would be allocated. RESOLVED: To increase funding to defibrillator and village hall. Budget allocation to be amended, the precept would be an inflationary increase of 2½%, £562.50. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 24.146 MEETING CHAIR AND PLAYPARK ROTA**
- RESOLVED:** Meeting Chair: Jan- Cllr Eldabe, Feb- Cllr Williamson, Mar- Cllr Wilmot, Apr- Cllr Jones, May- Cllr Coady, Jun- Cllr Tyerman, Jul- Cllr Towler, Sept- Cllr Eldabe, Oct- Cllr Williamson, Nov- Cllr Wilmot, Dec- Cllr Jones. Play Park inspections Jan- Cllr Jones, Feb- Cllr Williamson, Mar- Cllr Eldabe, Apr- Cllr Tyerman, May- Cllr Wilmot, Jun- Cllr Coady, Jul- Cllr Towler, Aug- Cllr Coady, Sep- Cllr Jones, Oct- Cllr Williamson, Nov- Cllr Eldabe, Dec- Cllr Tyerman.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th January 2025 at 7pm.

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