

**GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**IN GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025**

PRESENT: Councillors - Martin Coady, Robert Jones, Deborah Towler, Chris Tyerman, Cathy Williamson (Chair of meeting) and Susan Wilmot.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk to Great and Little Broughton Parish Council: Angela Livingstone, Cllr Griffiths North Yorkshire Council (NYC), History group representative, 3 residents.

**25.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen Eldabe. The reason for absence was approved by the council. Cllr Williamson and Cllr Jones had non pecuniary interests on planning applications.

**25.15 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2025 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2025 were proposed as correct and approved. The Chair signed the document.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**25.16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME -**

25.16.1 3 residents attending stated their concerns on the height of the mature trees on Town Green Drive. Councillors were informed that the rationale for concerns was due to the frequency and velocity of storms and environmental changes. It was felt there was a risk to property from the tall trees. It was known that a previous 2011 arborist report had recommended if wind speed was above 30mph the footpath needed to be closed, this indicated a risk with those trees. It was confirmed that the trees discussed were the strip running up The Holme. Tree routes in the drains which Northumbrian Water had attended to twice in the past 8 years were a further concern and possible structural damage. In addition the seeds from the silver birch trees were said to be a concern getting into the roof area, guttering and double glazed units. Residents asked that these trees be reduced in height. The Chair informed that there had been a related concern and a formal arborist report had been completed very recently and it did not agree with any concern, the report was undertaken for risk management and to ensure that the Parish Council did not have numerous requests for tree works where these were not required. The Parish Council had instructed work to be completed in line with the recommendations from the report. A recommendation that warning signage be erected, or access limited when wind speeds exceed 30mph, was debated at a previous meeting. The specific concerns regarding these trees, especially the seed issue would be highlighted to the arborist for the next report. Residents were reminded of living in a rural area.

25.16.2 A resident queried progress made by the Parish Council to deplete the moles which were now appearing in a wider area. He stated that in the past the issue with moles had been addressed quickly by trapping. Councillors confirmed that professional support had been requested and control methods had been discussed at numerous meetings, some works had been trialled. There were varying opinions within the village and within the Council on methods and concerns of use of traps as previously used as these could injure children and were likely to be removed. Previously accepted methods were no longer accepted practice. If traps were used paths would need closing and the area was not all Parish Council land. **RESOLVED:** Matter to be highlighted in the newsletter to allow residents the option to discuss, to be an agenda item for March.

**ACTION: Clerk**

*3 residents left the meeting.*

25.16.3 The representative from the History Group had provided information to the Parish Council and was requesting financial support of up to £500 if there was a shortfall in the required funding. She had a bid in with Jack Brunton Trust and offers from the Jet Miners and the Bay Horse but this was not guaranteed. She stated her thanks to Cllr Griffiths for his support providing £1900 towards the boards. She advised that Kirby Parish Council were willing to fund any shortfall on their board. The square board design information which was based on the history of the village with a theme of industry and nonconformity was tabled and designs were ready for Catch Design to commence work. The location for the board was on the Village Green between the bus stop and the notice board. Planning had informed that this was within permitted development on that site with the Parish Council being supportive. Cllr Tyerman informed of the services running under the green which needed avoiding. It was confirmed that Catch Design would be completing the works and would be made aware and it was recognised that the Parish Council did not own the land. The legal concerns on ownership and planning were discussed but these had been answered by NYC Planning. One Councillor abstained from the vote. **RESOLVED:** Support for the board was agreed and after the additional information had been received financial support of up to £500 was agreed in principle.

*History group representative left the meeting.*

**25.17 POLICE REPORT** The report showed data from 1-31 January 2025 - 2 ASB Personal, 1 theft of oil from residential property, 1 violence against the person. Total 4.

**25.18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were received and considered by Councillors.

25.18.1 Planning applications - Applications discussed at January meeting to ascertain if an extension was required, green notices were requested as these had not been erected - ZB24/02479/FUL 5 Rievaulx Way - Application for single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing detached house - Cllr Jones advised of an interest in this application. RESOLVED: No objection. ZB24/02395/FUL 5 Alderside Steadings - Application for two storey extension to side of house - Cllr Williamson advised of an interest in this application. RESOLVED: No objection. ZB25/00078/CAT, 73 High Street - Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area. RESOLVED: No objection. ZB25/00077/FUL, 4 Wainstones Court Stokesley Business Park - Application for change of use from B2 to E class to carry out MOT servicing and repairs of light vehicles. Site owned by North Yorkshire council - RESOLVED: No objection.

25.18.2 Planning decisions - ZB23/02005/FUL, Stanison Villa Farm - Conversion of agricultural building to single dwelling with alterations and formation of access track. The decision on this proposal was: Granted. ZB24/00273/FUL, Ingleby Orchard Green Balk - Installation of man made menage surface. The decision on this proposal was: Refused.

**25.19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS -**

25.19.1 Cllr Griffiths informed that North Yorkshire Council were setting the budget for 2025-2026 on 14th February with a proposal in place of a 4.99% increase in council tax. Councillors queried when promised savings from the combined authority would materialise. Cllr Griffiths informed of a further squeeze on finances with the Rural Services grant being taken from the Local Government settlement. NYC was taking £5 million out of reserves and making significant savings to keep this increase below 5%. It was confirmed that the new bin proposal which would be phased in would cost £8 million and the changes would be publicised.

25.19.2 Cllr Wilmot informed that she would be handing in her resignation at the March meeting, to be effective from 31st March 2025. RESOLVED: Parish Councillors agreed that she would continue as one of the nominated representatives for the village hall committee and would send a report when needed.

**25.20 VILLAGE MATTERS**

25.20.1 Village Green application - Cllr Eldabe had informed that the Commons registration team was still waiting for a committee hearing date.

25.20.2 Wainstones Wood - Cllr Eldabe had sent photographs of the closed off new entrance to The Woodland Trust, a reply had been received that the trust awaited the budget coming through for the new financial year to look at a new entrance.

25.20.3 Tees Rivers Trust - The Chair informed that the trust had entered a bid to the Environment Agency, which had included work for holme beck for the prevention of erosion from the river. A diagram was awaited and it was still unknown if permission was required due to the conservation area.

25.20.4 Speeding in Village - 20mph limit/ Community Speedwatch - Cllr Eldabe had sent emails to 20s Plenty local team but had not received a response and the National team had forwarded the email to the local team. She had also completed a generic form on the NYC website and Customer Services replied with a case number referring the matter to Highways, their response is awaited. Cllr Williamson informed that the Community Speed watch had been successful and had two new recruits.

25.20.5 North Yorkshire Council Local Plan - update - A plan showing the call for site details was on NYC website. Councillors discussed their concerns for the number of developments within Great Broughton. NYC would filter these sites with set criteria from the new government and a document would be available for consultation in October/November 2025. Cllr Eldabe had asked for information on the current village hierarchy status as the village was classed as a service village at present which was felt to be incorrect. The status of settlement had not been decided on in the plan at this early stage and the Parish Council could comment on this during the issues and options consultation. RESOLVED: To look at services needed for a service village prior to the March meeting and agree a response on this matter. **ACTION: All**

**25.21 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE -**

25.21.1 Village benches - maintenance requirements - Cllr Williamson had circulated photographs of benches requiring attention. Work had been completed on a bench at the village hall, work on the bench at the Bay Horse had been requested. Two further benches were in need of attention, one on Backers Walk near the

footbridge and another on Back Lane outside Horizons entrance. RESOLVED: To request S Ward to quote for the works on these two benches. It was agreed that the bench on Manor Grove Corner was privately erected and not the responsibility of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

Trees throughout the village - Discussed earlier in the meeting 25.16.1

Open spaces - issues with moles - update - Discussed earlier in the meeting 25.16.2

**25.22 DEVELOP FUTURE PLANS / PROJECTS -**

Picnic area development at Playground - update - RESOLVED: Cllr Tyerman to attempt to contact AB Playgrounds before the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Tyerman**

**25.23 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT AND ROTA**

25.23.1 Feb- Cllr Williamson - no issues. She noted that someone had wired up the bottom of the chicken wire at the back of the area but this was of no concern. March inspection - Cllr Eldabe.

25.23.2 The RoSPA report recommendations had been sent a number of months ago to AB Playgrounds to quote, but there had been no response. An alternative contractor was available, Thompson Timberworks but it was acknowledged that AB Playgrounds had built the play area and was better placed to repair. Cllr Tyerman to progress before the March meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Tyerman**

**25.24 CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS** - Information on History Group board - discussed earlier in the meeting 25.16.3. Fly tipping Ings Lane reported to NYC. NYC reported road closure B1257 Fangdale Beck 17-21 Feb 9:30-14:30. NYC taking no further action on GBPC concern re 24/00181/CAT3 land east of GB sewage treatment was put in as a comment on the appeal. NYC Gypsy & Traveller accommodation assessment to complete online by 30.3. Invite to join liaison for average & fixed speed cameras & survey results, not get involved at present. The Clerk informed that NYC had sent the contribution figure for the grass cutting of £401.14 which was accepted. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Jones informed that he had been copied into correspondence with a resident and NYC regarding flooding issues, a manhole cover had been replaced and he would advise of any progress. **ACTION: Cllr Jones**

**25.25 ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER - Moles** - RESOLVED: The following submission would be entered in the newsletter. Great and Little Broughton Parish Council are actively considering a variety of methods of mole control on the Sports field and near The Holme beck. Options considered are trapping, rodenticide and sonic repellers, but there are concerns on closing off areas, the use of some methods and of traps being removed. This will be discussed and it is hoped that a decision can be made at the next meeting on Monday 10th March at 7pm in the Village hall. The Parish Council were keen for all members of the community to give their views, either by email to [broughtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:broughtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com) or by attending the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

**25.26 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

25.26.1 Financial Report – The Clerk gave information on the financial position which was approved by the Parish Council. Payments to account:- None. Payments from account:- Clerks salary, Service charge 31.1 £6. Payment to approve:- Chuhan & Singh payroll Dec £36.00.

25.26.2 Due to Cllr Wilmot leaving the council at the end of March there would be the need for an additional signatory on the bank account to enable payment approval. RESOLVED: Cllr Williamson to be added to the account. **ACTION: Clerk**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March, 10th 2025 at 7pm.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Great and Little Broughton Parish Council