**BROUGHTON IN AMOUNDERNESS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council

Held at Broughton & District Club, Broughton.

Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7.00pm.

**Present**: Cllrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. P. Hastings, P. Moss, Mrs. L.J. Oldcorn.

**In attendance** – Mrs. C. Worswick – Clerk

**Members of the public who wish to raise issues**

There is a 15 minute opportunity before the meeting to listen to representations from the public, police or community groups wishing to bring matters to the attention of the Council or seek advice. If this allocated time overruns, they may contact the Clerk, who will place the item on the next agenda. **Matters requiring a Council decision or support must be included as a specific Agenda item**.

A parishioner Mr. Chapman, stated that the new 30mph signs on the A6 should be set further towards the roundabout when coming north. Cllrs explained the difficulties and length of time it had taken to get signs put up in the village and the speed limit from Preston on the A6

Through and past Broughton is 30mph. It was also noted that speed signs showing 30mph are also positioned at the foot of both exit slips from the M55.

A presentation was then given by Ben Wilkinson – Beck Developments and John Willcock – Planning Consultant on a proposed development at Coach House Kennels and Otters Pool on Durton Lane. They discussed the proposals, style of houses and access issues. The access road is to be fully adopted. The planning application is to be submitted later in the month. Cllrs explained the Parish Councils position regarding any development in Broughton – that until the bypass is in place, then no further development should take place.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Parke-Hatton, Beach and Mrs. J. Pye.

**2. Declarations of Interests-**

Members are reminded of the requirement to disclose any interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting.

None declared.

**3. Confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st October 2014- (already circulated)**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st October 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**4. To receive and consider reports from Councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. This is for information only.**

**LALC**

Cllrs Hasting’s reported that she and Cllr Pye had attended the LALC AGM. The LCC meeting was reconvened for next year. There was a significant debate around finance and income and LALC intend to increase subscriptions for the next financial year. 30% of what the PC pays goes directly to NALC. They receive 13.5k from LCC, which has reduced this year. Concern was expressed by the Parish Council that everyone else in the country are tightening their belts and cutting costs accordingly, whilst LALC appeared intent on continuing with the same or increased budget levels. Cllr. Hamilton noted that it appeared that whilst a number of Councils from Merseyside attended LALC, no funding support appeared forthcoming from the Merseyside region.

**PAC**

Cllr Hastings reported she had attended the PAC meeting. Key things that were discussed included: distributor road, building works and the way CIL money will be used. Julie Butle is to send information regarding this to the Clerk. Because Cllr Pye was not present at the meeting, the item “Value for money and membership” regarding LALC was deferred until the next meeting.

**5. Items for consideration**

1. **Dispensation to Parish Council members**

Dispensation has already been granted to all Parish Councillors under section 33 of The Localism Act 2011, in order that they may participate in the budget setting process of the Parish Council. This expires when Cllrs are due for election in 2015.

1. **Parish Precept 2015/16**

Cllrs considered the budget proposals for 2015/16 and it was **resolved** to set the Precept for 2015/16 at the same level this year £9,900, with the following allocations. The Clerk to inform Preston City Council in due course.

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| Clerks Fees | 4,000  |
| HMRC | 1,000  |
| General Maint. | 1,000  |
| Christmas Tree | 950 |
| Xmas Tree- Electric | 75 |
| Village tidying | 2,000  |
| Insurance | 1,300  |
| LALC | 350 |
| SLCC | 110  |
| Postage | 120 |
| Stationery & Periodicals | 300 |
| Room Hire | 250 |
| Audit Fees | 400  |
| Training & Travel | 100 |
| Grass Cutting | 5,500 |
| Communications | 500 |
| IT software & equip | 75  |
| Internet charges | 120 |
| Donations  | 10  |
| Website Hosting fees | 80  |
| Flowertubs | 2,000 |
| Election | 1,760 |
| **Capital projects** |  |
| War memorial | 3,000 |
| Post bypass impr | 2,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **27,000** |

1. **Lancashire Best Kept Village 2014**

Cllrs considered the judges report for this year and noted the comments.

1. **War Memorial**

Cllrs discussed the refurbishment of the War Memorial on the west side and how well it now looks. It was **resolved** to remove wreaths from the site prior to Christmas each year. Cllr Oldcorn to co-ordinate this.

Cllrs then discussed the second phase of the refurbishment of the war memorial on the east side. Cllr Hastings reported that a couple of the flags are cracked. If they are obviously uneven then they will be replaced. The contractors are just making good and repairing what is there. The estimated cost of this work is £1760 plus VAT.

 Cllr Hamilton reported that the War Memorial service was well attended by all.

1. **LALC**

The current situation with LALC in response to our previous queries with them was discussed above and is yet to be resolved.

1. **Landfill Communities Fund (ENTRUST)**

Cllr Hastings reported that there is now a window of opportunity to apply for funding for improvement works on the playground and pinfold. We can apply for small grants under 12K. It was **resolved** for Cllr. Hastings to pursue.

1. **Proposed residential development – Land off Durton Lane, Broughton (currently Coach House kennels and Otters pool)**

Cllrs listened to a presentation from the developers, please see above.

**6. Planning applications received– To consider the following applications:**

 It was **resolved** not to object to the following applications:

 **06/2014/0845** – land south of Yates Farm, Whittingham Lane, Broughton – **erection of slurry store.**

 **06/2014/0867** – 132a Whittingham Lane, Broughton – **removal of condition no. 2 attached to planning permission 06/1989/0010 for the occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed, at Cardwell’s farm, or a dependant of such a person residing with her or him (but including a widow or widower of such a person).**

Cllrs **resolved** to object to the following application**:**

 **06/2014/0872** – land at Durton Lane, Broughton – **erection of 118no. dwellings and associated infrastructure, landscaping and public open space following demolition of existing buildings.**

**7. To consider and approve the Management accounts and bank reconciliation for m/e 30th November 2014.**

It was **resolved** to approve the management accounts and bank reconciliation for m/e. 30th November 2014.

**8. To approve the following payments/receipts**:

 C. Worswick – salary 31.10.14 £312.30

 HMRC – income tax Oct 2014 £78.08

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 LALC – Chairmanship workshop £25.00

 Integrate – village tidying £225.42

Barton Grange – verge maint. £2037.00

C. Worswick – postage, internet £21.74

 Taylors Memorials – war memorial renovation £11,347.20

The date of the next meeting is 13th January 2015

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**Chair**