**Broughton in Amounderness Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Broughton & District Club on the Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.30pm.**

**Present**: Cllrs. Mrs. P. Hastings and Mrs. L.J. Oldcorn.

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

**Apologies for absence** - These were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs. K. Galloway and Mrs. B. Adams.

**Death of Parish Councillor**- We were all saddened to hear of the sudden death of Parish Councillor Mrs. Joan Pye, who was a valued member of the Parish Council and who passed away on 2nd March 2016. She had been a member of the Parish Council since May 2011 and made a valuable contribution in the running of the council’s business – she will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with her family at this time.

**Resignation of Parish Councillor**-Cllr. Roger Thistlethwaite has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect, due to work and business commitments.

The Chair directed the Clerk to advertise the casual vacancies on the parish noticeboard and also the Public notices section of the Lancashire Evening Post on a Saturday evening.

***The scheduled meeting of the Parish Council was adjourned at this point as the Council was not quorate and as less than 24 hours’ notice of cancellation had been given the meeting could not be cancelled.***

The Chair Mrs. Pat Hastings officially adjourned the meeting and set the new date as the 21st April at 6pm prior to the Training session at 6.30pm at The Marriott Hotel.

The Clerk directed the Parish Councillors to sign cheques that needed payment and these payments will be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.

Items on the Agenda were discussed and informal notes taken:

**Planning applications** –none of the following applications were objectionable and are therefore duly noted.

**06/2016/0134** – variation of condition no. 4 attached to planning permission 06/2015/0955 for the floodlights shall be used only between the hours of 5.00pm and 10.00pm and shall not be used at all during the months of November, Dec, Jan and Feb to all lights to both the proposed all weather tennis courts and the existing bowling green shall be switched off no later than 2200 hrs and shall not be switched on until 1500 – **Broughton and District Club, Whittingham Lane, Broughton**.

**06/2016/0137** – variation of condition no. 1 “approved plans” attached to planning application 06/2015/0173 allowing plots 4-7 and landscaping bund to be moved to the west -**Domes III D’urton Lane, Preston**.

**06/2016/0154** – erection of 1 no. detached bungalow and installation of sewage treatment plant – **Land off Bank Hall Cottage 461 Garstang Rd, Broughton.**

**06/2016/0199** – erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling – **1 West Crescent, Broughton.**

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr. Hastings reported on the above plan and progress to date. She has met with representatives from the Marriott Hotel, St Johns Church & Primary school.

The full minutes of the steering group are on the web page.

The grant will be released once the bank mandate has been signed by the remaining parish councillors.

A further application for technical support has been made on the advice of “My Community” as we are having significant development (more than 500 houses) within the parish boundaries.

Community Futures are working on editing of the newsletter which will go out next week before the public meeting on 23rd April and they are arranging for it to be delivered to all households and businesses. The Community questionnaire is being prepared as is the list of questions for direct interviews.

**Litterbins**

Cllr Adams had emailed stating that Integrate are unable to physically move the underutilised bin to a new position by the war memorial bench as it is bolted in to the ground. A discussion then took place on when the work takes place on the A6, as to whether the siting of the bins will be re-evaluated due to the work that is due to go ahead. This will be added to the list of questions for the meeting with Marcus Hudson LCC

**Flower tubs**

Barton Grange have quoted £1450 + VAT for the tubs for the year and suggested a planting scheme. Cllr. Oldcorn is to contact Barton Grange and liaise directly with them.

**Speed awareness**

The PACT Forum – College & Moor Park had contacted the Clerk requesting support for purchasing a speed gun. Cllrs have already implemented SPIDS in the village and did not wish to commit any further funding at this time.

**Meeting dates**

The Clerk circulated a list of revised dates of meetings for the Parish Council and Steering group.

**LALC Annual conference – 14th May 2016**

Cllrs Hasting is to attend.

**Quadrilla appeal**

Results of the appeal are due to be published on 4th July 2016.

**Post By-pass improvements to A6 and traffic lights junction**

Cllrs discussed the published report from LCC. There is to be a £1m funding committed. Cllr. Hastings is to request a meeting with Marcus Hudson to clarify issues and that the plans be displayed at the public meeting on 23rd April.

The Clerk is to enquire with PCC the timing and amounts of CIL money that is due.

The Clerk is to seek advice about managing the CIL funds including costing the support of an accountancy firm.

**Playground refurbishment grant application to Enviro**

Cllrs Hastings and Oldcorn reported they had met with reps from playground companies and PCC regarding recommendations for improvements and equipment for the play area. The PCC officers have made recommendations with regard to disability access to equipment and pathways and these have been integrated into the plans. This may require additional costs to the budgeted amounts but it was thought that there was sufficient to cover the submitted bit in the budget. Cllr. Hastings is to submit applications for both small and large grants, to see if a successful bid can be obtained.

All these matters will be further discussed and any decisions needed made at the next full meeting of the council.