

## **BROUGHTON PARISH MEETING 2nd MAY 2007**

### **1) Present**

John Lund (Chair), Richard Lund (Treasurer), Gill Woodhead (Clerk), Anne Lund, William Lund, Sheila Watson, Jonathan Piercy, Gerry Cooper, PC Glen Goodwill, Mrs Jane Wilford and Mr Richard Marr, No 4 Area Highways Manager.

### **2) Apologies**

Peter Clark, Jeff Paulin, Sue Watson.

### **3) Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2006**

#### **a) Signed as a true record**

**proposer:** Anne Lund

**seconder:** Richard Lund

### **4)Matters Arising.**

#### **a) Public footpaths and rubble**

Ryedale MP John Greenway took up issue of farmers not being allowed to use rubble to repair farm tracks etc with Ben Bradshaw, MP who is the Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare who replied with a letter which John Lund said he understood to mean that farmers can use 150 tonnes a year of their own rubble to repair their farm tracks but could not use rubble for anything else and could not accept other's rubble for their farm tracks.

#### **b)Traffic Issues**

Mr Richard Marr, new area manager for the No 4 Area Highways based at Kirkbymoorside attended to give an update on the three issues raised by the clerk with Gordon Gresty, Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services at NYCC which were: the white lining in The Dip; state of footpath in The Dip; puddles created on the B1257 between Broughton and Swinton following the creation of the new footway/cycle path.

**White lining in The Dip** - Mr Marr forwarded schemes for a 50mph percentile speed (the current white lining system) and a 60mph percentile speed which were circulated among those who first raised the problems with the existing system. Their comments, which included calls for a 50mph to be introduced, were sent to Mr Marr. Speed survey starts 03.05.07 and lasts for 2 weeks. He explained that to comply with guidelines it was necessary to have the speed survey to which chairman John Lund asked why "could not common sense prevail" with Gerry Cooper saying the guide lines "totally ignored what the community desires." Mr Marr thought it unlikely the speed limit would be reduced to 50 mph as requested by some residents but said that if the 85percentile speed did not show the need for a scheme for 60 mph then another survey could be done and it was also possible to go outside the guidelines which he said were there to create uniformity nation-wide. Mr Marr to inform the clerk as soon as speed survey results are known. There should be no need for a formal road closure.

**Footpath in The Dip** - Mr Marr brought plans to the meeting of a small £8,000 scheme to upgrade the footpath to a two metre wide dual footway/cycleway standard with kerbing and additional drainage, hopefully to be completed by summer 2007.

He agreed to adding black and white reflective posts to try and prevent motorists parking on the new footpath and confirmed there would be “siding out” of the rest of the footpath in this area to remove encroaching vegetation to maximise the width of the existing path. John Lund pointed out we were originally told the dual cycleway/footpath would go all the way from Swinton to Malton but nothing further had been done after the initial section between Broughton and Swinton.

In his reply Mr Gresty says the proposed cycleway from Broughton to Malton has not been allocated any funding for 2007-2008. Clerk asked in a letter to Mr Gresty if some of the £500,00 reportedly being saved by NYCC because of the mild winter could be spent on the cycleway - Mr Gresty replied that the press reports were misleading: “the Directorate’s budget for winter maintenance has been continually overspent and will be so this year, despite the better weather.....it will be supplemented from resources taken from other parts of the Council.”

**Ponding of water between Broughton and Swinton** - Mr Marr said the aim was for 2 or 3 new drains/gullies to be installed by the onset of autumn. If these could not be joined to the existing drainage system, he would need to seek extra funding as it would no longer be a maintenance task. He hoped the (maintenance) work would be completed by autumn - the original date given was by the end of May 2007.

**c) Verity’s Legacy**

Clerk eventually spoke to Richard Cundall who said if it was OK with the Behrens then we could go ahead with the seat. He agrees/wants us to move some of the hedge so that it does not interfere with tractors etc. John Lund says the seat is already made and agreed to have made a signpost for Lowfield Lane. (All to be paid for out of the legacy).

**d) RDC’s chairman charity**

Thank you letter received.

**e) Ryedale CAB donation**

Ryedale CAB manager Sue Bywater wrote back to clerk with copy of letter to chairman John Lund. Agreed not to invite someone from the organisation to speak.

**f) Flower verge**

Johnsons cut this early March .....clerk then told by ANOB that in order to get the grant, this had to be applied for before the work was done. Clerk hopeful grant can be achieved for the next cut which will be August/September 2007. But ANOB said the cut and the raking were “ideal” - clerk, John Lund and Ken Lund raked. Cost £52.88.

**g) Drainage problems in Main Street**

Highways dug up area outside Mark Campbell’s bungalow to discover a section of the 6” drain had been replaced, allegedly by Yorkshire Water, with a 4” drain. It was also thought tree roots could be causing a further problem. The drain was repaired but John Lund pointed out that a promise to return with a jetter which would also have a root cutter had not been kept. This is to be looked into by Mr Marr. As no real heavy rain since the work was done, it has not been possible to be certain that the drainage problem is cured but it was noted that far less silt was now going into the ditch outside Manor Farm.

#### **h) Neighbourhood Watch Association\_**

Letter sent to inviting speaker to AGM: no reply

#### **j) Beech Crescent Potholes**

Clerk e-mailed Highways inspector Neil Jefferson re potholes in Beech Crescent: he says this is the responsibility of Ryedale Housing Association.

### **4) Traffic Issues**

Mr Marr listened to other concerns re traffic raised by those present. Meeting agreed there was no longer anyone calling for a reduction in speed limit in Main Street and that the main issues were the dangers of turning into either of the two junctions off the B1257 when following vehicles were apt to overtake, and emerging to discover a west-bound vehicle was being overtaken. Mr Marr said requests to have a continuous white line system would be rejected and pointed out that this section of the B1257 has the “hazard” broken white line. PC Glen Goodwill, who was also in favour of a continuous white line system past the junctions, pointed out that the stretch between Broughton and Swinton was the only section for some distance that vehicles could overtake. Others pointed out the fast speeds. But Mr Marr said NYCC would only spend money “where people are being hurt and not where bits of metal are being bent.”

### **5) Clerk’s Report.**

a) **Broughton Lane** - repaired with hard core. Clerk concerned that because of the small size, including sand, a quantify of hard core laid on the steep section would be washed away in heavy rain and onto the B1257. Mr Marr is to speak to the PROW Brian Mullins re this to see if there is anything can be done to prevent this. Mr Mullins is to look later into improving Lowfield Lane.

#### **b) Stickers on wheelie bins to reduce speed**

Clerk and Peter Clark attended meeting at Howardian Hills ANOB HQ re a Safer Ryedale Partnership initiative to put stickers on wheelie bins to try and convince motorists to slow down and abide by speed limits in “built up areas”. Stickers to be delivered to all properties along the route from Malton to Stonegrave. Anyone who did not get a sticker and wants one can contact Terry Triffett at RDC or get one from PC Goodwill. Speed survey tubes placed between Breedycroft Lane and Main Street were to do with this project. Surveys also done in Amotherby and Stonegrave. Minutes of the meeting available. Waiting for another meeting to be “updated”.

#### **c) Police Liaison meetings**

Clerk attended meeting where new Malton Commander Insp Helen Taylor present. Also new the area is former traffic division commander with West Riding Alan Kaye who moved to Ryedale. He has offered to help, particularly with any safety issues re diversions from A64 through villages.

**d) Street Light outside Holly Lodge and 2 yr maintenance**

Lamp stopped working within weeks of the 2-yearly maintenance - although did not pay for new lamp, charged call out at total of £26.47. Maintenance charge totalled £220.98. Both invoices paid 13/04/07.

**e) Renewal of membership of the YLCA.**

Agreed to renew membership at £26 annual fee because of help re npower issues.

**f) npower**

YLCA is continuing to fight the sending of two bills for street lighting - agreed to withhold at least one of the administration fees on the bills and to pay for only the electricity consumed. Broughton is one of many parishes now being helped by the YLCA with this issue.

**g) Litter Bin at The Dip**

Agreed to site a litter bin on the south side of the B1257 in The Dip. Clerk and chairman to order.

**h) Grasscutting.**

Because of the length of the grass organised a cut mid April. Because of the daffs this cut was done by hand mower instead of with the tractor at a cost of £70. Meeting agreed that as most of the daffs, planted over 20 years ago by Amotherby schoolchildren, were blind there was no point in trying to save them. Instead the parish will buy some new bulbs to be planted in front of the hedge. Jonathan Piercy said he would help with this.

**i) NYCC bid to be a unitary authority**

Information from NYCC handed out. Mrs Wilford offered to see if Ryedale District Council would offer free legal advice on what might happen to the capital reserves held by the Parish Meeting in the event of the parish being forced to combine with other parishes. A meeting is to be held at Ryedale House re RDC's response to the unitary authority bid but no-one was interested/available to attend.

**j) Various correspondence**

Brought to the attention of the meeting - no action needed: Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire; Balfour Beatty letter re services offered; Great Yorkshire Bike Ride on June 16th 2007.

**Meeting ended at 8.48pm. The next meeting will on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at 7pm in the lounge at the BSA sports centre, Swinton.**

*Gill Woodhead*

*Clerk to Broughton Parish Meeting*