

Minutes of the Business Meeting of Broughton Parish Meeting held at Swinton Sports Hall

26.4.17

Present

John Lund (Chairman), Jonathan Piercy (Vice Chairman), Bruce Wilson, Bruce Watson, Pete Galtry, Eileen Clark, Peter Clark, Steven Waterworth, Councillor Fiona Farnell, John Horsman (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Anne Lund, Will Lund, Thomas Lund, James Clark.

Minutes of the previous meeting 2.11.17

These were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

We had received £271.54 from NYCC as their contribution towards our grass cutting costs.

Dhekelia building site had been cleared and planning permission had been granted.

We would discuss the defibrillator later, as an agenda item.

The street light opposite the sheep dip up Breedycroft Lane had been fitted with one of the new LED bulbs. We had yet to receive a bill but the bulb itself was about £300.

On receiving his Council Tax bill from RDC, JBH noted that it appeared to show that there had been a 2.1% increase in the charge attributed to Broughton Parish Meeting. Being aware that the precept set by BPM had not changed for 3 years, he wrote to RDC asking for an explanation of this apparent increase. The explanation duly arrived and was read to the meeting.

Clerk's Report

We had agreed to organising the grass cutting ourselves; the work to be done by Baileys.

NYCC had confirmed that their contribution this year would be £316.80

Melanie Holmes from Ryedale District Council had written to JBH to explain that after major restructuring at Ryedale House, she was now part of the Community Team assigned to a number of parishes including Broughton Parish Meeting.

The Three Parishes Cemetery thanked us for our contribution towards grass cutting and sent us revised fees for 2017.

Financial Statement

JBH reported on our financial situation as of 3pm 26.4.17.

Agenda Items

Dog Fouling: We had been asked some time ago by Swinton Parish Council to include this item on our agenda. They have been blighted by a number of irresponsible dog owners, some of whom are from Broughton. Swinton PC wants it minuted in our minutes that the residents of Swinton are being encouraged to report any dog owner who doesn't clean up after their dogs. There is a facility on the website of Ryedale District Council for such reporting. RDC will prosecute all offenders. This prompted much discussion in our meeting. BW stated that the green lane near Flowery Bank was appalling. JL said the same could be said of both grass verges leading to the Gatehouse and the public right of way which leads to the sports hall at Swinton. He also wanted to encourage the reporting of miscreants to RDC so that some prosecutions might stem the problem. He also pointed out that there was no public right of way to the north of the Gatehouse i.e. down the lane. He and Anne had been happy to allow people to use the lane. However, if the situation didn't improve over the next few months then they would have no hesitation in stopping access.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator would be on the external wall of Manor Farm, Moor Lane. JL and AL had kindly agreed to this, knowing that the unit had to be connected to mains electricity. It was also near to one of the street lights which would help at night. We had been contacted by a resident who wanted to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of the equipment. JBH had sought advice from YLCA on the correct way of approaching this issue.

The advice was in three parts:

- 1) Parish Meetings are not able to accept donations.
- 2) Parish Meetings have no powers to purchase defibrillators.
- 3) However, Parish Meetings are able to request these powers from a District Council.

JL proposed that we should contact RDC to obtain their approval/permission and the meeting concurred. (HBW) Councillor Farnell said that the Legal Department, headed by Anthony Winship would be the place to contact.

Street Lights: We agreed that we would refurbish all our lights with LED bulbs over a period of time. JBH would report back at our next meeting on actual costs per light and likely savings on electricity.

Standing Orders

We agreed that there was no need to amend them.

Any Other Business

There was none.

Date of next meeting

Our next Business Meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th. October 2017 , 7.30pm at Swinton Sports Hall.