

## **BROUGHTON PARISH MEETING AGM 29th APRIL 2004**

### **1) PRESENT**

Richard Lund, Anne and John Lund, Jeff Paulin, Gerry Cooper, Michelle and Eddie Monaghan, Bruce Watson, Sheila Watson, John Horsman, Sue Watson.

### **2) APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

### **3) MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of the AGM held on 13th May 2003 were signed as a true record.
- b) There were no matters arising.

### **4) TREASURER'S REPORT**

a) Richard Lund gave his written report (attached) which was accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Bruce Watson, seconded by Jeff Paulin.

- b) Precept: the meeting agreed to set a NIL precept for 2005-2006.  
Richard Lund said he had not seen a precept return form for the last two years, therefore no return had been made to Ryedale District Council.

### **5) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- a) **Chairman:** Gill Woodhead stood down as chairman.  
Gill Woodhead proposed, Jeff Paulin seconded John Lund as chairman and he was duly elected.
- b) **Treasurer:** Richard Lund agreed to continue as treasurer. Gerry Cooper proposed, seconded by Sheila Watson and he was duly elected.
- c) **Clerk:** Gill Woodhead agreed to do the job of clerk, proposed Richard Lund, seconded Gerry Cooper and she was duly elected.

Discussion led by Bruce Watson (former clerk) over the duties of the clerk. Mr Watson criticised the new clerk for being efficient and being too keen to adopt the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act. He said there was no need to publicise much of the correspondence received by the clerk and that it was up to the clerk to read and digest the correspondence much of which could then be binned.

Agreed that anything important should go on the Parish Notice Board and that if anyone had any questions, these should be put to the clerk. Also agreed that all future minutes would be displayed on the notice board as soon as possible after the meetings even though at this stage they had not been approved as a correct record. Agreed not to put treasurer's report on the noticeboard.

### **7) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Clerk explained that under the Publication Scheme the onus fell on the clerk for ensuring information was available to everyone and that from January 2005 anyone, anywhere in the world would have a right of access to information held by the parish. Clerk pointed out that ultimate sanction for failing to comply was prison or unlimited fines. ( Further details filed with AGM report).

### **8) A.O.B**

Meeting refused to become a member of either the Yorkshire Local Councils Association or the Society of Local Council Clerks after Bruce Watson said it was a waste of money and Gerry Cooper said advice, legal or otherwise, was available free from Ryedale District Council.

**Meeting ended at 8.15pm.**

Gill Woodhead, Clerk Broughton Parish Meeting.