

MINUTES OF BROUGHTON PARISH MEETING **WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2008**

1) Present

Jonathan Piercy (Vice-Chair) Richard Lund (Treasurer), Gill Woodhead (Clerk), Jeff Paulin, Sheila Watson, William Lund, Jamie Bowie, PC Glen Goodwill (Neighbourhood Policing Team).

2) Apologies

Cll Jane Welford, John (Chairman) and Anne Lund, Julian and Karan Witt, Sue and John Sleightholme, Peter and Margaret Clark. CC Mike Knaggs was invited but did not respond.

3) Minutes

a) Signed as a true record by Vice-Chairman Jonathan Piercy in the chair.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Traffic Issues

White lines in the Dip - e-mail received on **5.10.07** (ie two days after meeting) from Richard Marr saying: **“after some discussions and a few drive throughs with the Police yesterday, I am pleased to tell you that I will be laying some double white lines from the top of the hill, through The Dip and up to the top of the next hill. The order has gone to my contractor and I have asked that it be done asap.”**

April 2008 - Mr Marr says the existing white lines and cats eyes have to be removed before new lining applied, to be done on a Sunday when the road will have to be closed to traffic.

Letter to Gordon Gresty delayed (as at 09.10.07).

Ponding on the B1257

Richard Marr says in an e-mail:

“The solving of the ponding will not be as quick. We have looked at putting an additional drain in but with the slow running drain that we have there, we are not confident that it will drain the road quickly enough. Therefore I am looking at patching the road to remove the dips. Unfortunately this will be May - June time.

ii) Rural Grass Cutting

Totally unexpected third rural grass cut done - far better than previous cuts and meant we did not need to have Johnson Fuels again. NYCC paid us **£250.98p** for the urban grass cutting in 2007.

Again letter to Gordon Gresty delayed (as at 09.10.07).

Gary Reddihough did not cut the bank beneath the hedge; Julian Witt strimmed this bank - cost £30. Meeting with Mr Marr re getting NYCC to do urban cut as well....see clerk's report.

iii) RDC Chairman's Charity Fund

Thank you letter

iv) Daffodils

Organised by Jonathan Piercy who had a good number of helpers. Jonathan and his wife Claire kindly donated the bulbs which were to be paid for by the Parish. Julian Witt also bought some daffodils. Since then Jonathan has moved many of the original bulbs which had gone blind at the top of Main Street in the hope that moving them closer to the hedge would allow them to build up strength for future years which might salvage them.

4) Clerk's report.

a) Three parishes cemetery

Letters and bank statements circulated explaining why there was a request from Amotherby Parish Council to pay £150 towards the Cemetery account. The letter stated each of the three parishes was being asked to pay the same amount.

Agreed to pay £150 but to make clear this was not setting a precedent and to ask to see the accounts annually. Proposed Jeff Paulin, seconded Jamie Bowie. (**Clerk to write**).

b) Grasscutting

NYCC wrote saying a new contractor Sodexho Land Technology (sic) was to cut urban grass. Clerk had meeting with Richard Marr, No 4 Area Highways Manager and Andrew Cooper, Project Manager responsible for grass cutting which resulted in a new urban grass cutting plan for the village. More grass to be cut than that cut by Johnson's Fuels. The new plan will allow a 1.5m botanical strip in front of the hedge between Main Street and Breedycroft Lane which will protect the newly planted daffodils. It also states that areas of daffodil planting are to be left until after May.

Should the parish wish to continue with its own grass cutting arrangements, NYCC would pay £717.07 for the current year. However, the number of cuts would be reduced over the next two years down from 8 to 6. NYCC contractors are doing only 6 cuts.

It was felt there would be enough volunteers, both to strim and rake, the area left for wild flowers when this needs cutting each September. Also may need volunteers to tackle the verge in front of the new fence from the bus stop to the ash tree on the Swinton side of Main Street.

Noted that many householders made an excellent job of cutting the grass in front of their premises, especially the Lunds who keep the verges trimmed between Manor Farm and the Gatehouse and along the PROW heading to Swinton and that they should be publicly thanked.

Agreed to go back to having the NYCC cut the grass, proposed Jonathan Piercy, seconded Gill Woodhead. (**Clerk to contact Andy Cooper ASAP and to speak to Howard Johnson.**)

c) Streetlighting

i) npower - Willam Lund and Richard Lund studied various “invoices” sent by npower and assured the clerk there was nothing to pay and that in fact we were in credit! All these invoices handed to treasurer.

In order to clarify, it was suggested the clerk write to npower asking for a statement of account showing transactions for the last 3 years.

Agreed in principal to move to the North Eastern Purchasing Organisation but William Lund suggested we first use up the credit.

ii) low energy bulbs - with npower saying it was going to raise prices by a further 21% the possibility of converting to low energy bulbs was discussed as it would be the two-yearly maintenance contract during the current financial year. Felt that the cost would still outweigh the advantages. Instead agreed the parish convert each light as and when it became impossible to repair/replace.

iii) Noted lamp changed outside Boswell House and that clerk had confirmed to NEDL there was no change to the inventory.

d) Website on RDC’s website

None at the meeting able to help the clerk with the website although Jonathan Piercy said he knew someone who might be able to assist.

e) Yorkshire Local Councils Subscription

Agreed to renew at £31 as still possible problems with npower.

f) Litter Bins at either end of Plantation

Agreed to buy two black litter bins similar to the one at the bus stop to go on either side of the road at The Plantation. Felt that as the “re cycled” bin at the Castle Road end was still being used that we should stay with this for the time being. **Clerk to order bins with screw seal strappings. Lunds to assist re fixing of poles etc.**

g) Parish noticeboard

William Lund said the leaking problem could be sorted with a membrane. He volunteered to repair.

h) Broughton Lane PROW

As NYCC Public Rights of Way responsible for the surface, clerk to continue trying to get an improvement in the area that is particularly wet and muddy.

i) The late Mrs Irene Lund

Thank you card from the Lunds for the donation from Parish in lieu of flowers.

j) Insurance and jobs on the highways verges

Richard Marr, No 4 Area Highways manager has advised that the Parish must ensure employed contractors have £5million worth of third party insurance to do any work on the highway verges. However this would not apply to eg householders or villagers volunteering to eg strim.

Rest of the clerk's report contained items for information only.

5) Upgrade of footpath from Broughton to Malton

Agreed to accept the clerk's report calling for an upgrade so the path could be used by cyclists, pedestrians and mobility scooters from Broughton to the top of the hill at Monkman's farm. Stressed by William Lund that we need to have the support of the other parishes. PC Glen Goodwill said he would support the parish's efforts pointing out that some time ago there had been a suggestion to put up a rail on the steep section leading up to Monkman's Farm but that nothing had come of this. Clerk to write out to various requesting support.

6) Any other Business

- a) Complaint made re difficulty faced by some residents on the south side of the B1257 getting onto the footpath which runs on the north side of the main road. **Clerk to write to Highways requesting action - possibly verge to be dug out.**
- b) Sheila Watson said she had complained about the potholes in the lane between Manor Farm and the Gatehouse but that nothing had been done.
- c) Concerns raised about the faint give-way markings at Manor Park which is leading some motorists exiting the road to do so as if they have the right of way. **Clerk to request Highways to re mark.**
- d) Both the speed of traffic on Flowery Bank and the need for a solid white line to prevent overtaking on the B1257 until past the two junctions into Broughton were raised. Clerk pointed out these issues had previously been raised. PC Goodwill said he could not understand why the solid white line could not be extended past the junctions. He also said that as Flowery Bank was a de-restricted road the he could not do a speed check with the laser gun as this could only be done where there were speed limits. It was noted that it probably need serious road accidents before anything was done although the clerk suggested that if the police made enough "noise" this might be a way of achieving a change.

7) Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st October 2008 in the lounge at the BSA sports centre, Swinton.

*Gill Woodhead
Clerk to Broughton Parish Meeting*