

BROUGHTON PARISH MEETING 24th April 2006

1) PRESENT

John and Anne Lund, Richard Lund, Jeff Paulin, Gill Woodhead, Peter Clark, Sheila Watson, PC Glen Goodwill (Neighbourhood Policing Team).

2) APOLOGIES

CC Mike Knaggs, Gerry Cooper, Jamie Wilkie, Pat and Peter Galtry, Sue Watson, William Lund, Shane Bonser.

3) MINUTES

- a) Minutes unanimously accepted and signed by chairman John Lund as a true record.
- b) Matters arising were:

RDC'S chairman's charity.

Thank you letter from Councillor Lindsay Burr for £50 cheque sent for her chairman's charity fund. When organising this cheque, it was discovered that previous annual donations to this fund were £50 and not £100 as said at the October 2005 meeting. As a result of discussions between Broughton's chairman, treasurer and the clerk, it was agreed to send £50 to stay in line with previous donations.

Mazars

Annual return for year ending 31 March 2004 returned in November 2005 as being "in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements." Bill was for £82.25 which included £20 for "work undertaken as a result of errors or omissions" - this being almost half of the "normal fee" of £50. Clerk not given the original annual return to sign (both as chairman and clerk at that time). As per instructions the auditor's certificate was displayed for at least 14 days over Christmas 2005.

Millennium conker tree

John Lund spoke to Mr Reddihough who agreed the horse chestnut could be planted close to the route of the public right of way which crosses his field. John and Thomas planted the tree for us - agreed to record a vote of thanks.

4) CLERK'S REPORT

Street lights

- a) Electricity bills (2) - agreed to pay the one of £444.61 as unable to understand why there should be two bills, therefore two admin charges. Agreed clerk to investigate cost of a long-term fixed rate which could be accepted by chairman and clerk at a later date.
- b) Agreed to ask Ryedale District Council to again be agent re routine maintenance of the 14 lamps. Letter detailing estimated costs attached.

c) Street light No 0060025 (on Main Street between the B1257 and Beachcroft Lane) was burning during day time. New cell fitted. Cost £41.36 paid to RDC.

d) Street Light outside Oak House - Bethel trimmed branches while carrying out overhead cables.

e) Lamp at the top of Main Street - Ian Johnson of Bethel rang Ryedale DC at 4pm on the Friday afternoon the parish lamp on the metal pole between the bus shelter and Main Street was "cut off" offering to run a cable to a replacement. Unable to call a meeting in time, so agreed the lamp be refitted to the new wooden pole at the top of Main Street - transpired "technical problems" - ie the wires going up this pole - prevented lamp being fitted to shine over the street. PC Goodwill advised it would be beneficial to have any new lamp lighting the junction. Agreed clerk investigate costs and action if prices reasonable.

Grass cutting

Discussions with Peter Renshaw (Highways) over using their contractors to cut our grass initially very positive but as nothing materialised by March chairman and clerk invited Johnson's Fuels to give a price. Howard Johnson visited and quoted £15.00 plus VAT per hour (commercial strimmers and pedestrian mower) which was accepted. Clerk requested £229 towards the cost of grass cutting from Highways but still waiting reply.

Statutory Dutyof "Relevant Authorities":-

to have regard to the purposes of National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Norfolk and Suffolk Boards." Completed questionnaire.

Public footpaths

Public Rights of Way office contacted after a number of comments about the very bad state of Broughton Lane, . Aidan Rayner (PROW assistant) said he would visit again to see if anything can be done. Also grumbles about quad bikes etc on either bridleways or footpaths - Aidan advised public right of way goes from boundary to boundary - ie even on Broughton Green Lane, the whole width is considered to be the public right of way so anyone driving a motorised vehicle without lawful authority would be in the wrong. Aidan stated this was a matter for the police.

He will also check the signs on the Lowfield Lane linking Broughton to Swinton as the markings at Swinton indicate a bridleway while those at Broughton suggest a footpath and look at lack of waymarkings on the path from Blacksmiths Yard to Swinton.

Traffic Issues

Letter written to Peter Renshaw with copies to CC Mike Knaggs re lack of action over the white lines in The Dip; the large puddle between Broughton and Swinton caused by creation of the new dual footway/cycleway because the stretch between drains is lower than the drains.

CC Mike Knaggs rang to say Peter Renshaw and Ian Salmons met with Mr Gresty

(Environmental and Business director for NYCC) who having looked at police reports etc. gave the go-ahead to extend the double white line system - “anything to improve that road must be done in the interests of safety.” Also improvements to be carried out to the footpath heading out of the Dip towards Malton. But no dates yet given for any of this work.

PC Goodwill agreed that the B1257 was also dangerous where it passed the two junctions into Broughton and said he felt double white lines should go the entire length of the village on this road.

Drainage

Highways again jetted drains. Stated at meeting that jetting was not the solution and once again stated that the problem believed to be a cracked/broken drain. Clerk will again ask Highways to investigate.

Verity's Legacy

John Lund promised to have a simple seat made very soon. Approx £530 left of the bequest. Treasurer to open new account to keep this money separate from other parish monies. Clerk to speak to Mrs Behren re putting the seat on the public footpath which goes from Broughton Lane across to Swinton Grange.

Planning application

Meeting welcomed proposed change of uses by Mr and Mrs Silversides to alter Oak Farm barn etc. and to turn what was going to be an “industrial use” into a holiday cottage. Clerk to send comments to RDC, but also emphasising the hope the post box will remain in the barn wall.

Main Street pavement

John Lund and Peter Clark volunteered to sweep and shovel out soil squashed onto the path.

Charity request by Vitalise

Meeting felt unable to donate towards this as it would set a precedent.

Police Consultation Meetings

Minutes of previous two meetings available for those interested.

5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff Paulin voiced concern on behalf of Flowery Bank residents about the depth of the gully between the tarmac road and pull-off outside Flowery Bank. Clerk to ask Highways to take action.

Jeff Paulin also asked if the tree which is falling onto and damaging the fence on the opposite side of the road from Flowery Bank could also be attended to by Highways. Clerk to ask Highways to take action.

6) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the BSA Sports Centre on WEDNESDAY 25th October 2006.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

*Gill Woodhead
Clerk to Broughton Parish Meeting*