

BROUGHTON PARISH MEETING 24th October 2005

1) PRESENT

John Lund (chairman), Gill Woodhead (clerk), Richard Lund (treasurer), Gerry Cooper, Anne Lund, Adrian James, Jamie Wilkie, Shane Bonser, Sheila Watson, Jeff Paulin and Audie Sellars, Police Community Support Officer for Norton and Malton and surrounding villages.

2) APOLOGIES

Sue Watson, William Lund, Peter and Margaret Clark, Jane and Peter Blackburn-Maze.

3) MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2005 were signed by the chairman as a true record.

b) Matters arising:

Verity's Legacy.

John Lund said seat now being made. Clerk to contact Cundalls to see if Behren Estate would allow the seat to be put on the section which links Broughton Lane with the black-sheep--field as this is a better view than the dog leg.

Electricity

Another check of the bowl on the lamp outside Oak Farm has concluded there is nothing wrong with it and therefore does NOT need replacing.

RDC given the go-ahead to do the electrical testing. Invoice for £90.48. All lights OK with exception of 0060060 which is the lamp outside Oak Farm House; this was "required to have tree cut". Clerk to contact RDC and ask for a letter to be sent to Mr Reddihough outlining exactly what/how much needed cutting and detailing the reasons why.

Orchard Close

Mr Slape of Orchard Close wrote to RDC again asking for the sign to be removed and saying he understood it "was not initiated" by RDC but "others within the village". Also letter from Glyn Wild (Tech Officer for RDC) saying Mr Watson at Westways said residents did not want Orchard Close sign so he had taken it down. Mr Wild did not intend doing anything further. David Summers, Property Manager advised that if the Parish Meeting wished to have the sign re-erected this should be put in writing to him. His letter of 18/2/05 stated "*The Council's local land and property gazetteer holds addresses in British Standard 7666 Part 3 - which requires all properties to be addressed onto a street.*" An alternative could be to ask for the properties to be addressed as being Main Street.

The Meeting heard that recently a district nurse had to ask directions for Orchard Close but after a discussion decided to take no further action.

White Line System on B1257 at The Plantation.

Reports sent to the Press: 09/03/05 The Mercury sent photographer - organised by John Lund who said others had spoken to him about the white lines including John Monkman, all of whom were against them.

Insp. Neil Burnett, Malton Police replied saying he agreed with our concern and promising to take matter up with Highway Authority; letter from Paul Sheppard, Area Traffic Engineer saying consulted with police but not accepting anything wrong. Clerk wrote again to Paul Sheppard and also to John Greenway, MP, urging he took the matter up at the highest level at County Hall as local councillors had shown no interest. John Greenway replied saying he would take up the issue with Mike Moore, Director of Environmental Services at NYCC. Correspondence available for anyone interested.

Update: Insp. Neil Burnett in reply to e-mail from clerk said:

No update from Highways. They are currently going through a massive restructuring and things are not happening very quickly. I have a number of issues I wish to discuss with them which are getting long in the tooth. This being one of them.

Clerk spoke to Ian Salmons, Improvement Manager for Highways, who is new in post - he ascertained that speed checks had been done but he had not received details and could not give a commitment until he had seen these. He confirmed there was a design scheme which corresponds with yellow markings which have appeared on the footpath indicating double continuous white lines over the central part in and out of the dip with a dotted white line/continuous white line system on the slopes/hills approaching the dip. Jeff Paulin said it was weeks ago since he saw a surveyor putting yellow markings on the footpath and the road. Mr Salmons seemed unaware of the police backing for the alterations to the current road markings. Asked Mr Salmons to keep the parish informed.

Drainage problems

Highways have been and looked and jetted drains. Advised by Tim (Yorkshire Water) that only NYCC can do anything, including inspection, to their drains. Suggest the need to amass evidence - eg photographs of water coming up manhole covers together with proof that this is not being caused by silt build up in the ditch opposite Manor Farm - also keep a diary etc. etc. if we want to pursue this. Once we have some evidence we could take it up via the MP.

Neil Jefferson, Highways Inspector, says action is being taken re drainage on the B1257 following discovery that a drain is "broken in" under the bus-stop tarmac on the south side which was preventing water getting away. This work will be done as soon as he can get a gang to do it. He said drains between Main Street, Broughton and Swinton, all drained into the culvert between the two villages running north from the B1257 and that the main drain ran along the south side of the road, with the gullies on the north side draining into this. Only those drains between on the east side of Main Street go into the drains which run down Main Street.

Other Highway matters - see clerk's report.

Litter

John Lund and his merry followers gathered up 7 bags of litter from the area of Broughton Wood. Blackburn-Mazes keep the area close to them and Breedycroft Lane relatively litter free and I am hoping to do another litter pick along the B1257.

Hedge clippings

Ian Hamilton reacted very promptly to the request to gather up hedge trimmings and this year cut the hedge early and swept up immediately. He was on holiday when the hedge was cut which led to the complaint at the last meeting.

4) CLERK'S REPORT

Coun. Mike Knaggs

Letter from Cll Knaggs introducing himself as our new CC.

Travellers Caravans on Broughton Green Lane

Verbal report given re caravans on this lane earlier in the year and intermediate action taken by clerk and chairman. NYCC assistant PROW Aidan Rayner is to contact Guy Raines to see if wants a 5ft gate installing after Malton Estates confirmed in an e-mail that the Estate "goes no further towards Broughton than the woodland and has no contract relationship with Mr Farrow or the Sedmans."

Npower

After protracted correspondence and getting Energywatch involved, clerk hopes to have stopped mail going to previous clerk Bruce Watson. Npower also sent a statement showing £19 worth of administration costs waived and that the account was paid in full. Energywatch says all power suppliers have dramatically increased their charges and that to get Npower to send a bill different to their normal business bills (which show a metered amount which is not needed for the parish as it is a set cost per unit) would cost them more.

Grasscutting

John Rawling does not want to cut our grass any longer following letter, agreed with chairman John Lund, outlining the grass cutting service we wanted and a Highways request for Third Party Liability set at £5million.

NYCC spent £229 a year on grasscutting in Broughton (1145 square metres), much of which was now tarmac with most of the rest being grass cut by householders. Initially wrote to Highways asking to opt out of NYCC scheme as it was our intention to give all grasscutting to JR. Highways have reimbursed us for grasscutting not done this season (£114), but following JR's decision, clerk contacted Peter Renshaw at Kirkbymoorside to have NYCC grass cutting reinstated and to enquire whether Broughton parish could use the same contractors as the cutting they did between Dobsons Yard and Beech Crescent, top of Main Street was OK. As Highways pay 0.025 a metre this would be much cheaper rate than organising it ourselves. NYCC does 8 cuts each financial year - the 8th cut being done in March. Agreed that clerk pursue this with NYCC and that if this fails, clerk and chairman to organise grasscutting for 2006.

Bus Shelter Vandalised

Glass bottle and one of the windows smashed. Clerk reported to the police and Divisional Highways who cleaned up the broken glass. Policewoman visited clerk. Newspaper report says damage amounted to £100. Second glass window smashed in May 2005.

Reported to police and highways who again cleaned up the glass. New windows installed by June 2005.

Highways Matters- Various:

A complaint about broken glass still at the bus shelter following vandalism was reported to Highways.

The footpath/cycleway between Broughton and Swinton cost £70,000, £10,000 less than scheduled - the balance was spent on improving the footpath in Swinton. Mouchel Parkman are doing the design work for the rest of the footpath/cycleway into Malton which is estimated will cost over £200,000. It will involve moving the road over where the path goes past the Sedmans and buying land where it goes up the hill past Monkman's farm. The traffic calming seems to have been put on hold until the footpath is sorted out - Peter Renshaw says there is no point in putting new markings on the road if the road is going to be moved over.

Gritting

No " comments on service and suggestions for improvements" re gritting in the area but a request for a salt bin on the Dobsons Yard corner as this gets very icy. Clerk to write to Highways requesting bin in this area.

Public footpaths

NYCC Assistant Public Rights of Way Officer Aidan Rayner visited Broughton to discuss various issues/complaints re footpaths. Full details given in clerk's report. Meeting was mainly interested in having improvements to Lowfield Lane as this would be well used by those wishing to access the Sports Centre. A newly appointed ranger should mean that "little jobs" - eg overgrown vegetation on short sections, dropped gates, etc would be dealt with quickly once reported. Individuals can report direct or let clerk know. Brief details of Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire was given.

RDC Chairman's Charity Fund

Agreed to send £100 to RDC Chairman's Charity Fund. Chair Lindsay Burr has chosen to support St Catherine's Hospice.

Great North Air Ambulance Service

Reluctantly decided could not give a donation.

Flooding Questionnaire

Clerk had completed this on part of the parish pointing out that failure of the drains to carry all the water caused a small amount of flooding.

Waste Cycling Questionnaire

Clerk completed a questionnaire on this on behalf of the parish.

Deadly Nightshade.

A plant believed to be Deadly Nightshade seen growing in hedge near Beech Crescent. Clerk spoke to Countryside Officer at Ryedale District Council who said it is not a notifiable plant.

John Lund said it was probably Woody Nightshade which is very similar to Deadly Nighshade.

North Yorkshire Fire Brigade

Various correspondence received re the Fire Service. Some items displayed on the noticeboard. Meeting did not wish to take any action.

Malton Rural West Community & Policing Consultation Group

Attended by clerk Gill Woodhead, Chairman John Lund and Peter Clark and Sheila Watson. Guest speaker was Paul Sheppard, Area Traffic Engineer who said speeding was based on 85 percentile, ie if speed needed reducing, it had to be "engineered down". Road markings at Broughton - he said the dotted white line is a hazard warning line. Clerk pointed out that if majority of motorists saw it as an invitation to overtake it was going to cause problems. Malton Police Inspector Neil Burnett confirmed he was not happy with the markings but said the police expert had been on holiday and had not yet been contacted. He hoped to have things moving in weeks. Re the new dual cycleway/footpath, Mr Sheppard said it was up to cyclists to give way to pedestrians.

Insp Burnett reported on crime figures which he said reduced by 17% in 2003-2004 and were the second lowest in the country. NY police also had the second highest detection rate of all police forces.

Community Policing - going to be renamed Neighbourhood Policing with 4 areas in Ryedale: Broughton, Swinton and Amotherby are to become part of a community beat based in Malton which will have 3 community beat officers, 2 community support officers and possibly 1 special constable.

Court actionASBO - is being taken over the Smith family to get them to move out of the south west corner. 5 of their vehicles have been crushed for being uninsured.

Clerk unable to attend the meeting held on 12th October 2005.

Community Emergency Planning

Meeting not interested in having a presentation by the NYCC Emergency Planning Unit.

Supply of Litter and Dog Waste Bins and request for another bin

Meeting decided no need for having a third dog bin which was requested by a local resident.

Clerk reported Ryedale no longer supplying and fitting litter and dog waste bins as the existing arrangement offers no financial benefit to parish as the Council does not get any discount because insufficient bins are bought to qualify. Any new bins purchased must be notified to the Council with details of location so that it gets added to the schedule of emptying. Regular suppliers are given as Wybone for small plastic post mounted, heavy duty and dog waste bins (01226 744010) and Swintex for plastic floor standing bins (0161 7614933).

Letter and Brochure filed in Parish Information File.

Various

Record of correspondence etc, some of which was displayed on the noticeboard, received by clerk was circulated. Clerk also reported having requested re-painting of Give-Way white line markings at top of Main Street and Breedycroft Lane; being assured by Mr Reddihough that the tree growing round lamp outside Oak Farm House and hedge on Main Street would be cut.

Auditors' Report

Notice re the report was put on the noticeboard on 9th September 2005 giving minimum of 2 weeks for people to inspect the reports before being sent to the auditors in time for the 15th October deadline. Auditors phoned clerk re street lights as "assets" but clerk explained the parish owned only the brackets and the bowls.

Clerk had signed form for the internal audit. Shane Bonser offered to do the internal audit in future.

5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Letter from Mrs Jane Blackburn-Maze re the millenium conker tree that they have kindly "grown" for us since 2000, saying it is ready for replanting and suggesting planting the tree close to the old railway track below Manor Farm. After discussion, Meeting agreed this was not a suitable location and that the tree should be planted where it could be seen from everyone in the village and not just those who walked past Manor Farm. Agreed that chairman to contact Mr Reddihough to see if he would allow it to be planted in his field in the area by the stile onto the B1257 or if this fails, to speak to John Monkman about the corner of his field opposite the same stile.

b) Shayne Bonser raised concerns over the electric post outside Fair View and opposite White Cottages as there are fears that it or the power lines might blow down, especially as there is an old notice stating it is going to be repaired. Clerk to write to NEDL asking for action.

6) COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Audie Sellars spoke briefly about the role of Community Police Officers and said he hoped to visit the village and attend future meetings.

7) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **BOTH** the AGM and an Ordinary Meeting to be held at the Swinton Sports Centre on Monday 24th April starting at 7pm. All welcome.

*Gill Woodhead
Clerk to Parish Meeting*