MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF BROUGHTON PARISH HELD ON THE 18, 4, 2011 AT SWINTON SPORTS HALL (UNAPPROVED)

PRESENT:

John Lund (Chairman); Jonathan Piercy (Vice Chairman); Richard Lund (Treasurer); Jane Blackburne-Maze; Gill Woodhead; Tim Cluderay; H. Bruce Watson; Anne Lund; Pete Galtry; John Gullon; Eileen Clarke; John Horsman (Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

Rodger & Moira Slape; Susan & John Sleightholme; Mandy Prest; William & Jill Lund: Keith & Maureen Williams; James Clarke.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Business Meeting were read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

The old Minute Book had been found; JBH had handed over the new Minute Book to AGW for scanning.

The new light outside Manor Farm had been connected up; we had requested that the light outside 1 Beech Crescent be connected up. Having street lights on house walls had run into difficulties. Who would "own" them; what would happen when houses were sold, new occupants might not approve of the scheme? We were not aware of any sewage issues in the last few months. The Jubilee Tree had been felled and replaced with three others. We had obtained red oak trees; one had been sited only about 20 metres away from the original, in the paddock across Breedycroft Lane; one down below The Gatehouse and one at the side of the old railway line on the way to Swinton.

A new salt bin had been obtained for the junction of Moor Lane and Breedycroft Lane. We would be buying our salt supplies from NYCC in future. This was cheaper and more convenient. Shovels had been placed in all bins.

The Sports Hall had agreed to repay the loan at £1000/year.

British Telecom stated that the phone box had not been abandoned. Their first visit resulted in the phone being mended, their second, some time later resulted in a new side being fitted.

The notice for the April 2011 Business Meeting and AGM had been delivered to all homes in the village.

AGW questioned RL'S involvement in Parish matters which were not of a financial nature. JBH reported that at a previous Meeting it had been resolved to allow him to take part in any discussion.

AGW asked that a piece of the Jubilee tree be preserved in some form.

AGW hoped that some interest would be shown in the work of SPAM in order to have the footpath improved between Broughton and Malton. It was obvious from discussion that we did not want a footpath along the lines of the one from the village to Swinton.

AGW stated that she had seen some new anti dog fouling signs at Ryedale House and suggested that the Clerk try and obtain some. The Chairman thanked Keith Williams and HBW for their efforts in litter picking around the village. HBW stated it was more JKW than HBW.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK NOT COVERED IN MATTERS ARISING:

JBH produced the file which contained all the relevant correspondence and emails which he had received since the last meeting. (Items which were not relevant he had discarded eg catalogues for playground equipment, grants available for war memorials and public buildings). The file showed the action taken on receipt, and was available for anyone to look through.

He singled out for mention:

- Details of "Organising a Poppy Party" to celebrate 90 years of the Royal British Legion. Was anybody interested?
- Ryedale District Council was offering half price dog waste bins. We felt that we did not need any more.
- He had made contact with an Insurance Broker regarding third party cover for the Officers of the Parish.
- 4) There had been a planning request to install UPVC doors at Oak Cottage, Moor Lane.
- 5) He had not received the Annual Return 2011 Pack from Mazars by the due date. He had written to them.
- 6) He was still pleased with the service he received from Ryedale District Council and NYCC Highways.

STATEMENT FROM THE TREASURER:

The Treasurer presented the accounts to the Meeting.

Concern was expressed about the cost of street lighting although a recently received bill showed that we were using less electricity thanks to our low wattage bulbs. Unfortunately, only 5 lamps out of 14 were of the more efficient type. The accounts were accepted by the Meeting. RL expressed concern that there were rumours that the land sale to Andrew Menzies was flawed. He produced photocopies of the original documents, which he still has, to show the validity of the sale.

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS:

The Chairman spoke about the two historical documents which had been handed down from Clerk to Clerk. He considered that they were of such an age and maybe importance that they deserved better than being stored in a cardboard box on top of a wardrobe. Contact had been made with the Records Office of NYCC who agreed not only to look after our documents but also to translate them. They had returned a CD containing photographs of the documents and seven pages of translation (available to anyone in the village from JBH). Anyone can visit the Records Office but you need to phone first to make an appointment. He related how land had been allocated in days gone by and recommended a book called "Yorkshire Treasure".

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS FIREWORKS:

A request had been received from Jan Anderson, Swinton, regarding our making a contribution towards the firework display to be held at Swinton Sports Hall in November, 2011. It became apparent during the discussion that no approval for such an event had been given by SPFA to date (they were still waiting for the remains of last year's bonfire to be cleared). It was resolved that we were unable to contribute this year.

TO CONSIDER HOLDING A STREET PARTY ON 29.4.11:

We had received a letter from Mandy Prest to give consideration to the holding of an informal street party in Manor Park on the day of the Royal Wedding. It was pointed out that the deadline for approval for such an event, from Ryedale District Council, had passed and therefore the Parish could not endorse the event. If anyone was interested in holding an alternative event would they please see Mandy or Susan Sleightholme?

LAUNCH OF PARISH WEBSITE:

AGW spoke about the launch of a new Parish website. It was being "hosted" by Ryedale District Council so that there was no cost to the Parish. It was intended to be a site not just where all the records of the Parish could be stored, minutes, accounts, agendas, old maps, photographs of the village and the villagers but also carrying information about forthcoming events in and around the village plus news of parishioners and their hobbies. She asked that anyone who wanted to contribute, to contact her.

The website address was:

broughton.ryedaleconnect.org.uk

The Chairman thanked AGW for her efforts

The village notice board would still be used by those of us who have yet to enter the online era!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

The Business Meeting closed at 7.50pm