

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF BROUGHTON
PARISH HELD AT SWINTON SPORTS HALL ON THURSDAY
12TH. APRIL 2012**

PRESENT:

John Lund (Chmn.); Richard Lund (Treasurer); Jonathan Piercy (Vice);
Mandy Prest; Bruce Watson; Jane Blackburne-Maze; Anne Lund; John Horsman
(Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

Rodger & Moira Slape; Pat & Peter Galtry; Nigel & Margaret Watson; Gill
Woodhead; Margaret & Peter Clark; Eileen & James Clark; Will & Gill Lund; Emma
& Thomas Lund; Claire Piercy; Josie & Dave.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Business Meeting held on the 26th. October 2011 were read,
approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

JBH explained why he had withheld the minutes of the previous Meeting until now.

Broughton/ Malton footpath

He read out his letter to Richard Marr and one to Barrie Mason questioning NYCC's
inability to carry out any improvements to the footpath at Boswell House and the
slope leading out of the plantation towards Malton.

He read out Richard Marr's reply which again HBW thought was dismissive and
needed a reply.

Much discussion followed on the right way to move forward. Should we involve
Swinton & Amotherby Parish Councils? Should we involve local and County
Councillors? What about our MP?

The Meeting gave the Clerk carte blanche to deal with the matter.

Dog Fouling

JBH had obtained some new anti dog fouling signs from RDC; these would be around
the village shortly. He would be writing to Richard Goode asking for our concerns
about increased fouling, particularly on the two footpaths between Swinton and
Broughton, to be included in the next Swinton Parish newsletter. HBW wondered
about moving one dog bin closer to the end of the southern footpath (Broughton end).
It was thought that we might be better off obtaining a new one because the one at the
top was well used. JBH would enquire of RDC and would report back to Committee.
We had been thanked for our donation of £50 to RDC's Charity Fund.

New Homes Bonus Scheme

Looks like RDC will keep 50% and Parishes can bid for rest.

Winter Maintenance Scheme

We had been successful in our bid for equipment. We had been **given**
4 shovels, 4 pairs of gloves, 4 fluoro vests, one salt bin and one salt spreader. Some
time later we were contacted again to see if we wanted anything else and received 2
snow scoops.

We are now well prepared for the next lot of snow.

Amotherby Village Hall

We had received a letter of thanks from Andy Holmes thanking us for our donation of
£350 towards resurfacing the car park.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

JBH reported on the problems he was having obtaining personalised mugs to present to the youngsters of the village; there was a minimum number of 72 to buy (we only needed 30 odd) but the cost would be in excess of £320 and he felt that he needed the approval of a Meeting to spend more than twice the amount which had been allocated at the last Meeting. It was resolved not to have the mugs personalised. J B-M suggested that we provide a Diamond Jubilee tree. Another suggestion had been to plant some snowdrops on the banking behind the telephone box. It was felt that a north facing wall was not the ideal site. JP would acquire the tree and bulbs this autumn and a decision about where to plant would be taken later. JL announced that he intended to make a seat to commemorate the event using a slice of the Queen Victoria Jubilee tree which had to be felled last year. He thought that the best place for this would be at the start of the footpath to Swinton, near the Gatehouse, Moor Lane. J B-M thanked JL for the gesture and also announced that Mr & Mrs Reddihough had kindly offered the use of their garden if anyone wished to organise a party for the village.

Clerk's Report

JBH had brought all correspondence received since the last Meeting. It was available for anyone to look through; he was only going to mention the relevant items.

- 1) He had signed up to a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It was a two way process between residents and police; information would pass both ways. They would use us to help them in their work; we would receive information about online/telephone/doorstep scams etc. If you wish to be included in the process then please send me an email: broughton.parish@gmail.com and I'll pass on the messages as and when they arrive.
- 2) He had details of setting up an "Oil Buying Syndicate". Anyone interested in being the organiser to contact him.
- 3) He had received details of the "Hotspot" campaign which was established to assist people who:
 - i) had problems paying heating bills
 - ii) had a cold draughty home
 - iii) need advice on claiming benefits
 - iv) worried about fire risks at home.

Contact should be made with Yorkshire Energy Partnership, quoting "Hotspot" 01904 554406 or advice@energypartnership.org.uk

4) Ryedale Counselling Service was offering a free and confidential service for all. 01653 690124 or counsellors@ryedale.fslife.co.uk

5) He gave an update on our street lighting maintenance contract and our electricity supplier.

6) He informed the Meeting that Ringway would be the contractors for our grass cutting.

7) He wanted to mention NYCC Highways on a positive note.

He was informed on a Friday afternoon that there was a dangerous pothole on the footpath just beyond Boswell House. He emailed Neil Jefferson, Area 4 Highways and just after lunch on the following Monday not only had the footpath pothole been repaired but so had many others around the village. He had sent a thank you to those involved.

Financial Statement from the Treasurer

The Treasurer informed us of the state of our finances.

Items for Discussion

1) We agreed that John Lund would be our representative for the Amotherby Educational Foundation for the next two years.

2) Dianne Illingworth, Swinton had written asking for our views on the problems facing the churches at Appleton and Amotherby.

The feeling of the Meeting was that we would like to be involved but needed more details about what was required. JBH to write, asking to be kept informed.

3) JBH handed out his proposal for “Standing Orders for Broughton Parish Meeting” to adopt. He felt that the time had come for the workings of the Parish to be more formalised so that there was greater clarity in everything we do but more importantly anyone taking over in a particular “post” would know exactly what was expected of them. It was not to be set in tablets of stone but a set of rules which we could change as and when, to suit the needs of the Parish. There would be an item on each Agenda which would enable additions/deletions/amendments to be made.

HBW asked about the thinking for a two year tenure for all the Officers. His worry was that someone could be elected into Office and be a disaster for the entire two years. JBH explained that he was looking towards continuity for the Parish. It would avoid a situation where all the Officers were replaced by inexperienced ones. He pointed out that the calling of a Special Meeting could be used to “unelect” such a problem by passing a vote of no confidence.

It was proposed by MP and seconded by AL that the Standing Orders be adopted. All were in favour.

4) It was resolved to appoint Bruce Watson as our Internal Auditor.

Any Other Business

The Chairman wanted to take this opportunity of thanking those residents who had done that bit extra:

Keith Williams and Bruce Watson for their efforts to keep the village litter free.

David Silversides for his efforts to keep Breedycroft Lane/Moor Lane junction and Moor Lane/B1257 junction snow free.

Jonathan Piercy and Peter Blackburne-Maze for their gardening input on the website.

Gill Woodhead for maintaining the Parish website. Whilst he acknowledged that he was somewhat of a Luddite when it came to computers he knew that she had put in a tremendous amount of work into making it such success. He hoped that more people would support the venture. A reminder to all that to access the website it is, broughton.ryedaleconnect.org.

If you have any stories/hobbies/photographs which you feel would be of interest to others, please contact Gill at The Holt, Moor Lane or via the contact web editor on the website.

He also thanked his Officers for all their hard work.

He thanked all for coming tonight and only wished that the attendance had been higher.

Our next Business Meeting would be at 7pm on Thursday 25th. October 2012 at Swinton Sports Hall.

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**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ABOVE MEETING**

Those present and those apologising were the same as before.

The Minutes were read and there were no matters arising.

The Treasurer provided all with a copy of the accounts. These were approved by the Meeting (HBW & MP).

The Officers were elected "en bloc" (HBW & MP).

There was no further business.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.