

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF BROUGHTON PARISH HELD
AT SWINTON SPORTS HALL ON THE 26TH. OCTOBER, 2011**

PRESENT:

John Lund (Chmn), Jonathan Piercy (Vice Chmn), Bruce Watson, Margaret & Peter Clark, John Horsman (Clerk).

APOLOGIES:

Rodger & Moira Slape, Keith & Maureen Williams, Nigel & Margaret Watson, John & Susan Sleightholme, Anne Lund, Richard Lund, Gill & William Lund, Thomas & Emma Lund, Pete Galtry and Claire Piercy.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, approved (HBW;JP) and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

JBH had received a letter in late June from NYCC Highways. It pointed out the financial constraints which would impact on work carried out in the future. Within this letter was a list of bridges, roads and footpaths which would be improved over the next few months. The footpath from Broughton to Malton was not on the list. JBH had written to NYCC Highways to point out our disappointment at this omission. He accepted that in the present economic climate that a total refurbishment was unrealistic but he felt that NYCC should consider the closeness of the footpath to the road outside Boswell House and the height of the path above the road on leaving the plantation. He wondered about a post and rail fence to safeguard all users at this section.

The reply from Richard Marr stated that the current financial climate prevented all but essential improvements being made over the next few years

HBW felt that we shouldn't accept this disappointing reply. Mr Marr was well aware of our concerns over a number of years. There was an accident history and it is a well used path, therefore the chances of further accidents were high; even more so now that the new sports hall has opened. HBW was particularly concerned about the path outside Boswell House and felt that NYCC should make this a priority. He informed us of an example of recent Highways work in the Egton area which he had witnessed and felt that our footpath was a more deserving case. He moved that the Clerk should write to Mr Marr expressing our concerns that yet again the necessary improvements to the Broughton/ Malton footpath were being overlooked. The Meeting concurred.

The Ryedale dog warden had kindly laminated some of the new anti dog fouling signs and delivered them to the Clerk. They had been put up around the village. HBW reported that sadly there were still some inconsiderate dog owners who chose to ignore them. Any offender should be reported to the Dog Warden 600666 Ext 208.

The Clerk had written to David Henderson (Ryedale District Council) thanking him for his efforts in setting up the new Parish website. The Clerk read out his letter and the reply he had received.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK NOT COVERED IN MATTERS ARISING:

There was a request from the Chairman of Ryedale District Council for a donation towards his charity appeal (to be shared between Ryedale Scouts & Guides and Marie Curie Cancer Care)

Resolved to send £50 (PC;HBW)

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RDC had written as part of the Ryedale Plan to explain the system they would be using in the future to decide where housing units, retail units and commercial units should be built. The Clerk read out from page 2 of the document which stated that housing would only be in certain towns and "key service villages". Broughton was not on the list.

RDC had written to say that £20,000 had been approved to assist voluntary groups and Parishes cope with clearing snow from roads and footpaths this year. There was a list of clothing and equipment which might be required. JBH had submitted a wish list and would be looking for 4 volunteers around the village to help keep "their patch" clear. The Parish ie Clerk/ Chairman would not be organising a group clear up; it would be up to the volunteers to decide when they do it.

The Boundary Commission had written inviting comments about the proposed changes to the Parliamentary constituencies. Anyone wishing to comment must do so by 5th December 2011.

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Smoke and ash pollution can destroy a weekend in the garden or even prevent people from opening windows on a hot summer day".

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AGENDA ITEMS

AMOTHERBY VILLAGE HALL

JBH read out a letter from Andy Holmes who is Chairman of the Amotherby Village Hall Committee. The hall was in need of funds in an attempt to upgrade the car park. The letter reminded us that the hall had been built for the benefit of the parishes of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby and Appleton le Street and much use is made by the residents of all four parishes with car boot sales, children's parties, leisure activities, parking for events at Amotherby School and for weddings or funerals at Amotherby Church.

The cost would be in the region of £1300 to £1500.

After much discussion we agreed to donate £350 (JP;PC).

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

JBH informed the Meeting of proposals to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the 4th June 2012. One event is for the lighting of 2012 bonfires around the UK and beyond. We have until the 30th April 2012 to make up our minds. Do we have an organiser in our village; should we liaise with Swinton?

We discussed providing the children of the village with a memento to celebrate the event. It was resolved that we would obtain commemorative mugs for all children (MC:JP), spending in the region of £150. (This would be for all children and students up to Year 11 in 2012 living within the Parish). JBH would organise.

STANDING ORDERS AND ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

This item was deferred.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

JBH read out the balance as of 3.10.11.

PRECEPT FOR 2012

The Treasurer had provided some estimates for our likely costs next year. They did include replacing two street lights, (£1400) but with the one outside Blacksmith's Yard, Moor Lane, giving problems at the moment maybe budgeting for two was not unrealistic.

We agreed to his recommendation of keeping the precept the same as this year, £2500.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting; he had thoroughly enjoyed it. The Meeting closed at 7.54pm

Our next Business Meeting will be on the 12th April 2012, at 7pm at the Sports Hall; our Annual Meeting will follow immediately afterwards.

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