

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF BROUGHTON
PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE LOUNGE OF SWINTON
SPORTS HALL
7,00 PM, Thursday 18.4.13**

Parishioners present

Tim & Jeanette Green; John Lund (Chmn); Anne Lund; Bruce Watson; Pete Galtry; Jonathan Piercy (Vice Chmn); Eileen Clark; Mandy Prest; John Horsman (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Rodger & Moira Slape; Jane & Peter Blackburne-Maze; Linda Richardson; Gill Woodhead; Thomas Lund; William & Gill Lund; Peter & Margaret Clark; James Clark; Richard Prest; Claire Piercy; Pat Galtry. Minutes of the last business meeting were read, approved and signed. Proposed MP; Seconded EC.

Matters arising

JBH read out recent correspondence with Richard Marr (NYCC Highways). The Meeting once again felt that JBH should write to ensure that the maintenance of the footpath alongside the B1257 was on his department's work schedule for the near future. It was in a poor state of repair for much of its length through Broughton. Part, outside Boswell House, had crumbled away. TG informed us of the difficulties some mothers with prams and/or toddlers had negotiating the narrow point outside Boswell House. PG informed the Meeting that his wife had made use of the NYCC online reporting form to point out this particular hazard some time ago. It was accepted that this was a particularly dangerous part but NYCC was hampered by a lack of space with which to work. TG thought that some room could be made by removing some of the soil around the base of the hedge. JBH would include this suggestion in his letter.

We had been successful in our New Homes Bonus bid. We had received nearly £1200 to enhance the appearance of the southern part of the village with floral displays. We would have 8 planters at the top of Moor Lane and 4 planters at the top of Breedycroft Lane. JBH had applied for a NYCC licence to place these planters on the verges.

We agreed to budget £100 per year in subsequent years to replenish these planters.

In view of the abundance of flowers at this end of the village we agreed to plant the Diamond Jubilee tree (flowering cherry) on the verge at the junction of Manor Park and Moor Lane. JBH would apply for a licence for this tree. We decided against having a plaque at the base of the tree. We were still having problems with the street light outside Fairview House. JBH read out a letter of apology from NYCC which stated that

they were doing everything they could to have the light connected but it was now out of their hands and in the hands of a contractor.

We had adopted HBW's suggestion and changed the arrangements for signing cheques to any 2 of 3. (JBH: JL: JP).

The broken gate post at Plantation end of Broughton Green Lane had been reported on 26.10.12 but had not been fixed.

Clerk's Report

One resident had written asking about the filling of potholes. JBH reported that he was satisfied that Breedycoft Lane and Moor Lane had been done earlier. He thought that Manor Park would need to be much worse before informing NYCC.

She also wrote to thank all those who in days gone by had planted bulbs around the village. It was a lovely sight at this time of year.

Paul Jackson (Howardian Hills AONB Manager) had written asking if we had a site within the Parish and within the AONB boundary where he could site a wooden seat. He had 25 to place around the area. We agreed to suggest a site up Broughton Lane where the bridleway meets the footpath.

One resident at Flowery Bank had approached JBH regarding the state of their parking area in front of their properties and the damage that vehicles were causing to the track as they went up and down Broughton Lane which was supposed to be only a bridleway. JBH had reported the concerns to Highways. They reported back that whilst the lane was designated a bridleway it could be used by farmers, farm workers or others if they had a need to access the land on either side of the right of way. The parking area in front of Flowery Bank was not considered to be in need of work yet.

One resident had approached JBH expressing concern about vehicles using the track known as Broughton Green Lane. (western end about 20 metres north of junction of Breedycoft Lane with B1257 following an easterly direction towards the Plantation). JBH used the above example as to why some people were able to use vehicles. However, there was some debate as to whether the two residents concerned were considered "farmers". Much discussion followed. It was hoped that consideration to others would be shown by all. The recent dry spell coupled with the improvements to the entrance to this land would hopefully alleviate further problems. JBH had written a letter to NYCC PRoW department asking for further clarification.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman used this opportunity to thank his Officers for their work since the last Meeting.

He also thanked the salt spreaders, the snow clearers and the litter pickers for trying to do their “bit” for the village. He thought that most areas looked clean and tidy.

He thanked Gill Woodhead for maintaining the website. It had not been an easy time for Gill with RDC making changes to the site which made life awkward for her. He reminded people to make use of the site and if anyone had any interesting news or photos to make contact with Gill. She was presently working on a story about the cost of the improvements to the B1257.

The website address is:-

broughton.ryedaleconnect.org.uk

Financial statement from the Clerk.

The Clerk reported on our financial situation. However, whilst this appeared a very healthy position we had to remember that over £1200 was committed to the “Broughton in Bloom” project and we were due a bill for the new lamp opposite White Cottages, Moor Lane which would probably be about £700.

To discuss the refurbishment of the village sign.

The “Broughton” sign at the Malton end of the village had fallen off its plinth and was in need of a complete overhaul. JBH had been directed towards a craftsman based in Staithes who would renovate the sign at a cost of £750. We discussed all options open to us including scrapping the sign and going for plastic, trying a DIY job on the existing one or total renovation.

JBH pointed out that there was a fund available for total renovation but there was no guarantee that we would receive 100% funding. We agreed to try and preserve some of our heritage and go for total renovation with JBH trying to obtain as much funding as possible.

To consider amending “Standing Orders”

We had no amendments to make.

Any other business.

Concern was expressed at the condition of the village noticeboard. The Chairman said he would look into it.

Concern was expressed about the number of children on bikes playing on Moor Lane and being oblivious to passing traffic.

Concern was expressed about the speed that some adults drove up and down Moor Lane. The drivers were not “boy racers”.

Our next Business Meeting would be on Thursday the 31st October 2013 at 7pm in the Lounge Bar of Swinton Sports Hall.

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