

Brougham Parish Council - AGM

Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 following the BPC Meeting
in Brougham Chapel and Brougham Hall Gardens

Present : Mr AVL Williams, Mr. R Stables, Mrs, SV Harden

In attendance : Cllr H Sawrey-Cookson

1. Election of Chairman

AVL Williams elected. (RS proposed. SVH seconded)

2. Apologies

Janet Jennings

3. Committee Membership

It was agreed that formation of Committee was unnecessary.

4. Other Bodies

It was agreed to current practice of *adhoc* representation

5. Chairman's Report

Previously circulated report accepted

6. Clerk's Report

Previously circulated report accepted

7. Finance Report

Accepted Finance Officers previously circulated report

8. Adjournment of meeting

None

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BROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AGM 9TH MAY 2018

Chairman's Report

The Council's ongoing policy is to try to retain the rural charm and character of Brougham and to set a low precept. However, the precept will rise next year to enable actions to meet the cost of transparency requirements and Government legislation.

Brougham Castle bridge was restored using matching stone and was reopened to its pre- storm Desmond traffic capacity on 13th December. Promised repairs to the damaged narrow lanes caused by the traffic diversion had not been started before the year-end but the traffic control order to allow closures for these repairs was published in April.

Objections to the proposal for an additional 34 chalets at Center Parcs were originally supported by a "minded to refuse" decision by EDC's Planning Committee but this was overturned at the next meeting. However, a letter from the agents, jda, was later received clarifying that, apart from 4 tree houses, this would be the last application for additional chalets.

Objections to the proposal for a residential development opposite Brougham Avenue were presented to EDC's Planning Committee and, with assistance from neighbours' objections, the plan was rejected.

There were no other major issues during the year though the number of other matters requiring Council action is increasing each year.

I would like to thank fellow councillors Janet Jennings, Sarah Harden and Richard Stables, Internal Auditor Ron Wood and District Councillor Henry Sawrey-Cookson for their continuing support and assistance during the year.

Finance Officer's Report

Income for the year was £1,035 higher than budget due to receipt of a Government grant to cover the cost of meeting the requirements of the Transparency Act. This also accounted for expenditure being £202 higher than budget with most of the expenditure carried over to next year. A positive cash flow was maintained and the year-end balance increased from £1,380 to £1,721.

A budget of £657 was set for 2018-2019. The resulting precept of £420 was a considerable increase but remains one of the lowest in the District. There was no requirement for a Special Expenditure budget.

The 2016-2017 Audit was approved without qualification. Since the year-end the 2017-2018 Annual Return has passed Internal Audit.

The Annual reviews of the Financial Regulations, Risk Analysis and Insurance Risk were conducted and no changes were considered necessary this year.

Clerk's Report 2017/2018

The Parish Council considered the following planning matters:

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| 17/0223 | Tree works at 1 Brougham Hall Gdns |
| 17/0556 | Residential development of the Brougham Avenue field |
| 3/17/9009 | Repairs to Brougham Bridge |
| 17/0715 | Tree pruning at 8 Brougham Hall Gdns |

17/0741	Orangery room and extension to garage, Pembroke House
17/0780	Telecommunications mast, Whinfell
17/0836	Residential development, Brougham Hall Farm
17/0929	Discharge of conditions 3,5,6,7 of application 16/1102, Center Parcs
17/0933	Change 16/1102 from 7 to 6 disabled lodges, Center Parcs
17/1006	Tree works at 17 Brougham Hall Gdns
18/0007	4 tree houses, Center Parcs (preliminary)
18/0140	Hard standing on land off C3056
18/0146	Internal alterations, Winderwath
18/0185	4 tree houses, Center Parcs (full application)
18/0232	5 houses, Brougham Avenue field
18/0252	Conversion of Woodside Farm Barns

The poor condition of Pembroke Farm and Farmhouse was pursued with the District Council.

The EDC Planning Dept weekly lists of planning applications were circulated to councillors.

Electronic Planning Communication has been implemented by EDC.

Other Matters

To help meet the requirements of the Transparency code, a laptop computer was purchased with grant money. Councillors are being kept informed about the requirements of data protection under the new regulations of GPDR. The Parish Council joined the Cumbria Association of Local Councils for information and support in an increasingly complex job.

Councillors are considering the options for the future organisation of small parish councils including Brougham.

Newsletters and information are regularly circulated from such organisations as the local Police, Community Voluntary Service, Cumbria Action for Sustainability.

District Councillor Henry Sawrey-Cookson attended a number of Parish Council meetings, including the AGM, to keep councillors informed of any relevant local issues at District and County level.