

# BROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
at 6 Brougham Avenue

Present: Cllr S V Harden (SVH) (Chair), Cllr R Stables (RS), Cllr Gordon Rigg (GR) and Cllr David Coward (DC).  
Caroline Fancott-Beynon (Clerk) joined the meeting via zoom due to bad weather

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Declaration of Interests:** None

**3. Adjournment of the meeting**

No issues raised

**4. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chair at the next meeting

**5. Matters Arising**

**5.1:** The clerk has contacted Highways again regarding Brougham Hall Bend but is still awaiting a response

**6. Council Vacancy**

A notice regarding the council vacancy requesting volunteers has gone out with the community contact details. There have been no enquiries regarding the vacancy as yet

**7. Financial Matters**

**7.1:** The clerk presented the bank reconciliation to the councillors which was agreed

**7.2:** The clerk presented the budget for the upcoming year. It was unanimously agreed to increase the precept to £3400 to allow for the purchase of two new noticeboards and also to allow for the council to have a reserve of funds.

**7.3: Payments:**

Clerks expenses	£35.49
Clerks salary (Sept)	£113.10
Clerks Salary (Oct)	£113.10
Clerks Salary (Nov)	£113.10

**Cheques to authorise:**

Clerks expenses	£44.96
Community Contact Leaflet costs	£4.50
H & H Reed (To ratify)	£51.00

**8. Planning Matters**

**8.1:** 20/0869: Lowther Holiday park, Eamont Bridge – extension to existing holiday caravan site involving the change of use of land from agriculture to the stationing of up to 125 caravans for holiday accommodation and associated works – *objection submitted – application is still live, no updates*

**8.2:** 20/0947: Unit 9, Brougham Hall, Brougham – Variation of Condition 3 (hours of operation) and Condition 4 (time period limit) for use all year round and extended opening hours, attached to approval 20/0886 – councillors discussed this application some depth. It was unanimously agreed that extended opening hours

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would have an adverse effect of the living conditions of the local community. It was also noted that the Hall is located in a rural area, with a red squirrel and nocturnal bat population, both of which may be adversely affected by an increase in noise and light pollution from extended opening hours. The council however, would support extended opening hours for a limited number of events each year. BPC also support the use of the marquee throughout the year and have no objection to the variations to Condition 4. In summary, BPC object to extended hours, but support use of the marquee all year round – *objections submitted*

**8.3:** 21/0763: Santas Groto, Centre Parcs – extension consisting of toilet and changing facilities for staff and guests – *no objections- GRANTED*

### **9. Highways & Footpaths:**

**9.1:** Further to discussion at the last meeting regarding the lack of house numbers on the Brougham Hall Gardens sign, both EDC and CCC will take no responsibility for looking at this. It was agreed by the council that the lack of numbers on the sign may cause an inconvenience to people visiting properties or for deliveries but agreed this is a residents issue and not the responsibility of BPC

**9.2:** SH had a meeting with a representative from Brougham Hall regarding their plans for the Queens Jubilee. The Hall are putting an event on for Brougham hall businesses and their families but are willing to open this up to the local community as members of the public. It is not a ticketed event. SH suggested the use of St Winifred's for an exhibition of the Queen and her reign. The clerk will contact EDC and see if they are producing anything that could be used.

**9.3:** The clerk has been pricing noticeboards up and both a hardwood and an aluminium board are coming in at a similar price of £1000-£1200. The clerk is awaiting a third quote. The council agreed they would favour a wooden noticeboard. The quote is for a watertight board with glass doors; the clerk will get a revised quote for a wire mesh instead of doors to compare the price. The clerk is also aware of a grant that may be available from CCC so will apply for this once all the quotes have been received.

**9.4:** The Community Contact leaflets have now been distributed throughout the parish.

### **10. Correspondence**

**10.1:** The clerk received notice of the proposed closure of St Wilfrid's church and its transfer to the Churches Conservation Trust. SH explained that a significant amount of money will be invested in the church and the intention is for it to be used as a community building and open to the general public. The church however will remain consecrated for restricted services.

**10.2:** CALC are holding an online event on the local government reorganisation on 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**10.3:** A66 consultation is now closed and comments have been submitted

**10.4:** A transfer of assets questionnaire was received from EDC however it transpires CALC have not been made aware of this and have advised councils do not respond as yet

**10.5:** Queens Jubilee – Plant a Tree – communities are being asked to plant a tree to commemorate the jubilee

All other correspondence was distributed to council with no further comments

### **11. Date of next meeting:**

A date of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 10.30am was set for the next meeting