

BROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2024
10am at Brougham Hall Farm, Brougham

Present: Cllr S Harden (SH), Cllr R Stables (RS), Cllr Gordon Rigg (GR), Cllr Pater Ballinghall (PB), Cllr Nick Ellery and Caroline Fancott-Beynon (Clerk) (CFB).

1. Declaration of Office to be signed

Councillors signed the declaration of office for the new term

2. Election of Chairman

Gordon Rigg proposed Sarah Harden, seconded by Nick Ellery

3. Election of Vice Chair

Peter Ballinghall forwarded Richard Stables, seconded by Gordon Rigg

4. Apologies

Lorna Baker

5. Chair's Report

A report was given by Cllr S Harden for the year 2023-24. There is an ongoing issue with road safety around the Brougham area and the council are still awaiting a full response and action from Highways. The A66 upgrade is ongoing and following the Secretary of State decision work is expected to start later this year; however as there is currently an objection lodged, we await the outcome of this. The parish has had two new noticeboards sited and also successfully received funding for the siting of a defibrillator. Thanks were passed to councillors, clerks and Rachel Rigg for her IT assistance throughout the year. Thanks were also passed to Gordon Rigg for his work on updated the community contact leaflet following the change to Westmorland & Furness Council.

6. Clerk Report

The clerk gave a finance report detailing the accounts for the previous year.

7. Adoption of Annual Accounts

Following a report from the clerk, the annual accounts were presented to the council. It was unanimously agreed to accept the accounts for the financial year 2023-24. The clerk reported that the council was eligible to declare itself exempt from external audit. The Annual Governance Statement was read out, agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

8. Appointment of Representatives

It was agreed that councillors would represent BPC as and when available for any relevant meetings and that SH would continue to be the liaison for the A66 Trans-Pennine project. GR would continue to oversee the accounts

Meeting closed