

BROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held at Brougham Hall Farm, Brougham on Friday 16th May 2025 at 10:00 followed by the Annual Electors Meeting starting at 10:18.

Present at the meetings were:

Councillors: Sarah Harden (SH), Richard Stables (RS), Peter Ballingall (PB) and Chris Rogers (CR)

Clerk: Naomi Callaghan (NC)

There were seven members of the public present.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1/25	Welcome and introduction Clerk opened the meeting and called for the Councillors to elect a Chair.
2/25	Election of Chairman for 2025/2026 RS nominated SH for Chair for 2025/2026; seconded by PB. Agreed.
3/25	Apologies for absence Lorna Baker, W&F Councillor – reasons noted. SH noted Gordon Rigg, a long standing member of the Parish Council who recently died; condolences expressed to his family.
4/25	Appointment of a Vice-Chairman for 2025/2026 SH proposed RS as Vice-Chair for 2025/2026; seconded by PB. Agreed.
5/25	Declaration of Acceptance of Office for 2025/2026 All Councillors signed the acceptance of office.
6/25	Chairman's Report SH gave the annual Parish report: <i>BPC held 7 council meetings. There have been minor issues with the transition into Westmorland and Furness but help has been available. A Defibrillator has been installed at The Hal , plus a practical demonstration for residents and businesses. The switch to Unity Banking is ongoing. Planning applications came under existing Local Plan but the W&F are currently updating their new Local Plan for future policy. Similar to the last year the main issue in the Parish involves the highway. Particularly the volume, speed, signage and safety to all road users including the increasing numbers of pedestrians. Face to face meetings with CALC and Highways in September and November re -signage improvement both for present and near-future problems. A number of signs have been updated and increased and Highways will monitor. In March SVH had a 1-1 meeting with Highways to discuss the problems further. All signage is under review by W&F with its money sign off for projects in spring 25. Local Highways are waiting for A66 update</i>

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	<p><i>outcome. If this goes ahead Brougham roads will reviewed by National Highways in consultation with BPC, to try and mitigate the inevitable increase in traffic using local roads as 'rat runs' when traffic try to avoid A66, A6 and Kemplay Roundabout. A66 project was given the go-ahead only to be delayed until Government Spending Review in June.</i></p> <p><i>In March Councillors attended a presentation meeting with reps from National Highways, Local Highways and Network Rail. This was in preparation for the inevitable impact on Brougham roads due to the repairs to Clifton railway bridge across the M6. The closures, in January 2026, of both rail and M6 results in traffic being diverted onto the A6. Thank you to Caroline Fancott -Beynon for acting as temporary Clerk before the appointment of Naomi Callaghan. Thank you also to Nick Ellery for his stint as a Councillor, to Councillor Lorna Baker for her support, to Rachel Rigg for her IT support and to Councillors Ballingall, Rogers and Stables. The BPC would like to acknowledge the work, time and effort that the late Gordon Rigg spent on BP affairs.'</i></p>
7/25	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>SH proposed PB to take over the Cllrs review of Financial matters to support NC as RFO; seconded by RS. Agreed. End of Year banking reconciliation reviewed.</p>
8/25	<p>Minutes</p> <p>SH proposed to authorise the minutes from Annual Meeting's 2024; seconded by RS. Agreed.</p>
9/25	<p>Policy Review</p> <p>Polices reviewed; none need to be updated currently. NC to keep note of review dates.</p>

Followed immediately by the:

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

1/25	<p>SH opened the meeting to residents to raise Parish related concerns.</p> <p>1. <u>Speeding in Clifton Dykes</u>: Concerns raised regarding the speeding along the road in Clifton Dykes; lots of road kill on the road and the resident had lost her own cat too. Concerns as there are lots of younger drivers who like to race down the road and then spin their cars before racing back. Resident already raised with W&F asking for new signage or speed cameras but was told that no change would be made to the road unless seven people are killed on the road, is the law currently states. Resident asked BPC for support in petitioning for change to the road to help</p>
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	<p>prevent speeding. SH responded to resident explaining the current situation with highways and the ongoing A66 and Kemple Roundabout projects which are 5 year projects. Speed and volume of traffic are concerns already raised by BPC to W&F and highways and BPC will continue to monitor this issue. SH requested that each resident also do the same to increase the number of letters/complaints received by highways.</p> <p>2. <u>Planning Application 2024/2194/OPA</u>: Concerns raised by four residents present who believe there has been a change of intent to the planning application. Letter from PFK dated 21st March seems to suggest that there is a new statement of intend from the applicant. Residents present have sent in letters of objection to the application which have been accepted even though the consultation date had passed. SH responded to say that BPC would be requested that W&F Planning reopen the consultation process to allow review of the new letter from PFK.</p> <p>3. <u>Brougham Hall</u> – Representative from Brougham Hall stated that the café is very happy to host training for the defibrillator and requested that it be held on a Wednesday evening at 5pm. Brougham Hall looked into the planting for pollinators scheme; their application was unfortunately late and they are still awaiting a response from W&F to find out if the application was accepted. Finally, they requested advice from BPC and the community regarding grant applications for any locally available funding for the Hall as they would like to repair/replace the gate.</p>
	Meeting Closed at 11:12

Sarah V. Hazden
26/6/25