**Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Moor Parish Council held in Broughton Moor Primary School on Thursday 21st November 2024 at 7.00pm**

**Present**: B Pegram, D Scott, P. Lewis, L Morrison, S Henderson, J Dicks and Rev’d J Morgan, Parish Clerk.

**66/24** **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr L. Dakers and Cllr H Daltom (both unwell) and Cllr S McShane (family commitments), These were accepted.

**67/24 Requests for Dispensation** – there were none.

**68/24 Declarations of Interest –** there were none.

**69/24 Public Section** - No members of the public attended.

**70/24 Approval of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr B Pegram, seconded by Cllr D Scott, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2024 were approved for signature and publication.

**71/24 Matters arising** **not covered on the agenda**.

Further to Minute 58/24, an email regarding the Moorside Wood Management Plan Consultation, was received. Cllr B Pegram stated that he had taken a look at the site and Cllr S Henderson said that he would take another look.

**72/24 Planning Matters** – no new applications had been received.

**73/24 Correspondence**

The following items ofcorrespondence had been received:

1. Information from CCF
2. Letter from the Friends of Broughton Moor School requesting a donation – clerk to ask for more information.
3. Letter from GNAAS requesting a donation. On the proposal of Cllr D Scott, seconded by Cllr J Dicks, it was resolved to send a donation of £200.

On the proposal of Cllr S Henderson, seconded by Cllr D Scott it was resolved that the GNAAS would be the Parish Council’s adopted charity for 2025.

**74/24 Updates:**

**i. Welfare Field**

a) The latest Play Report from Tivoli was received. Clerk to ask Playdale to repair the bottom gate under warranty.

b) Cllr Henderson had affixed the new ‘No Dogs Allowed’ sign to the Play Area gate, tightened up the loose fixtures to the gate and raked the bark beneath the swings. Cllr Henderson was thanked for this work.

c) A new bin for inside the play area had been requested.

d) The clerk gave an update on the situation regarding the money promised by the developer.

**ii. St Columba’s Church**

a) Cllr D Scott and the clerk had met with the Archdeacon of West Cumberland and agreed an appropriate site for the RBL ‘Tommy’ figure.

b) The Clerk was instructed to write to the Archdeacon requesting permission for Cllr S Henderson to remove vegetation from the building exterior to alleviate further dilapidation.

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**iii Community Centre**

1. The new pop up pre-lit Christmas Tree had arrived. Lighting to take place 2nd December.
2. Cllr Scott gave a report on work in progress with the refurbishment.
3. The first £12,000 payment had been made to the contractor.
4. Gas and Electric meter readings would be needed before the meters are removed and replaced – the architect is dealing with EoN .
5. It was agreed that a neutral oatmeal paint be applied to the walls.
6. On the proposal of Cllr Scott, seconded by Cllr Morrison, it was resolved that a donation of £50 be sent to Smile Train in lieu of electricity used to light the tree.

**Iv Railway embankment** – nothing new this month,

**75/24 Financial Matters**

1.The clerk circulated budget figures for the year 2024-25 and projected figures for 2025 -26. These were discussed. On the proposal of Cllr Scott, seconded by Cllr Henderson, it was resolved that £20,000 reserves be ring fenced for work on St Columba’s Church building and a precept of £22,000 be claimed for 2025 – 26.

The chairman stated that he would like to see the council employ contractors more in the future.

2. The following cheques were approved for payment:

102074 Rev J Morgan reimbursement

 For Christmas tree £ 759.90

102076 Skelton Joinery Ltd £12000.00

102077 D Scott, reimbursement £ 42.97

102078 HMRC £ 95.20

102079 Rev J Morgan as per account £ 756.32

102080 Wix – domain name, one year £ 47.40

102071 ADT Fire and Security £ 109.63

**76/24 Environmental Matters**

The clerk was asked to report one very noisy wind turbine which is emitting a screeching sound.

**77/24 Date of Next Meeting**: Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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