**Minutes of the meeting of Broughton Moor Parish Council held in Broughton Moor Primary School on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7.00pm**

**Present**: B Pegram, D Scott, P. Lewis, S Henderson, I Hall, D Little, and Rev’d J Morgan, Parish Clerk.

**78/24** **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr L. Dakers (unwell), and Cllr H Daltom (on holiday) Cllr Dicks and Cllr S McShane (family commitments), These were accepted.

**79/24 Requests for Dispen18thsation** – there were none.

**80/24 Declarations of Interest –** there were none.

**81/24 Public Section** – None.

**82/24 Co-options**

Mr Ian Hall was proposed by Cllr Scott, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously co-opted to serve as a member of the Parish Council.

Mr David Little was proposed by Cllr Henderson, seconded by Cllr Scott and unanimously co-opted to serve as a member of the Parish Council.

**83/24 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Pegram indicated his wish to step down from the chair.

On the proposal of Cllr Henderson, seconded by Cllr Pegram, Cllr Scott was unanimously elected to serve as chairman.

Cllr Pegram was thanked of taking the chair at what had been a difficult time for the Parish Council.

**84/25 Election of Vice Chairman**

On the proposal of Cllr Scott, seconded by Cllr Lewis, Cllr Henderson was unanimously elected to serve as vice chairman as Cllr Scott had now vacated that position to become chairman.

**85/24 Approval of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr B Pegram, seconded by Cllr D Scott, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2024 were approved for signature and publication.

**86/24 Matters arising** **not covered on the agenda**.

Nothing further had been received from the Friends of the School, who had been signposted to the Windfarm Fund.

**87/24 Planning Matters** – no new applications had been received.

**88/24 Correspondence**

No new items ofcorrespondence had been received.

**89/24 Updates:**

**i. Welfare Field**

a) The latest Play Report from Tivoli was received.

b) Clerk to ask Playdale to repair the bottom gate as per their quote as it is no longer under warranty.

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

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d) The clerk reported that the Section 106 money promised by the developer, totalling £19,412.00, would be transferred to the Parish Council shortly. The money must be spent on the Welfare Field and by the end of 2029. Councillors to give some thought to what use it might best be put to, and this to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**ii. St Columba’s Church**

a) The faculty had been granted to site the RBL ‘Tommy’ figure adjacent to the church wall. This was done in time for Remembrance Sunday.

b) The Archdeacon had given permission for Cllr S Henderson to remove vegetation from the building exterior to alleviate further dilapidation. A small work party to be organised to do this.

c) The building is expected to be handed over before the next meeting.

**iii Community Centre**

1. The new pop up pre-lit Christmas Tree had been a success. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Scott and Henderson for their work in erecting it and taking it down. A letter of thanks had been received from Smile Train for the £50 donation in lieu of electricity used to light the tree.
2. The refurbishment is almost complete, and councillors were invited to view the Community Centre at the end of the meeting.
3. A further £21,500 payment had been made to the contractor.
4. Gas and Electric meters had not yet been changed, and EoN was being difficult to negotiate with.
5. ADT would need to set the alarm systems up again.
6. Two new noticeboards, crockery, pans etc would be required.
7. Items will be returned from storage shortly. Thanks were expressed to Mr Hudson Scott for storing the items off site.
8. The cleaner would be asked to do a deep clean before the Community Centre reopens.
9. Once open, a ‘Come and See’ combined with a ‘meet your parish councillors’ session would be held to give residents the opportunity to view the refurbished building.

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

**90/24 Financial Matters**

1. The following had been paid during the winter recess:

102082 GNAAS Donation £ 200.00

102083 Smile Train Donation £ 50.00

102084 Wix Domain 2 years subs £ 403.20

102085 J Morgan salary and exps. Dec £ 547.39

102086 HMRC PAYE December £ 64.60

102087 J Morgan salary and exps. Jan £ 539.59

102088 HMRC PAYE January £ 64.60

102089 Skelton Joinery (part 2) £21600.00

1. The following cheques were approved for payment:

102090 ADT Fire and Security £ 338.56

102091 EoN Next (gas) £ 106.47

102092 EoN Next (electricity) £ 310.20

102093 CALC (training) £ 60.00

102094 Information Commissioner (fee) £ 40.00

102095 HMRC PAYE February £ 64.60

102096 Rev J Morgan Salary & Exps. Feb. £ 654.09

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**91/24 Environmental Matters**

1. It was agreed that the village tubs and planters should be looked after by a contractor. The chairman agreed to get quotes, ideally three, to be considered. As time is short, it would be good to sort this before the next meeting and, if necessary, to hold a short additional meeting to make a decision.
2. The possibility of a village clean up event was floated but no decision taken.
3. The handyman is to be asked to inspect and clean the village bus shelters and repaint where necessary.
4. Dog fouling is becoming a major problem on the tennis courts area and on the village streets. Clerk to ask Cumberland Council for pavement stencils to be re-applied. School to be asked to design posters to help remind people to pick up after their dogs and to dispose of the full bags appropriately.
5. Paediatric pads to be ordered for the defibrillator.

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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

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