

Broomhaugh & Riding Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th April 2007 in the Supper room of the Parish Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Councillors Horton, Ryder, Howey, Cairns, Dunhill and Heslop. Also present were County Councillor Thompson; 6 members of the public and a member of the Press.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Nitsch, and Cllr Latham.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

a. Fly Tipping: A sign was being put up at the top of Whiteside Bank and the Clerk had written to the County requesting they look into the siting of a gate there as well as one at the A68 side of the problem area.

b. Wellington: A hearing was being held by Tynedale into the objections on 23rd April in the afternoon. None of the councillors would be available for this. It is thought that other concerned residents would be attending, however.

4. Tender: Cllr. Horton updated members and the public on the fact that two tenders had been received and that one looked much better than the other. No formal acceptance had been made yet as the means of funding the matter need to be looked into. The Parish Council also has to have approval from NALC to seek a loan. This was given unanimous approval and the forms would be forwarded. If funding from other sources becomes available, then there is scope to pull out of loan arrangements. The bridge would be to the 40 tonne specification and the road would be upgraded slightly. If the work can be completed this year the adoption should proceed next year. Cllr Ryder thanked Cllr Horton for progressing matters to this stage.

5. Correspondence:

a) General, for circulation

b) Allotment Association: In the course of updating the Parish's risk assessment, liability insurance held by other groups in the village was being checked. The Allotment Association hold such insurance. Since the Parish council had agreed to underwrite that for the Nick for Sandy Bank residents, it was felt prudent to also reimburse the Allotment Association. The sum involved was £52.25. This was agreed unanimously by all councillors.

6. Finance:

a) The financial statement and receipts were accepted by all councillors

b) The following payments were authorised by all councillors:-

M F Anderton/Salary/Mar	£352.42
M F Anderton/Expenses/Mar	£272.20
Hexham Courant/APM notice	£35.54
Insurance 07/08	£1,792.91
SLCC/PC handbook	£48.00
Clerks & Cncls direct/subs	£9.50
VHT – grant	£2,000.00
Youth club – grant	£1,200.00
Transfer to Playpark	£500.00
Transfer re bus shelter	£500.00
Transfer re roof, Parish Hall	£700.00
Micrograve/ plaques for planters	£46.88
VHT/rent	£44.00
Viking	£41.05

7. Minor matters:

Cllr Ryder asked if someone could take over from her on the Planning sub-committee and Cllr Dunhill agreed to this. Someone was also needed to submit the minutes report to the Parish news. Cllr Horton agreed to do this with Cllr Howey acting as back up. The problem of safety was again raised following a further attempted break-in in Dene Terrace. Although Crime prevention is being covered at the APM, it was agreed to write to Milecastle asking if there was anything they could do. A second litter pick up was agreed to, to be held some time towards the end of October. The state of the land behind the station (Styford estate) was mentioned: - the Clerk would write expressing concern. The possibility of siting more bins in the village, at the station and another dog waste bin near the Stepping stones would be considered.

The meeting closed at 8.30.