

Broomhaugh & Riding Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8th February 2010 in the Supper Room of the Parish Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Councillors Tulip, Mills, Reid, Dunhill, and Stephenson. Also present were Cllr Anne Dale, 4 members of the public and one member of the Press.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Eakins and Heslop
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were agreed as a true record, subject to one small deletion noted on the master copy.
3. **Matters arising:** a) Millfield Road: letters have gone out to the residents as agreed at the last meeting, drafted by Mr Stephen Rickitt from the County Council. The return date for the forms has been set as 19th February.

b) Weir: Having received a reasonable quote for the work to put a safety fence, this work is due to be undertaken as soon as the weather is suitable.

4. **Planning:**

20090294 Car Park/Access to Parish Hall, Millfield Road Conditional permission

20090988 Extension of planning permission for extension at Tasset House, Millfield Road Conditional permission

5. **Correspondence:**

a) General.

6. **Finance:**

The financial statement and receipts were accepted by all Councillors.

The following payments were authorised by all councillors:-

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| M F Anderton Salary/January | £407.74 |
| M F Anderton Exp/December | £81.06 |
| M F Anderton Exp/January | £15.48 |
| NCC/Dog Bin | £314.18 |
| VHT – rent | £33.00 |
| Viking | £90.38 |

It was agreed to defer S.137 donations until the March meeting.

7. **Minor matters:** a) Cricket Club lease; this was being chased up in an effort to resolve matters before the start of the cricket season.

b) Broadband: rural isolation is being studied and a survey is being undertaken on behalf of the County by the East Tynedale CF. A quick response time is needed. Anecdotally there is a definite drop off in speeds on a regular basis. It was agreed to put a small request into the forthcoming Parish News to try and get some response. MFA

c) The bench at the bottom of Whiteside Bank was damaged by the County Council during the bad weather. They have agreed to replace it if necessary but are looking at a repair, at their expense, as this may suffice.

d) Potholes: Cllrs Dunhill, Stephenson and Mills mapped these and reported them to the County Council. Cllr Dale also suggested putting them into the on-line system as well which should speed up the response time.

e) Light on Broomhaugh footpath: The Clerk had met with the County representative on site. The main problem is the cost of the cabling. Other options aren't allowable on Health & Safety grounds. It was suggested mentioning that the lights on the roundabout are linked by overhead cabling as are lights in Church Lane.

f) TPOs: Cllr Dale agreed to chase up.

g) A request for a volunteer to cut the grass round the planter at the East end of the village was also put into the Parish News; MFA

h) Annual Parish Meeting: suggested dates need to be circulated to Councillors. It was agreed to ask someone to come and talk about bees;

i) Spinney report: Cllr Reid had had several meetings with interested parties on the way to develop the spinney. Any ideas would be brought to the Council in due course.

j) The Covenants Policy is being finalised gradually.

8. **Confidential Matters:** Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of these items.

Cllr Stephenson asked if the session was necessary to protect the privacy of individual or situation and was assured by the Chairman that this was so.

It was so resolved and the formal part of meeting finished at 8.15pm