

## Cloughton on Brock Parish Council

### The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

1. Those Present

Councillor F.J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes – Chairman  
Councillor R. Clark  
Councillor R. T. Eccles  
Wyre Councillor E. Webster  
J.E. Hallas – Clerk

2. Apologies

Councillor S.M. Dewhurst  
Councillor E. Leach  
Councillor J. M. Gornall  
LCC and Wyre Councillor S. Turner

3. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2021, were resolved by the Council to be a true record.

4. Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any of the agenda items

There were no declarations made.

5. Chairman's, Councillors', and other Reports.

The Council discussed progress on the issues raised at the last meeting in relation to the alleged planning breaches at the Braeden and adjacent sites which are the subject of ongoing investigation by Wyre Council of the activities taking place. Councillor Webster explained that she was now a member of the Wyre Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee and during a recent meeting it had become clear that Planning Enforcement had become a very seriously under resourced activity which has resulted in a seriously large number of investigations and the enforcement of cases falling into backlog; however, some action was now being taken to increase resources.

6. Planning Applications

6.1. The Clerk gave an update on the Planning Applications received from Wyre Planning and circulated to members for their comments during the period since the last meeting. There had been no objections raised and therefore a no objections or observations response had been submitted to Planning for each application.

The Clerk asked Councillors to discuss and resolve on two further applications recently received for consultation.

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21/01091/FUL – One dwelling on land at Broad Oak, Garstang Road to be accessed from Goose Lane. The Council raised no objections or observations. Action: The Clerk to respond.

21/01097/FUL – Three new dwellings on a strip of land to the South side of Beech Close. The Council had concerns regarding the density of the layout given the available space and the vehicle volume increase in Beech Close in what is already a densely occupied close.

Action: The Clerk to respond to the consultation accordingly.

6.2. The Clerk reported that there had been no further information or new Planning application received for Ducketts Cottage, Ducketts Lane and there were no obvious signs of further work having taken place.

### 7. Finance

#### 7.1. Receipts and Payments

The Council discussed Current Account receipts and payments statements for the year 2021/22 ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. The Council resolved to approve the payments made from the account since the last meeting of the Council.

#### 7.2. Current Account Reconciliation

The Clerk also presented the Current Account statement for the year 2021/2022 ending 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. A reconciliation statement dated 5 October 2021 using the bank statement dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was presented and approved.

### 8. Other Items

8.1. The Clerk gave a brief resume of the Council's financial position against its budget and indicated that estimated year end out-turn should result in a small further increase of the Council's reserves. Whilst this would amount to substantially less than is legally permissible, it will provide resources for potential problems that may arise in the year ahead.

8.2. Councillor Webster informed that the Garstang Christmas Lights Committee were going to make an appeal to the Greater Garstang area Parish Councils for donations. The Council resolved to donate the same amount as in 2020. Action: The Clerk will respond and arrange payment.

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8.3. Due to Councillor Turner's absence, it was agreed to defer discussion on the Greater Garstang Partnership and Climate Change initiatives.

8.4. The Council discussed Public Rights of Way and a specific issue at Duckworth Hall farm. The Chairman stated that he had been looking into this issue and will be speaking with the farmer on behalf of the Council at his next opportunity to try and resolve matters.

8.5. The Clerk informed that Myerscough and Bilsborrow Parish Council had approached him to act for them as Parish Clerk due to the absence of Roy Bassnett who unfortunately had recently suffered a stroke. The Clerk stated that he had agreed to do this for the foreseeable future whilst Roy Bassnett is recuperating and arrangements for the longer-term resolved.

8.6. The Clerk informed that Myerscough and Bilsborrow Parish Council had formed a working sub-group of members to review their Parish requirements of a Lengthsman. Their intention is to bring up to-date a list of the work requirements that they believe are needed given the changes that have occurred in the Parish since the original scheme was introduced nearly 20 years ago.

8.7. The Clerk reported that there had been no further information, or a new Planning application received for Ducketts Cottage.

8.8. Councillor Eccles raised the problem of vehicles parking badly and serious obstruction in the vicinity of the east side of the New Lane Canal bridge.

Action: The Clerk will raise this matter with Highways Area Lead.

9. The next meeting – will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2022

Minutes prepared by: ..... J.E. Hallas (Clerk)

Approved by: ..... F.J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes (Chairman)

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