

# BROOMLEY & STOCKSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 in the Community Centre, Stocksfield

**Present:** Mr C Balmer, Mr P Barrass, Mrs A Dale (also present as a County Councillor)  
Mr J Davison, Mr P Duncan, Mrs M Martin, Mr M Parker  
(Mr Balmer had to leave early)  
Mrs M Williams, Clerk

**Apologies:** Mr R Berg Rust, Mr I Hall, Ms M Hunt, Mr Verheyden, Mr K Woods

In the absence of Ms Hunt, and Mr Woods, Mrs Martin took the chair.

**12/30 Declarations of Interest** None

### **12/31 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Mr Balmer proposed, Mr Barrass seconded and it was agreed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **12/32 Matters Arising**

*Burnside Hedge* – County Councillor Mrs Dale advised that this hedge had been cut back. She advised that the County Council had written to the developer's Liquidators pointing out that they have responsibility for this hedge.

*2 Apperley Road* – County Councillor Mrs Dale advised that the County Council Enforcement Officer had visited the site and believes that all is being completed within the terms of the planning permission.

### **12/33 Public Participation**

*Kates Plain* – It was reported that the grass had been cut.

*New Ridley Road* – a thunderstorm and heavy rain storm on 28<sup>th</sup> June had resulted in bark and debris being brought down onto New Ridley Road and Tynedale Gardens apparently from Mickley Grange Farm. This had resulted in properties being affected by the water and debris. It was recalled that the Gallop from the farm had come down onto New Ridley Road in 2008. It was thought that the bark on this most recent occasion the debris had come from a different part of the farm. It was reported that much of the debris had been cleared by the farmer. It was agreed that a letter be written to the County Council expressing concern that the problem had not been resolved following the earlier incident. Thanks were expressed to all those who had helped to clear up the debris an appreciation of the efforts of Council staff who had worked late into the evening and from first thing the next day clearing up the debris and flooding across Tynedale.

It was reported that the drain near 170 New Ridley Road and one by the Station were blocked. It was noted that the County Council's current policy was only to clear the drains once a year.

### **12/34 Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June was listed on the Agenda and was noted.

Mr T Brown had written raising concerns about the bus service through New Ridley. Mrs Dale offered to visit Mr Brown to discuss his concerns.

### **12/35 Finance**

The Finance & General Purposes Group had not met and had not therefore reviewed the accounts for June.

The Clerk had circulated a list of the proposed expenditure for June and Mr Duncan proposed and Mr Barrass seconded and it was agreed that this expenditure be agreed.

The Clerk had also presented the accounts to date for the Jubilee Event on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. She was thanked for her input into the Jubilee Commemorations.

*Review of Internal Audit* – The Clerk had circulated this and it was noted and accepted.

### **12/36 Community Development**

It was noted that Mr K Woods had joined the board of SCATA, as had Mrs Jacqui Lorimer (Head Teacher

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Broomley School). A further report on the developments of SCATA is included at the end of these Minutes.

*Northumberland County Council Local Development Plan*

A special meeting is to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July to formulate the Parish Council's response to this consultation. It was suggested that it might be profitable to ask John Nicholson (council officer) to attend this meeting.

## **12/27 Membership of Advisory Groups and appointment of Parish Council Representatives to outside bodies.**

The revised lists had been circulated and were accepted.

## **12/28 Advisory Groups & Council Representatives**

### **a) Consultations**

Review of Supported Bus Services -

Other current Consultations were listed on the agenda.

### **b) Finance & General Purposes Advisory Group Arrangements for authorisation during the summer break**

It was recommended and agreed

Cheques: Chair & Vice Chair up to £500 plus a larger amount to cover the Clerk's salary and the Handyman's contract.

Asset Transfer – if the paperwork comes through, then the Chair and Vice Chair have the authority to progress the matter.

Planning – Mr Hall to make arrangements with the Planning Group  
Councillors Mrs Dale, Mr Barrass and Mr Duncan expressed willingness to stand in when necessary

### **c) Transport & Highways Advisory Group**

It was noted that the Parking proposals for Guessburn and Branch End are both going out to consultation.

*Bus Services* - The Tuesday bus to Hexham is subsidised at under £5 per head. Mrs Dale had consulted with some of the elderly residents in Guessburn some of whom were unaware that this was a public service. It was agreed to highlight the service and the ADAPT service in NE43 News. The ADAPT Friday service is not part of the current review.

*Station Adoption* – The Clerk had received a letter from Northern Rail on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

*Use of Taxis* – Mrs Martin had nothing further from the County Council and is to pursue this. Mrs Dale suggested contacting Liz Prudhoe.

*Traffic Problems New Ridley Road* – Mrs Dale is to convene a meeting of the Group to discuss this issue. She reported that double yellow lines are to be installed at the top of Tynedale Gardens.

*Speeding A695* – It was reported that the Police had recently carried out a speed traffic check. Mrs Dale had contacted the major local traffic transport companies to highlight the problem with them. Mrs Dale had also contacted Prudhoe Town Council regarding sharing a speed gun. It was stressed that Riding Mill, Mickley and Stocksfield need to work together to see how transport and traffic issues on the A695 can be addressed and it was suggested that a working group needs to be set up. It was suggested that the working group might be made up of parish council representatives and head teachers from the relevant schools.

### **d) Planning Advisory Group**

*The Planning Report had been circulated and was noted.*

### **e) Children & Young People's Facilities Advisory Group**

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> July. The next meeting of the Community Garden Group is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was noted that exchange students attending the Baptist Church Holiday Club would be asked to clear the bank at Branch End Play Area.

Branch End Play Area – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### **f) Footpaths & Environment Advisory Group – nothing to report**

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**g) Sports Facilities Advisory Group**

The report of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June was tabled and noted. It was noted that the Cricket Club do not want a Skate Park on the .Sportsfield. The issue of the Skate Park is to go back to the Children & Young People's Facilities Advisory Group for further consideration.

The Clerk is to be asked about the possibility of providing a Tetrapak recycling facility.

**h) Communications Advisory Group**

The next edition of NE43 News will be distributed at the end of August.

**12/29 Council Representatives**

Mrs Dale will be attending the next meeting of the Eastern Tynedale Parish Forum and the West Areas Committee of the County Council.

**12/30 Date of next meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.