

BROUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Parish of Broughton held on **Monday, 28th April 2025**, at the **Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Scawby Road, Broughton**, at **6.30pm**.

1. Record of those Present

To record details of those present.

The following Cllrs were present: Cllrs Lee, Price, Portess, Ross, Senior (Chair), Simpson, Taylor & 2 residents.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies and reasons for absence received from Cllrs Carter & Harness.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved - approved as a true and correct record for the minutes of the last annual town meeting held on 22nd April 2024.

4. Mayor's Report

Cllr Senior read out his report as detailed below:

It was an honor to be appointed the Mayor of Broughton and Chairman of the Council again in 2024, having previously undertaken the role for the 3 years between 2018 & 2021 and then again in 2023.

I am very proud of our council, for all the work we have achieved together, the staff and the Councillors, we have an amazing group of people working hard for Broughton.

Since the last Town Meeting I have attended the following:

- 12 Full Council Meetings
- 5 General Purpose Meetings
- 4 Village Hall Trustee Meetings
- 2 Extra-Ordinary Meetings
- 1 Finance & Audit Meeting
- The 2024 Remembrance Parade
- 12 Civic Events, plus other community events

Throughout the year, we have worked on many projects as a council, most notably for me has been the immensely successful Fireworks event put on again in 2024 and the work on the plans for renovation of Phil Grundy Centre, for which we successfully undertook a public consultation. We also won the Best Kept Small Town, again.

I thoroughly enjoy each event that I go to, however I do have some favourites, such as the Allotments Open Day and Christmas Fayre etc.

Over the last 12 months we've also launched the new council website which has seen almost 4k unique people visit the site since its launch, and the mobile phone mast has finally gone live, giving much needed additional mobile service to Broughton.

We were also able to raise £660 for Lindsey Lodge at the recent Mayors Civic Dinner and I had the privilege of giving out 6 Community Service Awards to some of our fabulous volunteers.

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Although I'm looking forward to standing down as mayor and having a bit of a rest, I am still looking forward to the next 12 months and all that we can achieve together.

As I close, I would like to say some thank you's.

To all the amazing volunteers in our community, we have so many, and they all contribute to making Broughton a great place to live. Whether they are picking up litter, creating or managing the raised beds we see in the street, running clubs like Brownies/Guides or Ravers, or running the Village Hall to name a few. There are so many who do so much, and it's very much appreciated by so many.

I would also like to thank the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and all the Council staff for their hard work throughout the year, their cheery smiles when you meet them are always nice.

I would finally like to thank Councillor Price, our Deputy Mayor, for always being there.

5. North Lincolnshire Councillors' Reports

To receive a report from the North Lincolnshire Councillors.

Cllr Lee read the following report: -

Carol and I have enjoyed working with Broughton Town Council over the past year as Town Councillors and as your elected ward Councillors.

Both of us have been involved in a lot of activities within the village and we are delighted with where the MUGA developments have now got to at the Phil Grundy Centre. The development plans for the Phil Grundy Centre are well in progress and we held a very pleasant open evening where a good number of residents came and attended and viewed the proposed plans. They gave very good comments which were taken on the evening and are being processed and moving forward with the plans. The mobile phone mast is now working and has brought improvement to mobile access within the village.

Another well attended firework night last November went down very well and we were sorry that people had to be turned away due to the high number wishing to attend, but this has been updated for this year and people will now probably get residents to book tickets online to make sure they will be able to attend a very good evening. The stall and teams such as the Broughton Bloomers provided fantastic fun and refreshments during the night before the exciting firework display and afterwards.

Carol and I are pleased that the road repairs to Broughton High Street, Ermine Street and Appleby Lane have been resurfaced and are now in a lot better condition. We are constantly reporting potholes and getting them mended, and all improvements are made as soon as possible.

Carol and I have been avid supporters of Broughton Village Hall and delighted with the progress that has been made, and our thanks go out to all on the committee who have supported this work, especially our Caretaker Rachael Watchorn. We must note that our Bingo Nights have been very well supported this year and are bringing good revenue into the Village Hall, which is being passed on to all users. As Treasurer, Carol will stand down this year and thanks from the Village Hall Committee go out to her for the good position that the Village Hall will be left in.

Carol and I have been very busy this year on behalf of North Lincolnshire Council with delivering Air Fryers before Christmas and recently in the New Year to residents in Broughton. We are now busy handing out Slow Cookers and 1 Cup Kettles. This has been much appreciated by all that have received these items.

Carol and I have conducted telephone surgeries for Broughton residents and received many enquiries from residents who require our assistance with issues such as street parking, planning, disturbance with neighbours, grass mowing, potholes and also drug incidents.

Carol and I have attended Broughton & Scawby NAT's meetings where we have had a chance to hear from our local police giving us updates on issues in our area. This past year has gone well and is down on incidents.

Carol and I have supported Broughton Armistice day to pay our respects on behalf of Broughton residents by laying wreaths and talking to all those who attended. We look forward to the 80th VE Day celebrations that will take place on the 8 May 2025. We were also pleased

to attend Paul Senior's Broughton Civic dinner where a good meal was served to all who attended. Carol and I have had a good year and look forward to continuing serving Broughton residents and assisting them with any issues to the best of our ability.

6. **Humberside Police Report**

Cllr Price read out the following report received from PC Hickson & PCSO Moody.

1. **Traffic Enforcement & Local Traffic Order Compliance**

Over the past year, Humberside Police have remained vigilant in monitoring traffic compliance within the town.

43 traffic offence reports issued for HGVs found contravening the local traffic order on Appleby Lane and Ermine Street, Broughton.

Several other HGVs were stopped and found to be delivering within the permitted zone.

2. **Multi-Agency Collaboration**

To ensure road safety and wider community engagement, the police have worked closely with other agencies:

Numerous joint agencies stop days conducted alongside DVSA, the Environmental Agency, and other policing colleagues, targeting traffic violations and ensuring compliance with road safety regulations. Joint agency engagement with Safer Roads Humber on two occasions to promote road safety and enforcement efforts.

3. **Licensing & Community Safety**

A licensing visit to a local shop was carried out in April 2025 to ensure compliance with relevant business regulations.

4. **Rural Crime & Proactive Patrols**

Humberside Police have conducted proactive poaching patrols, working alongside the Rural Task Force to address wildlife crimes and protect local agricultural communities.

5. **Road Safety Operations & Offender Apprehension**

Dedicated police resources have been committed to assisting roads policing unit colleagues, leading to the apprehension of several offenders for various traffic and road-related offences.

6. **Engagement with Local Schools**

Officers have provided numerous instances of support to Vale Academy and Sir John Nelthorpe Senior Schools, focusing on intervention programs for pupils from Broughton and Scawby. These efforts aim to guide young individuals and foster community relations.

7. **Crime of Note**

Robbery at Co-op, Hibaldstow: Over the past year, a robbery occurred at the Co-op in Hibaldstow, where suspects had been scoping out local Co-op stores in the area. Following the incident, they were apprehended and arrested, though this event left staff at the Co-op in Broughton feeling on edge for several days.

Business Burglary: While no home burglaries were reported in the last 12 months for Broughton, one business burglary did take place. The offenders gained entry but took no items after the alarm system was triggered.

8. **Joint Interventions**

Humberside Fire and Rescue Collaboration: Police partnered with Humberside Fire and Rescue in various joint interventions aimed at community safety and risk prevention.

Fraud Prevention & Safeguarding Visits: Numerous fraud prevention visits were conducted to educate and protect local residents, alongside safeguarding visits to support vulnerable individuals in the community.

9. **Crime Trends & Local Community Concerns**

There are no current crime trends for the area that the local community needs to be aware of.

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However, local concerns remain focused on **speeding** and **contravention of the local 7.5t traffic order**.

10. A Thank You to the Community

Humberside Police would like to extend a sincere thank you to the residents and key individuals who have worked alongside us to ensure that Broughton remains a safe and welcoming place to live. Your ongoing support, vigilance, and dedication to community well-being are invaluable. Together, we continue to make Broughton a great place for everyone.

7. Broughton Relief in Need Trust

To receive a report from the Trust.

The Clerk read out the report from Rev Eames.

There's not much to report from the BRINT. We haven't had a meeting yet, but we also have not received any applications for grants.

The Clerk suggested that Rev Eames provides an advert that the Clerk can put on the notice boards and Facebook, so residents are aware of the Trust.

8. Broughton Village Hall

To receive a report about the Hall.

Cllr Portess read out the Trustees Report as follows:

All ok at village hall finances are now more stable.

I will take this opportunity to thank all the village hall committee for all their hard work during the past year which has been difficult with financial pressures with energy charges etc.

Thank you to Carol Ross our current Treasurer who has done a lot of work sorting out all our pressures and problems ,do not know how we could have done it without her.

Our two ward councillors Carol Ross and Janet Lee have been a great asset to our village.

Thank you also to Vee Harness our secretary, Rachael Watchorn our caretaker who also does the bookings and Facebook entries which have increased again in the past year. Including our very successful Bingo evenings which with our very generous people of Broughton have helped the village hall.

Also, would like to thank committee members Ann Smith and Sue Carter and their team of ladies who has done a sterling job fundraising at coffee mornings and other events throughout the year. We also now have a wishing well which has helped various charities and organizations.

And last but not least Broughton Town Council for their yearly grant and help without which the village hall would not exist

We have done all the floors in both halls with help from grants from Egdon oil through BCSA which we thank them both.

We are currently in the process of drawing up plans and applying for grants to refurbish the toilets.

We could always do with more help from Broughton Town Councillors so if you have any suggestions please come and join us.

Cllr Ross added that although previously stated that she would be resigned from 31/05 this is not possible as there are no Committee members that are elected to take on the role as Treasurer. This will be sorted thought the remaining term of office and Cllr Ross will resign at the AGM in September when a new Treasurer will be appointed. This will allow the current financial year to be closed down by Cllr Ross.

9. Broughton Community & Sports Association

To receive a report about the Association.

Cllr Simpson read the following report:

In 2024 the charity continued to service its main goal of bringing the community together and supporting the various groups in providing for Broughton and District.

The charity supports the following internal organisations:

Broughton Community Runners, including the Broughton Burn and Colour Burn, Broughton Walking Group, Broughton in Bloom and Broughton Wombles as well as running discos aimed at young people of primary school age.

The Charity helps to fund these sections through support, pooling equipment and volunteers, and financial assistance when required either through the charity's general funds or through grant processes as well as communicating events and requests for help where requested. Additionally, the charity has a sport specific subgroup that has worked closely alongside the Town Council in order to help improve the sport facilities within the town. This has now extended to the provision of a new all-weather facility on land adjacent to the recreation ground with significant thanks to our Ward Councillors and the various NLC council officers, including the Leader who have supported this project.

The charity also continues to manage the Egdon Grant fund which can now be applied for as long as the groups aims benefit Broughton residents without impacting groups based in Broughton that may already provide such a service, alongside the general aims of the charity. As always if there are any people willing to help or wish to operate activities that may benefit the residents of Broughton, please give us a shout, we may be able to assist.

10. Broughton Allotment Association & Leisure Gardeners

To receive a report about the representative of the Association.

Sue Turner read out the following report:

Introduction:

Broughton Allotments Association had sixty-eight members for the 2024 season, and numbers look like they will be increased this year. Membership to the association was kept at £5 per year and for that members get a 10 percent discount at Brigg Garden Centre on all vegetable plants and seeds, discounted prices in our small shop on such things as fertilizer, weed suppressant membrane, insect netting, and garden canes. Last year the association as a group decided to join the National Allotment Society, this enabled for an extra cost of £3.00, all our members to benefit from a reduced cost seed scheme, cheaper group insurance for our functions and activities held at the allotment, and individual allotment holders benefitted from public liability insurance for their plot, the association also receives several copies of the society's magazine quarterly.

The association intends to continue with this membership for 2025 even though the NAS has increased their price to £3.50 because we regard the benefits as good value for money.

Projects and progress this year

At the minimal cost of £50.13 to the allotment association the raised bed project has been completed this year, and more importantly 9 out of the 10 raised beds are now cultivated by members of our community, the area includes 10 raised beds, a summer house, a water tap, a socialising area with tables and chairs and a small area of landscaped plants, which is now looked after by one of the members who has one of the 10 raised beds. Thank you to Wressle Oil for their generous funding.

Working with Broughton in Bloom and Broughton Town Council, a small area of the allotments now has wooden composting bays, built by allotment volunteers, where allotment holders can place green waste, grass clippings and other compostable material, so that eventually we will be able to produce our own compost. Broughton in Bloom has also erected a polytunnel on the allotment site to be able to grow and mature their own plants, several allotment holders have also volunteered to help look after this. With grateful thanks to a new allotment holder, who has made and donated seventy metal powder-coated plaques, several allotment volunteers are in the process of painting and replacing all the weathered wooden plot numbers. They will be a colourful addition to the site and will make it easier to find each plot. For 2025 the association has again been successful with a grant from Wressle Oil, with a grant of £4615.84. This grant will enable the association to update and weatherproof the community cabin with wooden cladding and a sloping roof with a water collection system to be used by members of the allotment. In addition to this we have also purchased and sited a compostable toilet, and this is in the process of being completed, this will enable allotment holders who do not live nearby to have additional facilities.

We have updated our insurance cover and reviewed our health and safety policy so that we can safely hold events on the allotment site. This year we plan to have an open day later in the year, to encourage Broughton people to come and see what's happening on the plots. An allotment member has organised a willow wreath-making afternoon, which has proved so popular she will probably do more than one. On the first Monday of the month there is a 'meet and greet' session held at the portacabin for all members to enable new allotment holders to benefit from the knowledge of more experienced allotment holders and to share ideas, seeds and produce. Our members will be taking part in the Fred Graves largest pumpkin competition and the Pete Martin tallest sunflower competition and a new competition for this year is to grow the largest onion from seed. Prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Once a month any surplus produce is collected by one of our members and taken to Brigg Food Pantry. Through the winter months the veggies may be a bit sparse, but quantities are now increasing and it's amazing how grateful they are for marrows and rhubarb!

The rat problem faced in previous years has definitely improved. This is because we have two allotment holders who are expert rat catchers and voluntarily continuously monitor the site.

Thank you to Broughton Town Council for paying for the rat traps because obviously this is the only way we can catch them as we have a policy of not using any poison as there are too many kestrels, owls, hedgehogs and of course children in the area.

After a request from a Councillor the association has liaised closely with several Scawby residents who have yet to find a suitable location for an allotment site in Scawby. Working with Broughton Town Council a solution was reached where one full allotment was split into 4-quarter plots and offered to these Scawby residents. Three plots have now been taken by Scawby residents who are extremely pleased to have this opportunity.

At the moment there is no waiting list for empty allotments, but an advertising campaign by Broughton Town Council resulted in several empty plots being rented by residents, and at this moment in time there are 4 empty plots. Since the Town Council has been carrying out site inspections, most plots are kept tidy and cultivated. In fact, a new member commented that Broughton Allotments was one of the tidiest he had seen.

Broughton Allotments Association has a very close working relationship with Debs and Sonia and Brian acts as the link between them and our members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all they do for us. We try to deal with any problems ourselves and fend off as many moans and complaints as we can but know that the connection between them and the Association means that both sides are always aware of any problems and work together quickly to sort things out. We are very thankful for this and want you to know that you are always welcome for tea and cake!

11. Wressle Wellsite Community Liaison Group

To receive a report about the community liaison group.

Rachel Smith Has been unable to provide a report for this meeting but one will follow in due course.

12. Open Forum

To discuss any items raised by Parishioners.

No further items raised.

13. Closure of Meeting

To note the time the Annual Town Meeting closed.

The meeting ended at 7pm.