

BROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL AGM 11th MAY 2016

Chairman's Report

The Council's policy continued to be to try to retain the rural charm & character of Brougham and to set a low precept based on minimum expenditure.

Fortunately Brougham residents and properties escaped the serious flooding following storm Desmond. However, the closure of Eamont Bridge and consequent traffic diversions along Brougham's narrow country lanes wrecked them and the verges and caused considerable stress and disruption particularly to those on the diversion routes. Continuous communication was maintained with CCC Highways to try to ameliorate the situation.

Eamont bridge was reopened just before the year-end and the diversions ended. The importance of restoring the ravaged verges as well as repairing the damaged lanes has been stressed and a programme of work is awaited.

There were no other major issues during the year though there was no shortage of matters requiring Council action.

I would like to thank the Clerk Janet Jennings, Highways Co-ordinator Sarah Harden, other Councillors, Internal Auditor Ron Wood, District Councillor Henry Sawrey-Cookson and County Councillor Gary Strong for their continuing assistance during the year.

Clerk's Report

The Parish Council addressed the following Planning issues:

- 13/0722 & 13/0723: Pembroke House Farm
- 15/0116: Ash Hill Farm building conversion
- 15/0347: Leacett Cottage mobile phone mast
- 15/0483: Center Parcs: five exclusive lodges
- 15/0702: Rear extension to 14 Brougham Hall Gardens
- 15/0796: Julian Bower building demolition
- 15/1021: Chatburn Kennels extension

- Eden District Local Plan 2014-2032
- EDC Planning documents
- Weekly planning lists from EDC
- The new class of permitted development

[Willow planting: Fremington land. Meetings between the Agents and residents of Moor Lane were arranged to discuss objections to a Willow Establishment Project as a result of which helpful amendments to the areas to be planted were made.](#)

New warning signs have been installed before and after the bridge between Brougham Hall and the Church in the interests of safety for pedestrians, horses and vehicles. The broken grit-bin on the lane to the Castle has been replaced. The Parish Council gave comments to Kier about the roadworks on the A66 outside Llama Karma this winter.

The Parish Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders needed no changes. Following input from ACTION with Communities in Cumbria, the Parish Council has compiled a list of contacts for various emergency situations as our Community Emergency Plan. Enquiries have been made over several months about the provision of High Speed Broadband to Brougham. A notice of the current provision is posted on the notice board. Comments were submitted to EDC about the Local Delivery of Services scheme.