

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr W Bradley, Mr W Douglas, Mrs P Jones, Mr A Jones, Mr J Kendall

APOLOGIES: Mr A Marr, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor A J Markley, Mr L Parker, Mrs E Parker

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker said the grass needed cutting again.

MINUTES;

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING;

An e-mail was received from Mr D Jeffries re. setting up a website. He said it is important the site is secure and not open to virus or hacking threats. He would carry out quarterly maintenance but would not recommend annual maintenance. It was agreed to go ahead with quarterly maintenance. He said the domain name should be chosen from a given list. Mr Jeffries would be willing to give some instruction to 3 or 4 persons. He can provide 2 computers and we would have to provide the others. Reply to be sent we are agreeable to this.

Following the suggestion in the Internal Auditor's Report that we may reduce Fidelity Guarantee Insurance from £50,000 to £35,000 Clerk said Zurich Insurance had been contacted about this and was told it was a fixed amount of £27.00 up to £50,000 and they could not reduce it.

Telephone kiosk by Reading Rooms - BT were contacted and said it takes quite a while to have the power disconnected then the kiosk can be removed but it will be put on their list.

Grass strimming - Mr R Hart and Mr J Hanley met with the Community Pay Back representative and they will tidy it up as they are doing the grass in the Churchyard. The cost would be £50.00 per cut - agreed.

Concern was expressed about invasive plants along the beckside on land behind Bowstead House. Letter to be sent to Mr S Johnson asking if he is aware there is a significant amount of Japanese Knotweed on land behind his house and it is the landowner's responsibility to remove it and could he take action to do so.

Re. Fridge/freezer in front of Rayvon House - Clerk said a letter had been sent to Mr S Tunstall but there has been no reply and the fridge/freezer is still there.

POLICE REPORT; A report was received stating 4 incidents had occurred since our last meeting.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT: This was not too bad and hopefully Handyman will carry out any necessary work. Mr R Hart said he suspects the bid of Coastal Community Fund will not go in the first bid; it is linked to the lottery. He also said the section of cycle track owned by Greggains will be re-surfaced.

SEATS AND BENCHES; No progress.

PROGRESS OF HANDYMAN; No progress. It was agreed Clerk contact Handyman "Simon" who advertises in "Beachcomber" to find out what he does and cost.

Councillor Markley said grass verges are only being cut once this year.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS; Nothing further has been received. It was felt we should tell Milburns Solicitors we want the matter finished as soon as possible, hopefully within the next 4 weeks. Councillor Markley to speak to A.B.C. about this.

RESIDENTS PARKING SIGNS ON PLAY AREA BOUNDARY FENCE; Mr J Kendall feels this is common ground and it was totally wrong to make it residents parking. It is unadopted land and residents were given parking places down Brewery Terrace therefore it should not be residents parking. Councillor Markley said if it is unadopted Parish Council has no jurisdiction. Parish Council could take over unadopted land but we have no authorisation to make them do it. It was agreed a letter be sent to AONB that the question has been raised and could they confirm the road is unadopted. Mr Kendall said it is a narrow road and it is awkward if cars park there. Mr Kendall also asked if at the road to the cycle track near the Church could the entrance be widened. However it is not Parish Council's responsibility.

Mr A Jones and Mr G Proud have moved the stobs by Toll Bar House to prevent vehicles driving along.

It was felt a letter be sent to A.B.C. re. The lack of maintenance to the car parks.

CORRESPONDENCE; The following items have been received and noted:-

1. E-mail from The Pensions Regulator.
2. E-mail from C.A.L.C. -Connecting Cumbria Update.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. - Highways England's Request for Evidence.
4. E-mail from CVS News re. Cumbria CVS West Funding Event.
5. 'Glasdon catalogue.
6. E-mail from N.A.L.C. re. Transparency Fund - passed to Mr R Hart.
7. E-mail from C.A.L.C.re Coastal Communities Fund.
8. Letter from Sue Hayman MP re. Broadband within her constituency.
9. C.A.L.C. Circular.
- 10.From N.A.L.C.2016-18 National Salary Award. The new rate for part-time Clerks has increased from £8.428 per hour to £8.717 backdated to 1st April 2016. This was agreed.

- 11.From C.A.L.C.information on Cumbria Heating Fund.
- 12.E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Summer Three Tier Meeting on 30.6.16.
13. E-mail from C.A.L.C. - changes to law re. Bankruptcy.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES;

Mr R Hart said Community Foundation should have had the first part of the grant from Tesco in July and work to start on the Playfield.

PLANNING; None.

FINANCE;

Account from ISS for grass cutting - £336.00 agreed.
Account from Ellis Bros for materials obtained by Handyman- £20.99 agreed.
Account for purchase of laptop computer and scanner/printer purchased from PC World by Mr R Hart - £358.99. It was agreed Mr Hart be reimbursed for this.
It was agreed Mr R Hart be reimbursed for account from 'Safety 4 Less' for 'No Dogs' and 'Clean it up' signs he had purchased -£41.40

Mr W Bradley said we can get signs re.defibrillator and he will try to find out about them.

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Clerk's salary and expenses were agreed as follows:-

Pay period 16th May to 19th June 2016

14 hours at £8.428 per hour = £117.99

Less Income Tax of £21.40 = £96.59

Reimbursement of expenses -

Postage - £4.77

Heating of Hall - £1.00

Photocopying - £7.90

Total = £13.67

Amount payable = £13.67 + £96.59 = £110.26.

Quarterly payment of Income Tax to HMRC - £71.80 agreed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA;

Update on grass cutting and state of the beck. It was felt grass cutting should be on the agenda every month.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING;

Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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