

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 2016 at 7.30pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr A Armstrong, Mr G Robinson, Mrs P Robinson, Mr L Parker, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome, Councillor A J Markley

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mrs P Robinson said recently an articulated lorry had come to The Went, Wigton Road and could not get through and she said 4 young boys had been nearby and the situation was dangerous. There are signs up but some vehicles still try to get through the narrow road. P.C.S.O. Peter Crome was asked about this and he said he will contact Kevin Cosgrove to see if he is aware of the situation. P.C.S.O. Crome said there are some foreign drivers just using satnavs. Mr R Hart suggested speed restrictions and P.C.S.O. Crome will pass it on. Mr W Douglas said it would help if the signs were highlighted at Westnewton.

Mr L Parker asked if we are having a final grass cut and it was confirmed we are.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: An estimate for tarmacadam works was received from D Tolson & Sons for £14,950.00 + VAT. This is valid for 3 months only from 29.9.16. An estimate was also received from Reuban Roberts for £45,000 and he would require £30,000 upfront. An estimate has still not been received from Dempsters despite 2 telephone requests and messages left. Clerk to try again to contact Dempsters.

The walking of the footpaths had been cancelled due to poor weather conditions. It was felt this should be postponed and it was decided to put this on the February agenda.

Clerk reported a telephone call from Mrs Craggs of Westville Caravan Park who said she had received a Solicitor's letter about a woman who had fallen and injured herself on 26.3.13 on the road in front of their entrance and the entrance to Allonby Tearooms and who is claiming compensation. Mrs Craggs asked who owned the road as she does not and who carried out repairs. She was told this is an unadopted road. She said she is going to reply it had nothing to do with her but questions who is liable.

CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR: The only application received was from Mr Andrew Armstrong and it was agreed Mr Armstrong be co-opted. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Mr Armstrong and Clerk and Mr Armstrong will complete the appropriate Declaration of Pecuniary Interest form and they will be forwarded to A.B.C.

POLICE REPORT: P.C.S.O. Peter Crome reported on the new link/online site. He said there is a new corporate approach. Mr R Hart said would it be an advantage to link to our website. P.C.S.O. Crome said he would have to check with their Group. P.C.S.O. Crome asked that the new link be checked and e-mail him re. any problems. At this point Councillor Markley entered the meeting. Mr A Jones asked if it was possible to repair the speed indicator device. P.C.S.O. Crome said he would e-mail the details. He then left the meeting.

ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK BY READING ROOMS: There are options for Parish Councils to purchase kiosks for £1.00. The suggestion has been made that we could turn the kiosk into a mini library by Mr J Kewin. BT would leave the electric on at their cost. If we do go ahead it would be our responsibility ie.

insurance, planning for change of use. Mr Kewin seems to want to refurbish the kiosk. It was felt the biggest problem would be vandalism. However, Mr Kewin lives opposite the kiosk and if he is willing to take responsibility it may be okay. Mr W Douglas said he is against this. It was agreed we may go ahead and Mr R Hart said he will speak to Mr Kewin about this.

PLAYGROUND: Mr R Hart reported the new goals will be installed on 7th November and Playdale are coming tomorrow to look at the i-play. Mr W Douglas said Craig Ireland is going to re-hinge the gate and will put a bar across the gate on the football pitch. It was felt the Playground should be in a separate report with 'photos kept in a separate folder. Mr A Jones suggested we could put 'photos on the website. Mr W Douglas reported the double gates do not work and he will get Craig Ireland to put a bar on it.

SEATS AND BENCHES: Thanks were extended to the Friends of Allonby Green and to Mr L Parker for work carried out on a seat. There are now 20 seats/benches.

PROGRESS OF HANDYMAN: This is being monitored.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: Our Solicitor forwarded an e-mail from Jill Morgan of A.B.C. apologising for the delay. She had forwarded our queries to the Estates Team and is still awaiting a response therefore there is no further information at this stage.

Re. the £3000 she said she had not at any stage been made aware of this. She said she did know that in similar transactions any contributions would not be dealt with in the Contract and instead would usually be by way of a side letter. She will make enquiries and let us know the outcome. It was felt that in 2014 it was £2500 that had been mentioned by Mr D Brydon. It was felt we would take refurbishment of £3000 from A.B.C. Re. taking over the toilets at West End it was felt we can't take them over until we see how we come on with this transfer. In future we may consider it depending on the deal.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. Information and notices re. Electoral Review of A.B.C.'s Warding Arrangements – to be displayed on Notice Board. Councillor Markley said they are negotiating a reduction of 8 Councillors. The issue is where do these Councillors come from. Urban wards are more at risk it is felt. Allonby could come under Penrith and Solway. Mr R Hart said Aspatria Rural Partnership are looking into wards but Allonby would be better with Maryport or Silloth.
It was felt Silloth would be better. The decision will be made by The Boundary Commission. At this point Mr J Hanley left the meeting.
2. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. N.A.L.C. website members log-ins.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. their A.G.M. on 12.11.16.
4. Brochure from HAGS Playground Equipment.
5. Two brochures from Glasdons.
6. From C.C.C. Allerdale Community Development Team – Community Grants Factsheet. It was questioned could we get money for tarmac work but it was felt not. Councillor Markley said possible funding for Playground may be obtained – passed to Mr R Hart.
7. Flood Recovery Update – Allerdale – 2 October 2016 – passed to Mr R Hart.
8. C.A.L.C. Circular. This gave advice on Parish Council budgets. The toilet block is one issue to take advice on. Otherwise we just follow the advice given. They do, however, warn that grants from A.B.C. are discretionary.
9. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Healthcare for the future: Newsletter.
10. E-mail re. DF11 Speed Indicator Deice - £2000 + VAT.
11. E-mail from Hayley Bishop re. C.C.C. funding available in your area – passed to Mr R Hart.
12. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. training courses.
13. A letter was received inviting a member to plant a poppy at the Remembrance Service on 13.11.16. It was agreed Mr A Jones will do this.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: Allonby Village Hall – Mrs P Jones said she wished to thank Councillor J Lister for the £1500 he obtained for them.

Mrs Jones has got the paint for the bus shelters but the Community Pay Back have not many offenders at the moment.

PLANNING: None.

FINANCE: An account was received from Reuban Roberts for concrete base and shuttering work - £195.00 agreed.

Account received from David Jeffries – “Ministry of Doing” for hosting website totalling £1008.00 – passed for payment.

Account from Ellis Bros Ltd for materials used by Handyman - £80.00 agreed.

Accounts from Craig Ireland for renewing hinges on double gates - £39.00 and for painting benches and renewing hinges on gate- £78.00 agreed.

Account received from Aspatria Farmers Ltd for materials used by Handyman - £54.83 agreed.

Account from ISS for grass cutting- £336.00 agreed.

Account from Jonathan Taylor Joinery for materials used by Handyman - £14.62 agreed.

Account from Cumbria and Lancs Community Rehabilitation Company for work carried out by Community Pay Back - £60.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 19.9.16 to 16.10.16

15 hours at £8.717 per hour = £130.75

Less Income Tax of £26.00 = £104.75

Reimbursement of expenses –

Postage - £3.18

Photocopying - £5.40

Stationery - £1.35

Total = £9.93

Amount payable = £104.75 + £9.93 = £114.68.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: A Christmas tree for the Church who are inviting Allonby residents to decorate it.

Mr W Bradley said he had picked up a Certificate for Allonby First Responders for 14 years’ service.

It was reported Mr J Hanley had moved a tractor tyre from the beck.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.