

## ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr G Browse, Mr G Proud, Mr L Parker, Councillor A J Markley

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker expressed concern re. the car park by North Lodge which has been used by John Elliott for storage/parking whilst carrying out work at Dubmill and has now been left in a poor state. It was felt this should be raised with Councillor J Lister and a letter be sent to John Elliott about this.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Mirror on Wigton Road – Cumbria Highways were contacted on 22.1.18 and given e-mail address. They said they would reply but have not done so to date.

No reply has been received from BT re. complaints about the telephone service.

POLICE REPORT: None received. Mr R Hart said P.C.S.O. Peter Crome had spoken to him. We were going to have 3 information services in the village but not now. We will still have regular speed checks.

PLAYGROUND: A form was received from Councillor A J Markley for completion. It seems £5000 is the amount to be granted.

Mr W Bradley said he had met with the organisers of the Annual Village Ploughing Match who had said they could raise money at the next Ploughing Match for the Play Area. He suggested the gates could cost approximately £2000.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: A letter was received from Councillor Michael Heaslip, Exec. Member for Locality and Environmental Quality, A.B.C. saying they have identified number of sites possible for Community Asset Transfer. He felt Parish Council may be interested in taking full control of the Play Area currently on a 25 year lease to Parish Council from 2011 and an adjacent area of The Green (extent to be determined). Councillor Heaslip formally to ask Allonby Parish Council to give formal consideration to this. Three maps were displayed by Mr R Hart of the areas. Mr A Jones said would this increase our insurance and it was felt this is likely. There would also be legal costs and we would have to do the grass cutting which would be most expensive. Mr R Hart said there are 3 options – The Playground and football pitch. Do we include the Green in front of North Lodge and land within which would solve problems of the graveyard. It was asked should we be taking on more responsibility. At this point Councillor A J Markley entered the meeting. Mr W Bradley felt we could take over the Playground but not the rest. We could take on the Playground and the football pitch; Councillor Markley feels this would be fine. It was questioned could A.B.C. give any help with legal costs, insurance, liabilities etc. Mr R Hart said he would reply. Councillor Markley said we should get £5000 not £1000 as had been thought and Clerk to check this.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: None. Mr A Barnard is complaining about the lack of water supply.

FENCE BY THE READING ROOMS: Mr J Hanley said he had received complaints re. the fence as it was felt if it was up for 7 years they could claim the land. Mr J Kendall said he thought it was 10 years before you can claim. Mr G Browse said he knew about this and last year someone was sent out and found they had a licence to store things. Letter to be sent to A.B.C. asking if temporary fencing should have been moved when work was completed. Mr G Proud said there is a drop kerb and why was it put there as they are using it.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. From A.B.C. Summary of Council Tax Bases.
2. E-mail and letter from Crosscanonby Parish Council re. erosion of the coastline and B5300 road.
3. E-mail from Tony Magean, A.B.C. re. Maryport Area and Coastal Community Meeting – passed to Mr R Hart who said he would attend.
4. N.W. Coastal Access Monthly Update – January 2018.
5. “A Useful Guide About Sharing Campaigns in Allerdale”.
6. E-mail from Hayley Bishop, A.B.C. re. Waste Collections at Allonby. Mr R Hart said we used to have a re-cycling bin by the toilets. Letter to be sent to A.B.C. asking if we can have a replacement.
7. E-mail re. “ACT F.A.S.T.”.
8. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. courses available.
9. C.A.L.C. Circular – passed to Mrs P Jones.
10. E-mail from Earth Anchors re. Re-cycled Modular Benches – passed to Mr G Proud.
11. E-mail from Natalie Busuttill re. Utility Priority Services Register.
12. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. 3 Tier Meeting on 22.3.17 – passed to Mr R Hart.
13. E-mail from Cumbria CVS – “The Right Structure for You”.
14. E-mail from Rural Services Network re. Rural Broadband- passed to Mr A Jones.
15. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. dog fouling query.
16. Letter from ISS re. Increase in Annual Contract value. They are proposing a 3% increase thereby raising the contract value from £1730.40 to £1783.90 + V.A.T. per annum.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: Allonby Village Hall – Mrs P Jones said the official opening of Allonby Village Hall will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 by Sue Hayman MP. There will be a celebratory cake, a plaque and possible demonstrations.

Mrs P Jones said the Allonby Hearse is now in the “Pig in the Bath” as Helena Thompson Museum wanted it out of their store. Mrs Jones asked who the hearse belongs to. Mr J Kendall said he believes it belongs to the village. If not sold we must find somewhere else to store it. The Church would like to sell it but Mr J Kendall felt we should keep it. Mr A Jones felt we should go and look at it and it’s future considered. Councillor Markley said we could possibly get funding for this. It was said Beamish may be an option. The future of the hearse to be put on next agenda.

Community Forum – Nothing to report.

PLANNING: None.

FINANCE: Account from Npower for electric for toilets - £87.29 agreed.

Account from United Utilities for water for the toilets - £346.26 (£83.58 by direct debit).

Mr R Hart purchased new litter pickers and it was agreed to reimburse him - £9.99 passed for payment.

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

Pay period 15 January 2018 to 18 February 2018

10 hours at £8.717 per hour = £87.17

Less Income Tax of £17.40 = £69.77.

Reimbursement of expenses

Photocopying - £4.80

Postage - £3.18

Total = £7.98.

Amount payable = £69.77 + £7.98 = £77.75.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Future of Allonby Hearse.

Car parks.

Street lights.

It was questioned if there was any progress re. Brewery Terrace sign – to be raised with Councillor J Lister.

Mr W Bradley said the remnants of the Christmas tree are still lying in the Play Area awaiting collection.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.