

ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2019 IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mrs N Wingfield, Mr A Barnard, Mr G Browes, Mr A Jones, Mr J Kendall

APOLOGIES: Mrs P Jones

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public (Mr L Parker)

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker questioned did the nets for the unit on the Playground need replacement. Mr A Jones proposed a vote of thanks to Mr L Parker and Mr G Proud for the painting work they have done on the Playground.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: An e-mail was received from the Information Commissioner's Office confirming receipt of our payment and our new expiry date of 22 July 2020. A copy of our Certificate was attached. A copy of the Certificate to be put on Notice Board.

POLICE REPORT: A report was received and noted. P.C.S.O.s Peter Nichol and Hannah Donaughee have now replaced P.C.S.O. Peter Crome. Mr R Hart said following the Community Forum's interest in traffic problems he had tried to contact P.C.S.O. Peter Crome but he had moved on. Leanne said she would put it down as a complaint. It was confirmed a camera van will be brought back now the road is open. P.C.S.O. Peter Crome had been made aware of concerns. It might be left until September but it will be followed up. Mrs N Wingfield said she would make discreet enquiries as to where we are on the waiting list. It was proposed running at 3 locations in the village. Mr A Barnard said after getting the gear could we possibly have a public meeting.

TOILETS: Mr R Hart and Mr A Barnard had attended a funding fair and feel we could get some funding. They are looking at putting some bids in. The time scale is October/November. It was proposed we aim to have something done by next season and will get quotes. Quotes for tiles was received from Redman not Redmain as previously stated. Mrs N Wingfield felt solar panels should be considered. The Water Catcher Scheme is way too much. We are not looking for a slate roof therefore solar panels would be fine. It was felt solar panels would give us a stronger case for funding. Mr L Parker said we should fit solar panels in with tiles. Mr R Hart will look into this. Mr J Kendal said if we want solar panels we must be careful and cannot start on the roof until we get funding. An e-mail was received from C.A.L.C. advising the Toilet Tax Bill enters Parliament; the legislation to end toilet tax has entered Parliament this week which when enacted will save millions of pounds. The "Non-Domestic Rating (Public Conveniences) Bill received its first reading in the House of Lords on 18th June 2019 and they will update us in due course. Mr A Barnard said more cleaning should be carried out. He said last week by afternoon they were filthy and people were leaving and not using them. Mr R Hart said there is a problem with water leaking. It was felt we could maybe get a cleaner to do more Mr R Hart said he checks mornings and nights. Toilet rolls are often scattered and recently there had been a blockage. The leak needs to be repaired. It was said could Mr A Barnard have a key and he can lock up if it is in a bad state. Another option would be to open the Gents toilets and possibly make them unisex. Mr A Barnard said we could get someone self-employed who would bill Parish Council. Mr R Hart will put an item on Allonby News

asking if anyone would be interested in cleaning. It was agreed "Ladies" be open on a regular basis. Mrs N Wingfield suggested advertising on walls but Mr J Kendall felt not in Allonby.

A letter was received from Npower advising our electricity contract is coming to an end. They said if we do nothing they will change our account to a "Your Business Flexible Contract" and apply the flexible prices automatically from 9th September 2019 – agreed.

PLAYGROUND: An e-mail was received from Tivoli saying whilst doing grounds maintenance on the Play Park the team had noticed some Health and Safety issues with play equipment. The slide has a broken bar that holds the structure in place at the under carriage and the see saw has a broken and sharp handle that could cause harm to users. Kompan had been contacted re. the spring on the see saw. Mr R Hart had an account from Playdale for i-play - £1959.71 for refurbishment. It was agreed so this can be back in use as soon as possible. Community Forum will contribute £2000 and it was agreed to go ahead.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items was received and noted:-

1. E-mail from Councillor A J Markley re. Allonby Bridge.
2. C.A.L.C. Newsletter – passed to Mr A Jones.
3. NW Coastal Access Monthly Update: June 2019.
4. E-mail from Website Enquiry from Laszlo Mate- Mr R Hart will reply.
5. E-mails from AONB re. Consultation Evening – Mr R Hart will attend.
6. Brochure from Creative Play – passed to Mr R Hart.
7. E-mail from Health Care Campaign. Next Monday A.B.C. is running an active coast event. Mr R Hart to put on Allonby News.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Community Forum: Mr A Barnard mentioned a stone stacking event. Concerns were raised re. speeding and he has 30mph stickers for bins. Strimming and access to public tables and benches was mentioned. Mr R Hart said AONB do have some responsibility. AONB do have different management now.

PLANNING: An application has been received and circulated from Anita Craggs re. reducing common ash tree by 30% and any branches overhanging the fence and caravan at Braggs Villa. No objections had been received but a copy of a letter to A.B.C. has now been received from Ms G Ramsay who objects as the tree is on her land. Mr R Hart took the correspondence and will look into it and reply to A.B.C. and speak to Ms Ramsay.

Two applications were received from Messrs T E & K M Bowe & Son, Griggsfield, Allonby. One for a roof over a silage pit and one for erection of a slurry store at Griggsfield. There were no objections.

It was questioned had there been further information on road markings for Wigton Road. Clerk said she had been told by a resident (Mr A Porter) that the land belongs to Frank Scott who had asked the new householders if they would buy it from him but they would not. He said Frank Scott had also tried to sell it to Cumbria Highways but they would not buy it. Mr R Hart said he would make enquiries.

The situation re. collection of bins was raised. It was said the contract went to tender, they got the contract then could not meet it so had to take on extra workers and want extra funding. In the meantime the black bin collections will continue.

FINANCE: Documents were received from P K F Littlejohn LLP, Accountants, - Receipt of Documents and Notification of Exempt Status 2019.

Account from Npower for £26.35 agreed.

Letter received from HSBC Bank re. changes to their terms and pricing – noted.

Account from Tivoli for grounds maintenance - £374.62 agreed.

Account from Shane Taylor Welding Ltd for repairs to banana slide - £360.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 18th June 2019 to 15th July 2019

10 ½ hours at £9.77 per hour = £102.58

Less Income Tax of £20.40 = £82.18

Reimbursement of expenses

Photocopying - £2.00

Stationery - £2.49

Postage - £5.93

Total = £10.42

Amount payable = £82.18 + £10.42 = £92.60.

Account from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd for refurbishment of central unit of i-play including delivery and installation of unit - £1959.71 had been agreed.

A refund of V.A.T. of £1687.61 was received on 5th July 2019.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Website.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th August 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.