

ALLONBY PARIS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30P.M.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor A J Markley

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public (Mr G Proud, Mr L Parker)

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: A member of the public reported that the memorial bench and placement for Pauline had been arranged.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th November 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Mr Hart reported that unfortunately due to circumstances and changeover of Clerk, two cheques had bounced. These would have to be re-written and sent. Mr Hart had contacted the bank and was informed that the parish council mandate needed updating. 2 members who were no longer on the Council needed removed (Mr A Marr and Mrs A Bradley) and the new Clerk needed adding. Mr Hart had requested a new mandate and this process was now in hand.

POLICE REPORT: A report had not been received.

TOILETS: Mr Hart reported that unfortunately the Robin Rigg deadline had been missed as three quotations were needed and he was still in need of one further quotation. Roland Hill were not willing to provide a quotation as they felt that due to the nature and situation of the site, the equipment would have to be replaced within a few years despite a 25year guarantee. There was specially treated equipment available but this would be double the price. Mr Hart still felt that it could attract funding. He had not heard anything from Mr Bryden.

PLAYGROUND: Mrs Wingfield reported that she had received some comments regarding the new teen swing that had been well received, although some felt that it was slightly too high for younger children. Council members would keep a watchful eye.

TRAFFIC SURVEY: Mr Hart had contacted Amber Sykes who was now on leave until early January. The Team Leader of the survey would contact us as soon as they had any information. Mr Barnard reported that the traffic lights/road works/line painting and speed camera that had appeared in the village whilst the survey was taking place would

affect the outcome. Mr Hart had already flagged this up as an issue and had suggested that the survey could perhaps be repeated in the summer.

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE: Mrs Wingfield and Mr Browes agreed to meet up in the next month to try and sort out a FB page.

PARISH PRECEPT – All those present were in agreement that the Parish Precept should be raised to £12,000.00 The biggest spend by far was the grass cutting. Allerdale would only commit to fund one grass cut a year. Mrs Wingfield asked whether the needs of the village could be balanced alongside the needs of wildlife – reducing the cuts on the Reading Room side from the edge of The Hill from 5 to 3 in a year so that wildlife and habitat could thrive. Mrs Wingfield agreed to come to the next meeting with an outline proposal. This was agreed in principal and it was suggested that a new scheme could be tried for a year and notices could be put up to explain to villagers and the public why this was being done.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been received from Tivoli notifying the Council that their bill would be going up by 6% from 1st April 2020 to £1985.46. It was agreed that this was still reasonable value.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: The Community Forum Chairman Mr Barnard reported that Community Payback were still to paint the bus shelters as the weather had not made it possible when planned. He further reported that grass seed had been placed by himself and Mr Browes by the goal posts but unfortunately this was carried out two days before a frost so we would have to see in due course if the seed had taken.

Mrs Jones reported that the recent Cribs and Wreaths festival at Church had been well attended and deemed a success. Church had also been in receipt of a number of donations – the total money raised at the Festival was not yet know. Church needed to raise a substantial amount of money to pay for new railings and repairs to the boundary walls. Mrs Jones asked for suggestions from those present as to who might be able to help with repairs. Mrs Wingfield knew of some people that may be able to help and Mr Hanley suggested Dale Patrick, Dominic Todd and Wayne Crozier as potentials. Mrs Jones also reported that the Village Christmas Party at Jack’s Surf Bar open to all had been very successful with approximately 40 people attending.

PLANNING: None

FINANCE: Account from Bank Mill Nursery (Xmas Tree) - £180.00
2 cheques to replace those that had ‘bounced’.

Clerks salary and expenses were agreed as follows: -
8hrs @ £9.77 per hour = £78.16
Expenses = £10.88
Total = £89.04

A new laptop for the Clerk was discussed as the one currently available was no longer fit for service. It was agreed that a new laptop should be purchased with an upper limit of £500.00. Mr Browes agreed to advise on the purchase – external storage was also a priority.

MONTHLY OR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS – It was agreed that this would not be decided until the Annual Parish meeting after the work had been completed on the toilet block.

A.O.B. – Mrs Wingfield agreed to provide a link to all Councillors regarding Allerdale Arts funding.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Traffic Survey, Grass Cutting.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 21st January at 7.30p.m.