

**ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr G Browes, Mr J Hanley, Mr A Jones, Mr A Barnard, Mr John Kendall

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor A J Markley, Mrs P Jones, Mrs N Wingfield

**ALSO PRESENT:** 3 members of the public (Mr G Proud, Mr M Gerrish, Ms S Anderson)

**REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** A member of the public reported the following: -

- That the tubs on the green had been filled.
- The guttering was coming off on the toilet block opposite Twentymans.
- An idea for an information board informing the public how long certain items of plastic litter took to biodegrade that had been seen in Turkey was passed around. It was generally felt that this would be a good idea to place somewhere on the Cycle path.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Mr Hart reported that Mr Browes had been in touch with David Jeffries regarding a new laptop for the Clerk and he had suggested a very good model that would be suitable for £400.00. All the councilors were happy with this. Mr Browes suggested that secondary storage was purchased as well.

**POLICE REPORT:** A report had not been received.

**TOILETS:** Mr Hart reported that the Allerdale tender would be going out at the end of Jan/beginning of February and the work was to be completed by Easter. Mr Jones asked whether entry to the toilets would be free? Mr Hart and Councillors present felt that it should be left as free entry. The cleaning regime would need to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**PLAYGROUND:** Nothing to report at present. Everything was up to date. Mr Hart had submitted the Council's asset register to CALC for review. The replacement cost of playground equipment would be approximately £80,000.00

**TRAFFIC SURVEY:** Mr Hart had received a memo from County with all the details of the traffic survey. Mrs Wingfield had raised 1 or 2 issues with Mr Hart regarding the raised level of HGV's and consistent speeding concerns which had been passed onto Amber Sykes. 10.5% of the traffic in the survey was HGV's. Councillors wondered which percentage of that were speeding.

After some discussion, it was agreed by Councillors that an explanation of the data was needed. Mr Hart agreed to contact Amber Sykes. It was felt that the data was inconclusive because of the traffic calming measures at the time of the survey and the time of year. Mr Hart was still hopeful that the survey would be repeated, hopefully in the summer.

**RAILINGS AT WEST END GREEN:** The railings at West End Green were looking shabby and potentially dangerous and this had been mentioned at the Community Forum meeting. Mr Barnard had spoken to Chris at the A.O.N.B. who would be willing to provide the labour to replace them if the Parish Council and the Forum could purchase the materials. It was agreed that Mr Hart would ask Simon Ringrose (handyman) to have a look at the job.

**GRASS CUTTING:** It was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting as Mrs Wingfield was absent.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** Mr Browes had circulated the model code of conduct to all members. It was agreed by all members present that this be adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk had circulated a training schedule to all members. She also receives 'Clerks and Councils Direct' which any member was able to borrow and look at.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:** Mr Hart reported that he had attended the Allerdale meeting of CALC. Allerdale Borough Council were not looking to offset footway lighting responsibility rather that they were looking to Parish Councils to contribute to their running costs by 2021/2. Mr Hart estimated that we had approximately 40 footway lights in the village and at approx. £43.00 per light per year we could expect a cost of approximately £1,700.00 per year. The meeting discussed whether we could reduce the number of lights or reduce the time that they were on however Mr Hart reported that there was no great advantage in reducing the time that they were on. Mr Jones suggested reducing the voltage but most of the lights were now L.E.D. so it was felt that it would not make a massive difference. Options will be given by Allerdale when they had made their final decision.

**PLANNING:** None

**FINANCE:** Invoices from Mike Taylor Signs - £150.00 (signs for the side of bus stops), Clerk salary - £78.16

**A.O.B. – None**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Grass Cutting, Cleaning regime for toilet block, West End Green railings.**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30p.m.**