

**Minutes of Allonby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**(following the Public Meeting), held via Zoom.**

**Attendance:** Mr R Hart (Chair), Mr A Barnard, Mr G Browes, Mr J Hanley, Mr A Jones, Mrs P Jones, Mrs N Wingfield + 2 members of the public (Ms D Pim and Ms K Yarney).

**Clerk:** Mrs M Walker

**Apologies for absence:** Mr J Kendall, Councillor Tony Markley

**Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – these had all been completed and received except for Mr J Kendall's.

**Requests for dispensation** – none

**Declaration of interests** – none

**To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 via Zoom** – the minutes were agreed by full Council.

**Matters arising** – there were none.

**To approve the Parish Council Risk assessment schedule** – Mrs Wingfield asked that on page 6 under Council records – electronic for the words or loss to be included after theft/fire/damage or corruption of computer. She also suggested that an external hard drive be purchased as an extra back up to the Clerk's memory stick. Mr Browes reminded Councillors that the Ministry of Doing also backed up all website data on a server. Mr Browes asked the Clerk to send a copy of the risk assessment to him to be put onto the website.

**Police Report** – The Clerk reported that this was mainly Covid related and included reports on the increase in cases in Carsile and Eden, mandatory use of face masks, joint operation to tackle anti-social behaviour associated with camping during the pandemic, care home visits re-start, domestic abuse live surgeries via FB and a campaign to help stop deliberately set fires (Walney).

**Playground and Toilets Update** – the equipment had been thoroughly cleaned and checked and inspected after some members of the public had broken into the area. Simon Ringrose had reported that in due course some of the equipment may need repairs. Mr Hart had asked Stobbarts to remove the fencing around the toilet block which should be taking place before this weekend. Mr Hart had asked Louise if she was happy to re-start cleaning the toilets – which she was. He suggested that the disabled toilet was opened initially to help the public to social distance, and that she undertake three cleans per day. She would start work on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and use this schedule until the 1<sup>st</sup> of September when she would return to weekend operation only. Mr Hart would lock up at night. He suggested a payment

increase from £50.00 per week to £75.00 to cover the extra duties. All Councillors agreed to this request. Mr Hart and Mrs Walker had bought various items of PPE and Louise herself had some supplies. It was agreed that if she needed anything further she should purchase the items and the Council would reimburse her.

**Grass Cutting** – all Councillors had received a spreadsheet regarding responses to the proposals for Bee meadows. The Chair felt that a decision could not be made without a public meeting so that everyone could have their say. The AONB would also be invited. We needed to consider the budget implications and it may well be that we have to cut back on the grass cutting to help pay for the lighting of the foot lights. The village hall was currently out of action and it was suggested that the school hall may be a good alternative venue. The meeting would be scheduled for late September/early October. In the meantime, Mrs Jones asked what was happening with regard to the grass cutting. Mr Hart and Mrs Wingfield responded that our contract with Tivoli was standard and had not been changed. The Community Payback team were not yet in operation. As it had been a very wet start to the year, there had been no early cut and therefore we would probably only have 4 full cuts this year.

**Railings at West End Green** – Mr Ringrose had inspected these and reported that the low railings from West Green to Baywatch were all sound. It was the higher railings to South View that were the problem. Earlier in the year when the AONB had been approached, they were willing to provide the labour if we could provide the materials. It was agreed that the AONB be approached again, to see if their offer was still standing.

**Footlights** – This item had already been mentioned in the meeting. The Chairman felt that there was little more to say, other than that it was a fait accompli. Allonby had approximately 58 lights, two thirds of which were footlights at a cost of approximately £1,700.00 per year. Mrs Wingfield asked if we had a map of their locations – the Chair reported that this had already been circulated previously. Mr Hanley suggested that we only kept those ones lit that were on or near uneven ground.

**Road end signage** – Croft Farm Close – Mrs Jones had been approached by concerned residents of the close. Some post was not arriving and residents wondered how the emergency services would find them if necessary. Allerdale had been approached and were apparently not interested. It was agreed a letter from the Parish Council to the building contractor might be appropriate with a copy also sent to Building Control at Allerdale. The Clerk agreed to action this.

**Correspondence** – there was none other than the letters regarding the Bee Meadows.

Reports from Committees – there was nothing to report as most groups had not been meeting due to Covid. Mr Barnard reported that the Stone Stacking Festival this year had been cancelled. Mrs Jones asked if Mrs Wingfield knew what had happened to the history of fishing board that had been promised by Sustrans for the History Group. Mrs Wingfield offered to chase this up.

**Planning** – the only application that had been received was regarding the erection of an implement crop store at West End Farm, Mr J Dobson. This had already been forwarded to Councillors by the Clerk.

**Finance** – Invoice Schedule – this had been forwarded to the Councillors and was approved.

AGAR – the audited accounts were approved by the full Council. The Clerk would send the form to the PK Littlejohns.

**Items for next agenda –**

Mr Jones informed the meeting that wood treatment would be needed on the surrounds to the goalposts. Simon Ringrose would be able to do this.

Mrs Jones wondered whether pot holes should go on the next agenda as there were big problems by the car park next to the Play park and also on Moss Side. Mr Hart had raised the issue with Allerdale just prior to lockdown, but would raise it again.

The Clerk suggested looking at changing banks as communication etc was becoming increasingly difficult with HSBC.

Mr Hart reported that Councillor Tony Markley had informed him that money had been allocated for work on the road at Crosscanonby road end and that if there was any underspend, potentially it might be allocated to Dubmill. He had also informed the Chair that work was soon to start on the Cycle Path from Allonby to Silloth and that the initial completion date was 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. This will now run over because of the late start due to the pandemic.

**Date and time of next meeting** – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. A date for a public meeting to discuss the Bee Meadow proposal was to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.