ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2019 IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr G Browes, Mr W Bradley, Mr J Hanley, Mr A Armstrong, Mrs P Jones, Mr A Jones

Apologies: None.

Also present: Councillor A J Markley, 3 members of the public (Mr B James, Mr G Proud, Mr L Parker)

Requests for dispensation: None.

Declaration of interests: None.

Public Participation Session: Mr L Parker said there was a dead sheep on the shore beyond North Lodge. Mr R Hart said he would report this.

Mr G Proud asked if it would be possible to have a donation for plants. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Mrs P Jones said she will put a piece in “Beachcomber” for donations.

Mr B James said rock armour has arrived and Sue Hayman MP said she will try and find things out re. problems at Dubmill. Councillor A J Markley said they are awaiting permission re. Natterjack Toads. He said some rock armour will be coming. Councillor Markley said there is a meeting tomorrow and this is a big issue. It is critical and we need the road open. He said damage could occur elsewhere eg. it could go at Crosscanonby. He said work is needed on the Westnewton to Aspatria Road. There is money there to repair it but it is just getting it done. Councillor Markley said he would keep us updated. It was agreed a letter be sent to the Chief Executive, Cumbria Highways, Amber Sykes and Keith Little, Portfolio Holder about our concerns.

To authorise Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2019:

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: None.

Police Report: A report was received from P.C.S.O. Peter Crome – noted.

Playground: Mr R Hart said following a complaint re. a spike on the slide he had got Simon Ringrose to fix this. Mr A Armstrong was asked about gates and he said he would chase this up. Re. turf Mr J Hanley said it is too late, he will not be able to get it.

Correspondence: The following items were received and noted:-

1. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Tour of Cumbria Event Notification.
2. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Spring Three Tier Meeting on 20.3.19 – Mr R Hart will attend.
3. E-mail from Tivoli advising grass cutting cost is increasing by 5% from £1783.90 to £1873.10 + VAT per annum from April 2019. This was agreed and Tivoli to be advised.
4. E-mail from Valerie Ward, Ship Hotel, re. South Beach debate.
5. E-mail from Councillor J Lister re. Allonby to Silloth Coastal Path.
6. Two e-mails from Natalie Jones inviting members to an event on 25th April – “The Combating Gangs, Violence and Weapons Crime” Conference.
7. Letter from HMRC re. finishing 2018/19 tax year and starting 2019/20 tax year.
8. A Republication of Register of Electors was received from A.B.C. It was noted 4 residents’

names were given as resident at North Lodge. As North Lodge is up for sale and thought to be unoccupied A.B.C. to be contacted about this.

1. C.A.L.C. Newsletter – March 2019.
2. E-mail from Mr A Barnards requesting rent free for Solway Cycle Hire. He is concerned about the impact the Dubmill Road closure is having on his trade and he requests that Parish Council extend his rent free period until the B5300 road reopens. Clerk produced a list of costs on the toilet block, ie. water and electricity which total £953.64. We have also received an account from A.B.C. for rates of £486.09. Mr Barnard has paid £700.00 rent from 30.4.18 to 31.12.18. Mr J Hanley said he should maybe have a reduction but not rent free. Mrs P Jones suggested a 50% reduction. Mr A Armstrong said electric supply safety check has not been technically signed off but Mr R Hart felt it had. Mr A Armstrong asked about Lottery funding for the toilet block. Mr R Hart said they have not got a distinct programme. Mr A Armstrong said can you not just put in a claim. Mr R Hart said it must be in a priority category. Mr R Hart said there was a suggestion to take off the Buttermere slates, sell them then re-roof with cheaper materials; a quote had been obtained from Colin Sanderson about 12 months ago. Following a discussion Mr G Browes suggested a 30% reduction. Mr W Bradley suggested 25% on a month to month basis. This was agreed and Mr R Hart to tell Mr A Barnard.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Emergency Weight Restrictions.
4. From W.C. Age UK information re. “Up and About” standing against falls.
5. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. External Audit 2018/19.
6. “Theme & Party” Fundraising catalogues- passed to Mr R Hart.
7. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Three Tier Meeting on 26.3.19.
8. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. N.A.L.C. Star Council Awards 2019 Launch.
9. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re .Community Projects Fund – Allerdale BC.

Reports from Committees: Allonby Village Hall – No meeting had taken place. Mrs P Jones said it was suggested the Church and Parish Council purchase a strimmer and will get in touch.

Community Forum- Mr R Hart said they have got some new dog signs for the Playground area.

Planning: None.

Finance: Accounts had been received after the last meeting from Npower and Water Plus which had to be paid before our meeting. Water Plus - £107.76 paid. Npower - £38.05 paid.

Mr W Bradley suggested we set up direct debits and Mr R Hart will enquire about this.

Account from Mr Simon Ringrose for work on Playground - £48.00 passed for payment.

Account from A.B.C. for non-domestic rates for public conveniences - £486.09 passed for payment.

Account from A.F.J. Sim for harrowing greens to level out molehills to help with cutting grass and cutting village greens and cycle track (5 cuts all using his own fuel) - £3564.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 19th February 2019 to 18th March 2019

12 hours at £9.341 per hour - £112.09

Less Income Tax of £22.40 = £89.69

Reimbursement of expenses

Postage - £2.65

Photocopying - £4.80

Total = £7.45

Plus 3 months’ telephone expenses

Rental - £26.80

Calls - £3.90

V.A.T. - £6.14

Total = £36.84

Amount payable = £89.69 + £7.45 + £36.84 = £133.98

Quarterly payment of Income Tax to HMRC = £50.20 passed for payment.

Items for next agenda:

Update on road and coastal defences.

Consideration of a grant for plants.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2019 immediately following the Annual Public Meeting at 7.00pm in Allonby Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.