MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2019 IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Armstrong, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor A J Markley

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: None.

TO AUTHORISE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2019: In the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2019 it was pointed out that the amount shown that Cumbria Highways had received was incorrect. The figure was £1200000. The Minutes were otherwise agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Mr J Kendall asked about repairing potholes as there are some big ones. We know there is a problem but we do not have the money to repair them.

POLICE REPORT; A report was received from P.C.S.O. Peter Crome – noted.

TOILETS: An e-mail was received from C.A.L.C. re. an enquiry from Arnside Parish Council asking who cleans and maintains toilets and what is in place should someone eg. get locked in (emergency contact). It was felt there is a light in the toilets by the Playground which is hopefully still working and the toilets are checked before locking up.

An e-mail was received from Mr Dave Brydon, Property Manager, A.B.C.. He says following our meeting a couple of weeks ago he can advise they are investigating the possibility of getting a power supply to the toilet block. As had been mentioned on site this would be a basic requirement to enable some form of automatic opening/closing system. Once they have established whether it is possible to get a supply to the building he will contact us to discuss how we move forward.

PLAYGROUND: An e-mail was received from Julian Smith, Parks & Open Spaces Officer, A.B.C. offering an Annual Play Inspection Service again this year with inspections to take place during March. The charges (excluding V.A.T.) for a standard inspection is £56.00. It was agreed to go ahead with this and Mr Smith to be advised.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. E-mail from Cumbria Highways re. the mirror on Wigton Road. They say they cannot instal a mirror at this location and they feel it is not required at this location. A mirror has, in fact, now been put up by Mr A Armstrong.
2. E-mail from Philip Groom, C.C.C. Highways saying the removal of the white line on Wigton Road is on their list of works to be done. However, this will depend on a “Works Ticket” being issued for that and other works in the area and when they can get a road marking contractor in the area.
3. N.W. Coastal Access Monthly Update: January 2019.
4. Letter from David Ormerod, Arbortist.
5. E-mail from Laura Davies, Head of Education, Government Events.
6. E-mail from Councillor A J Markley re. Consultation on de-designating Allonby South Bathing Water – copies to Mr R Hart and Mr J Hanley.
7. E-mail from Stephen Bewsher, A.B.C. re.the above Consultation.
8. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Loneliness Call for Evidence.
9. E-mail from A.B.C. re. Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) – Submission to Secretary of State for Public Examination.
10. E-mail from Laura McClellan, C.C.C. re. Restoration of Traditional Highway Directional Signage and Milestones.
11. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. 125 years of Parish Councils.
12. E-mail from Jason Smith re. Parish Map.
13. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Making Tax Digital 2019.
14. E-mail from John T Molyneux, Holme St. Cuthberts Parish Council re. coastal erosion.
15. E-mail from Mark Hodgkiss, Scheduled Bus Services Officer, C.C.C. re. Ellenvale Service 60: Skinburness to Maryport. Mr R Hart to copy and put in “Beachcomber”.

Mr R Hart asked that Clerk do a correspondence list for members along with their agendas.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES;

Allonby Village Hall – None as the meeting had been cancelled.

Community Forum – None.

PLANNING:

Application from Barry Craggs for pruning of 3 trees to the rear of The Bungalow, Westville Holiday Park- no objections.

Application from A.B.C. (Joe Bromfield) for proposed cycleway between Allonby and Silloth- no objections.

FINANCE: A V.A.T. refund of £1569.87 has now been received.

(At this point Councillor A J Markley entered the meeting. Mr R Hart asked about the South Beach de-designation. It is to do with water quality. If de-designated they don’t have to test water.

Re. the Coast Road the problem is that permission is needed from Marine Management Organisation (MMO). The latest coastal strategy is going forward and will be released in 2020. Cumbria Highways have a sum of money for the road and he feels we should keep repairing the road).

Letter received from A.B.C. advising the Draft Council Tax Base for Allonby for 2019/20 is £179.67.

Account received from N-power - £77.99 passed for payment.

Account received from A-Frame Joinery for the curved mirror for Wigton Road, postcrete and cement - £113.88 passed for payment.

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

Pay period 15th January 2019 to 18th February 2019

7 hours at £9.341 per hour = £65.38

Less Income Tax of £13.00 = £52.38

Reimbursement of expenses

Postage - £1.59

Photocopying - £4.20

Total = £5.79.

Amount payable = £52.38 +£5.79 = £58.17.

It was agreed from 1st April 2019 the Clerk’s hourly rate will increase to £9.77.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None specified.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.