

ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm in ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Armstrong, Councillor A J Markley

ALSO PRESENT: Mr G Robinson, Mrs P Robinson, Councillor J Lister

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mrs P Robinson expressed concern re. problems on Wigton Road. She said a lorry had touched an electric wire; the wire was cut and knocked a street light off. She said no-one enforces the lorries going down the road despite there being signs in place. Mrs P Jones said could we have a security camera. Councillor J Lister said he will make enquiries.

Mr J Kendall asked Councillor J Lister about the shore/groynes lost. Mr R Hart also asked about footpaths. Councillor J Lister said there was a 50 year plan re. wear and tear of the shore but it has done it in 20 years. He said he would report on this. Councillor J Lister then left the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th December 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Information re. the New General Data Protection Regulations 2018 was received from Mrs W Jameson. She said Silloth Town Council and Holme Law Parish Council were both registered with the Information Commission and she feels perhaps we should register. The cost is approx.. £35.00 per year. This was agreed in principle and it was felt we would register when C.A.L.C. advises.

POLICE REPORT: A report was received from P.C.S.O. Peter Crome. Mr R Hart said Police have been made aware of problems with speeding and details re. S.I.D. He will advise of contact details for carrying out repairs of the S.I.D. Mr R Hart reported the battery has now been stolen. Traffic indicators were suggested and Mr R Hart took the officer round the village and identified 3 sites which will be put on the waiting list. Hopefully they will soon be put in for a week.

PLAYGROUND: An e-mail was received from Julian Smith, A.B.C. offering the Annual Playground Inspection which would take place during March. It was agreed to go ahead with this and Julian Smith to be advised accordingly.

Mr A Armstrong had obtained prices for gates for the Play Area; self-closing gates from Playdale - £419.00 + VAT. The cost of railings – composite fencing - £101.00 per metre + VAT but this includes posts, fixtures and fittings. Mr R Hart said we have an application in with C.C.C.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: Mr A Armstrong had been going to start work but due to a family bereavement had not done so

REMOVAL OF WHITE LINES ON WIGTON ROAD: It was agreed to wait and see what the position is following the road closure for digging to instal a gas pipe. We could perhaps go for double yellow lines. Mr A Jones said when the work is done it will increase the traffic flow and could the mirror which used to be at the start of Wigton Road be replaced. It was agreed to make enquiries as to whole responsibility this is.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. E-mail from Hayley Bishop re. United Utilities Stakeholder Update December 2017.
2. NW Coastal Access Monthly Update: December 2017.
3. E-mail re. Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project.
4. E-mail from David Jeffries re. website maintenance January 2018.
5. E-mail from A.B.C. re. A.B.C. Budget Consultation 2018-19.
6. E-mail from Nicola Busuttil re. Growing a Rural Community Survey for Cumbria – passed to Mr R Hart.
7. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. General Date Protection Regulations.
8. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Final Audit Annual Returns documentation.
9. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 31.5.18.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: Mrs P Jones said there is an event in Allonby Church tomorrow at 4.00pm to mark it is 20 years since Rev. Mary Day became Vicar and everyone is welcome.

No other reports.

PLANNING: None.

FINANCE: Mr R Hart said there is a need for more litter pickers for carrying out the Litter Picks. He said he would try to get another 8 litter pickers. This was agreed.

A letter from HMRC was received re Changes re. claiming V.A.T.. The form VAT126 will no longer be used and we will be given a new reference number and more information early in 2018.

A letter and list of new electricity prices were received from N Power. This was passed to Mr R Hart who will telephone them and make enquiries.

Account was received from Playdale for service to the i-play - £240.00 passed for payment.

An account was received from Bank Mill Nurseries for the Christmas tree - £180.00 passed for payment.

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

Pay period 18 December 2017 to 14 January 2018

7 hours at £8.717 per hour = £61.02

Less Income Tax of £12.20 = £48.82.

Reimbursement of expenses

Photocopying - £4.70

Postage - £1.79

Stationery - £8.98

Total = £15.47

Amount payable = £48.82 + £15.47 = £64.29.

Mrs P Jones asked what was the position re. sandbags. Mr R Hart said 5 people had been supplied.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Nothing specific raised.

Mr A Jones said there had been a lot of problems in the area with the telephone services. Some people had rung BT and received a terse response and were not happy with the service. The problem is widespread. It was agreed a letter be sent to BT.

Mrs P Jones asked if a letter had been sent re. footpaths and kerbs. Mr R Hart said Councillor J Lister is looking into this.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.