

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018 IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr A Armstrong, Mr W Bradley, Mr J Hanley, Mr A Jones, Mr J Kendall

APOLOGIES: Mrs P Jones, Mr G Browes

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public, Councillor A J Markley

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Clerk said she had telephoned A.B.C. re. vehicles blocking pedestrian access on the car park opposite Twentyman's shop and had been told A.B.C. do not own the car park and cannot do anything. It was felt that A.B.C. do, in fact, own the car park.

Mr A Jones said the allocation of the funds from the sale of Allonby hearse had not been stated. He said Mrs P Jones suggested the funds be split between village organisations (Community Forum, Village Hall, Allonby Church, Friends of Allonby Green and Allonby School). It was agreed we support that and await signing of cheques.

Art in the Toilet Block- Mr R Hart is to meet with Raye Bowers about this.

POLICE REPORT; A letter was received from Inspector Rachel Gale re. 10 weekly Parish Engagement Meetings. An e-mail was also received re. Fraudulent Bank Notes – noted.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS; Chairman said there was nothing new to report. He is looking into Lottery Funding. He said Mr G Browes has volunteered to help.

PLAYGROUND: The new gates are now on and are good. Thanks were also extended to Mr A Armstrong for the mirror on Wigton Road. Thanks were also extended to Mr J Hanley for the Christmas tree.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

At this point Councillor A J Markley entered the meeting. Mr R Hart told Councillor Markley about A.B.C. and the issue of ownership of the car park opposite Twentyman's shop. Councillor Markley said a letter should be sent to A.B.C. and Mr Hart said he would do this and await developments.

1. E-mail from Richard Tilley re. Media and Marketing for Smaller Councils.
2. E-mail from Angela Gifford – Information which may be of interest to older parishioners.
3. E-mail from John Molyneux, Holme St Cuthberts Parish Council (circulated to members).
4. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Allerdale Borough Council footway lights letter.
5. NW Coastal Access Monthly Update.
6. E-mail from Andy Nicol – Parish Council Tree Liability Survey.
7. E-mail from A.B.C. re. A.B.C. Budget 2019/20 and Priorities Consultation – circulated to members.
8. E-mail from Amanda Phillips – "Heard of our Priority Services Register".

9. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership – request for contacts for local flood groups.
10. E-mail from Hospice at Home – “Festive Wishes”.
11. E-mail from Tania Fletcher – Re-cycled Plastic Outdoor Furniture.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES; Nothing from Allonby Village Hall or Community Forum. It was reported the Local History Group are doing a heritage trail of the village. Councillor J Lister is getting funding for some of it.

PLANNING: None.

CONSIDERATION OF 2019/20 PRECEPT; An e-mail and precept claim form were received from A.B.C. Last year we received £10,000 and Mr R Hart said we should look at a small increase. Following discussion it was agreed we request a 2% increase and claim £10,200.00.

FINANCE: Account received from Aspatria Farmers Ltd for 9 foot big bar gate and square hanging posts - £146.52 agreed.

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

Pay period 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

9 hours at £9.341 per hour = £84.00

Less Income Tax of £16.80 = £67.20.

Reimbursement of expenses

Postage - £3.81

Photocopying - £4.50

Paid account for a new Minute Book - £35.56

Paid account for defibrillator pads - £50.88

Total = £94.75

Plus 3 months’ telephone expenses

Rental - £26.80

Calls - £4.40

V.A.T. - £6.00

Total = £37.20

Amount payable = £67.20 + £94.75 + £37.20 = £199.15.

Quarterly payment of Income Tax to HMRC - £54.20.

Account from Windell Construction for preparation and fitting of gates at Play Area - £275.00 agreed.

Account from Mr D J Foster for preparation and fitting of gates at Play Area - £136.00 agreed.

Account from Mr Philip Hanley for Christmas lights - £167.99 agreed (Account from “Festive Lights” he had paid).

Account from Bank Mill for 15 foot Christmas tree - £180.00 agreed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Nothing specific raised.

Mr W Bradley said could the removal of the white line on Wigton Road be chased up. Letter to be sent to Amber Sykes, Cumbria Highways, about this. Councillor Markley asked that copies be sent to him and Councillor J Lister.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm when members stayed together for social discourse – Ship Hotel for refreshments - £40.00 agreed.