

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th
SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor J Lister, Councillor A J Markley Mr L Parker

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker said the "Friends of Allonby Green" are getting 6 picnic sets and there are 2 for the disabled. There are 2 spare bases.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th August 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

"Residents Parking" signs - Clerk reported two telephone calls from Mr Graham Proud. On 30.8.16 he said he had been thinking about these signs and feels it could upset the residents if they were removed so he asked if Parish Council would be happy to leave them up. However, if we insist he will remove them and we should let him know. On 31.8.16 Mr Proud rang to say he had intended to take the signs down if we wish but Dr B Irving has said as they were stolen from the skip and put up illegally he has not to do it. Dr Irving feels it is Parish Council's responsibility to take them down if we want to. Mr Kendall proposed Parish Council take the signs down. Mr Jones feels they are not causing an obstruction but Mr Kendall said they could do. Mr Hanley feels we would just be upsetting the residents. Mr Kendall did point out the residents have their own parking spaces. Following discussion it was decided not to take down the signs. Mr Hart feels it is not Parish Council's responsibility. At this point Councillor Markley entered the meeting.

Two e-mails were received from Mr Bill James re. Groynes at Dubmill. Mr Hart felt there was nothing we can do.

Clerk said the Handyman trading as "Get Tidy" has been contacted and he says he could do the types of jobs we would want doing but he is very busy at the moment. He says he charges £150.00 per day.

Re. A.B.C. emptying bins if Parish Council purchased them - Clerk spoke to Mr Robert Henderson, A.B.C. Locality Officer. He said if Parish Council purchase some bins we should let him know their location and he would put it on the schedule for emptying along with existing bins. He said A.B.C. purchase their bins from a firm called BROXAP and get a 20% discount. He suggested we check on their website and see if they would give us the 20% discount as part of A.B.C.'s area. Mr Douglas said 2 bins at The Hill are not used and some could be re-sited.

Clerk contacted Tolsons and Dempsters to arrange site meetings to obtain quotes for black topping. Both said they would make contact after the Bank Holiday but neither have done so. It was agreed to chase this up and arrange site meetings.

The old signs at Moss Side have now been removed.

Re. The vacancy on Parish Council- the appropriate notice had been displayed in the Notice Board and the final date for applications is today (19th September). There has only been one letter applying to be co-opted from Mr Andrew Armstrong It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

POLICE REPORT: A report was received stating no incidents had been reported since out last meeting.

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES FOR ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL: Mr Douglas said he feels that in the past, when there has been any site meetings, all Parish Councillors have been invited to attend if they wish and this should still apply. Mr Kendall seconded this. Mr Hart said are we clear what a site meeting is? Mr Bradley said no decisions can be made until the next Parish Council meeting. Mr Jones felt we should not burden ourselves with extra regulations. Councillor Markley said anyone wanting to can say who they wish to meet. Mr Hart said we ought to start a new procedure that when work is needed/done a record should be kept and this was agreed. Mr Bradley said where possible we should take a photograph and this was agreed.

WALKING PUBLIC FOOTPATHS - In the past public footpaths used to be walked annually. It was agreed to do this and it was arranged we meet at Corner Shop on Monday 26.9.16 at 7pm. Mrs Jones extended her apologies as she cannot attend.

PLAYGROUND: Mr Douglas thanked Mr L Parker for work he has done on the Playground and it was agreed. Mr Hart extended thanks on behalf of Parish Council. It was felt re-cycled wood would be better for seats. Mr Douglas asked Mr Hart if he could photograph the double gate etc and keep a record of what is done..

SEATS AND BENCHES: Report already received. At this point Councillor Lister left the meeting.

PROGRESS OF HANDMAN: The gate at the toilet block needs new hinges. Mr Douglas suggested putting a lock on the double gates but it was felt the grass cutters would not be able to gain access. Mr Hart said he would talk to Craig Ireland re. The state of the Store. Re. The double swings - part of the matting is worn right through. Mr Douglas had put it in the Store. Mr C Ireland is to fill the hole in and use the clips in the Store to put it back. Mr Hart said there is a piece missing from the i-play but he will get it fixed.

PROGRESS ON THE TOILETS: Mr Hart and Mr Douglas have signed the contract but told them not to do anything until A.B.C. advise re. the money for repairs. Councillor Markley feels Parish Council could do repairs cheaper than A.B.C. He said Silloth Town Council are having similar issues with C.C.C. Mr Kendall asked what is happening to the toilets opposite Twentymans' shop. Mr Douglas said he had spoken to a toilet cleaner who said these toilets are being kept open. It was questioned were we not raising the fact United Utilities is not connected to a mains sewer and are we taking out insurance. Mr Hart said yes we agreed but the key issue is the money.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. Copy of the new bus timetable was received from Mrs L Blackburn who expressed concerns re. the bus service. There are still some buses and Councillor Markley said they are not well used. It was felt there is nothing we can do. Bus timetable to be displayed in Notice Board.
2. From C.A.L.C. e-mail from Corrine Watson re. Defra's Food Tourism Scheme Grant Funding.
3. E-mail from Unipart Domain re. Traffic calming in Allonby.
4. E-mail re. Flagpole maintenance.
5. Hospice at Home 'Contact' magazine,
6. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Advocates Against Abuse.
7. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. A new advice network - to be displayed in Notice Board.
8. From N.A.L.C. The Rights of Local Councils to be notified of Planning Applications and Decisions.
9. Invitation from Silloth Town Council to the Annual Civic Service on 16.10.16 - Mr Hart will attend.
10. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Allerdale Parishes - Mr Hart will attend meeting on 29.9.16.
11. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Neighbourhood Planning.
12. E-mail from Karen Wood, C.A.L.C. re. Our Transparency Fund application. Reply to be sent we are in the process of having a website set up and will advise her when it is up and running. Mr Hart said there is a draft and he is talking to David Jeffries about it and it should happen soon.
13. C.A.L.C. Circular.
14. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Emergency Plans for Parishes - passed to Mr Hart.
15. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Vacancies on C.A.L.C. Executive Committee.,
16. N.W. Coastal Access Monthly Update: September 2016.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: Mr Hart said the Community Forum were providing new goalposts but there has been a delay and they will now be installed in November 2016.

Allonby Village Hall - Mrs Jones asked Councillor Lister if he could get any funding for installation of central heating, re-wiring, re-plastering and the kitchen in the Village Hall. Mrs Jones said Community Pay Back will paint the bus shelters. This was agreed and Mrs Jones will get the paint.

PLANNING: Re.the application for Housing at Croft House Farm - a copy of a letter from Blackbox Architects who represent Mr Scott to A.B.C. stating their client has agreed to withdraw the current application and to re-submit a revised scheme following consultation with A.B.C.. The original application was for 11 homes but they say on a smaller site than the current application but they hope there can be an agreement on a new density closer to 13 houses. They say the Highways issues and road widening have been resolved but not submitted. They need to know what materials and massing are required before meeting with A.B.C.

FINANCE: Notification has been received from HMRC that a repayment of VAT will be paid amounting to £855.05.

The second instalment of precept for 2016/17 will be paid on 19.9.16 of £4500.00.

At this point Councillor Markley left the meeting.

Account received from ISS for grass cutting - £336.00 passed for payment.

Account received from Ellis Bros Ltd for materials used by Handyman - £15.15 agreed.

Account received from Aspatria Farmers Ltd for materials used by Handyman - £64.97 agreed.

Account received from Jonathan Taylor Joinery Ltd for materials used by Handyman - £58.83 agreed.

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

Pay period 14th August to 18th September 2016

15 hours at £8.717 per hour = £130.75

Less Income Tax of £26.00 = £104.75.

Reimbursement of expenses -

Postage- £4.24

Photocopying - £5.70

Total = £9.94

Amount payable = £104.75 + £9.94 = £114.69.

Quarterly payment of Income Tax to HMRC - £76.40 agreed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Adoption of telephone kiosk for use by Mr J Kewin as a library.

Completion of co-option forms.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 17th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.