

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY

2017 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr W Douglas, Mr W Bradley, Mr A Armstrong, Mr A Jones

APOLOGIES: Mr J Hanley, Mrs P Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Mr L Parker, Councillor A J Markley
Councillor J Lister entered the meeting briefly and then left.

Prior to the start of the meeting a minute's silence was held in memory of the late Mr Robert Watson who recently passed away.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr A Jones proposed Mr R Hart and this was seconded by Mr W Douglas. There were no other nominations and Mr Hart accepted the nomination.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr W Bradley proposed Mr W Douglas and this was seconded by Mr A Jones. There were no other nominations and Mr Douglas accepted the nomination.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker said 2 new seats had been sited. He said at the last meeting someone had wanted to put a memorial seat up and they have been referred to A.B.C.. This was Mrs N Cooper and Mr R Hart said he will speak to her about this. It was also agreed this should be a re-cycled plastic seat.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th April 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: It was confirmed the car which had been parked for a long time on the car park opposite Twentyman's shop has now been removed.

POLICE REPORT: None received.

UPDATE ON CHANGING TELEPHONE KIOSK INTO A MINI LIBRARY: Mr R Hart said he had tried to make contact but has not yet received a reply.

PLAYGROUND: Mr R Hart reported 2 new "Springies" are in place and a "New Air Rider" is to arrive next week.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: Mr Hart said the roofer was due to start work this week but it will probably now be next week. Regarding the water supply Mr Hart heard from United Utilities and he now has a link by computer but has no customer number. We know where the stop taps are and they are switched on but there is no water. It will not be insured until questions asked by Zurich Municipal Insurance can be answered. It was suggested Wendy Jameson be asked about cost of insurance for toilets. Craig Ireland has quoted a price of £550.00 for painting.

Re. The Storeroom - A draft rental agreement was presented by Mr R Hart and it

suggested a cost of £20.00 per week to allow Mr A Barnard to go in and, first of all clean it up prior to using it to hire out cycles. Mr R Hart suggested we let him have 6 months trial at £20.00 per week. Mr A Armstrong said this will not cover the cost of the toilets. He suggested we get a price for what it would cost to support itself. Mr A Jones said someone on the site is a good security feature. Mr A Armstrong said we could, for example, ask an Estate Agent. Mr W Douglas said could A.B.C. be asked re. Cleaning costs. Following discussion it was agreed the rental agreement go ahead for 6 months. Mr W Bradley asked what would be the charge per cycle but this was not known. Mr A Jones said Mr Barnard will want the toilets open.

Mr W Douglas said complaints have been received re.the state of the bus shelters. It was felt we could advertise re. Cleaning of these. Mr Douglas said he is prepared to clean them; he is not keen but feels someone in the village needs to do it.

Mr W Bradley said he felt the Handyman, Craig Ireland, should be sent a letter about all the equipment he has purchased on accounts belonging to Allonby Parish Council. Mr R Hart said if Clerk gave him a list of what he has bought he will speak to him.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. From N.A.L.C. "Putting Communities in Control".
2. "Tidelines" magazine.
3. E-mail from Richard Matthews re. Local Council & Not for Charity Insurance Came & Company.
4. C.A.L.C. Circular - passed to Mr A Jones.
5. From C.A.L.C.an en-mail re. Training events.
6. Letter from Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a donation.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: None.

PLANNING: Outline planning permission for proposed residential development - Land at Wigton Road from Mr & Mrs R Mee approved by A.B.C.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS: The Statement of Accounts were submitted following internal audit by Mrs Wendy Jameson. This was signed by Chairman and Clerk/R.F.O. and will be available for public inspection from 5 June to 14 July 2017 Prior to submission to BDO for external audit. Notice will be displayed re. Inspection dates. Mrs Jameson submitted a report stating books and records had been kept properly throughout the year.

Mr D Jeffries expressed concerns re.information being put on the Parish Council website. Clerk still requires training and will contact Mr Jeffries to ask if training can be given.

Mr Jones said grass cutting needs to be reviewed due to increase in costs.

FINANCE: Account received from A.B.C. for Playground Inspection - £67.20 agreed. A.B.C. have stated they are considering Direct Debit payments but Allonby Parish Council would not be agreeable to this.

Account received from ISS for grass cutting - £346.08 agreed.

C.A.L.C. Annual Subscription - £160.14 agreed.

Account from Mrs Wendy Jameson for carrying out internal audit - £50.00 agreed.

Annual insurance subscription from Zurich Municipal - £981.00 agreed.

Account from Playdale for 2 "Springies"- £2192.04 agreed.

Account from Aspatria Farmers Ltd for items purchased by Handyman - £237.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 24 April 2017 to 14 May 2017

11 hours at £8.717 per hour = £95.89

Less Income Tax of £19.00 = £74.89

Reimbursement of expenses

Postage - £2.12

Photocopying - £7.20

Stationery - £1.35

Total = £10.67.

Amount payable = £76.89 + £10.67 = £87.56.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Nothing specific other than usual items.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19th June 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.