

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT; Mr W Douglas, Mr W Bradley, Mr J Kendall, Mrs P Jones, Mr A Jones

APOLOGIES; Mr R Hart, Councillor J Lister

ALSO PRESENT; P.C.S.O. Peter Crome and P.C.S.O.5376, Mr G Proud, Mr L Parker, Councillor A J Markley

In the absence of Mr R Hart the meeting was chaired by Mr W Douglas.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION; None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS; None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION; Mr L Parker is going to fix the problem on the multiplay. Mr A Jones rescued the ball chute from the beck which had been removed from the Play Area and it will need welding on.

MINUTES; Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN; Mr W Bradley proposed Mr W Douglas and Mr A Jones seconded the proposal. Mr Douglas accepted the nomination.

MATTERS ARISING;

The stop tap covers at the end of Dawson Lane have been repaired by United Utilities.

Meeting with Simon Ringrose, Handyman - Chairman and Clerk met with Mr Ringrose at the Play Area. Mr Ringrose said the adventure trail was in a dangerous condition and took it down. He later returned and carried out repairs to the adventure trail. It was felt Craig Ireland had not been very efficient. On the double gates on the football field he has put too small hinges and screws on.

Chairman and Clerk also met with Dr B Irving and Mr G Proud re. residents parking signs. Mr Proud said they did not put these signs up. Mr Proud had removed them from another location in the village some 5 or 6 years ago and put them in a skip. They were apparently taken from the skip and someone put them on the fence. It was confirmed this is an unadopted road and he will come back and remove them.

Dr Irving suggested we get a price for black topping the unadopted roads and let him know and he will try to get a grant then, if repaired, A.B.C. may take them over. It was agreed to obtain two quotes for this.

Re. The beck and Japanese Knotweed - they will contact the Environment Agency and see what they can do then let us know.

A letter was received from A.B.C. re. the vacancy on Parish Council. They will write again after 15th August 2016 to let us know whether an election has been called.

At this point the P.C.S.O.s left the meeting and Councillor Markley entered the meeting.

The Village Walkabout - This has taken place and the following points were raised:-

Play Area - Bracket needed on multi play. Gates need fixing. Swing seat to be re-fitted and the bridge needs lifting/tightening and needs new wood.

George Smith's memorial seat opposite Reading Rooms requires attention but it is not the Parish Council's seat.

Two old signs at Moss Side need to be removed.

Opposite Dickinson Place the kerb needs a bit removing from it and re-done.

Some potholes have not been repaired.

The memorial seat opposite 'Lynnwood' needs attention and it was said Parish Council could repair it but Mr J Kendall said Parish Council are not responsible. Mr Douglas said we have always looked after it.

The picnic set opposite 'Baywatch' needs to be cut down. Mr L Parker said a big 8-seater bench is to be sited next to the toilets opposite 'Baywatch'. Parish Council is to pay for the base. He also said a disabled seat is to be sited opposite the ramp. The seat opposite Twentymans shop could be re-sited.

It was agreed to put stobs next to the car park opposite Twentymans' shop to stop vehicles being driven over the Banks. Mr A Sim to be asked about this.

A sofa has been left outside Rayvon House. A letter to be sent to Mr S Tunstall asking him to remove it.

Mr Hart has suggested we purchase extra bins. Mr Douglas said there are 16 bins in the village but Mr Jones and Mrs Jones said how many are on the landward side? Mr Douglas and Mr Kendall said A.B.C. have said in the past they would not empty extra bins. Councillor Markley said we should decide where we want to put them then write to A.B.C.. It was agreed A.B.C. to be asked if we purchase extra bins will they empty them.

Mr Kendall said he thinks all Parish Councillors should be able to attend site meetings. Members should be kept informed of all site meetings and attend if they wish. It was agreed to put this matter on the next agenda.

POLICE REPORT; A report was received stating no incidents have been reported since our last meeting.

PLAYGROUND,, SEATS AND BENCHES; All dealt with.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS; An e-mail was received from Abigail Borrowdale of Milburns Solicitors stating she had received a reply from Jill Morgan of A.B.C. indicating that for some reason her correspondence to her had been incorrectly filed at her end and she is looking into things now. Abigail Borrowdale suggested to her that if she could at least agree the paperwork with her she can then discuss other issues with Parish Council and we can decide how to proceed.

UPATE ON GRASS CUTTING AND STATE OF THE BECK: Dr Irving has said he would try to do something about this. Mr G Proud said years ago it was designated a river. Mr Douglas said Environment Agency should do something. Councillor Markley said it is down to the landowner. He suggested we ask permission to clear it. Mr Douglas said we should ask Environment Agency to clear it and, if not, involve our MP.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. E-mail from NW Coastal Access re. Proposals for improved access to the coast between Gretna and Allonby.
2. Two e-mails were received from Mr Bill James re. The Coast Road. Mr Douglas said Dubmill is being repaired and new groyne put in.
3. Cumbria CVS Press Release - had been circulated to members.
4. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Training.
5. Catalogue from HACS 2016.
6. Letter from AGE UK asking for a Parish Council representative for Dementia Action Alliance work.
7. Letter from C.A.L.C. - Direct Elections to C.A.L.C. Executive Committee.
8. Letter from Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust requesting a donation.
9. E-mail from "Young Cumbria" re. CADAS Roadshow: 'Young People Using Drugs and Alcohol'.
10. Catalogue of Marmax Re-cycled Products.
11. Catalogue from J Parkers Wholesale Ltd - Bulbs - passed to Mr L Parker.

12. Email from C.A.L.C. re. Next stage of public consultation on the National Grid NW Coast Connection Project.
13. NW Coastal Access Monthly Update: August 2016.
14. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Cumbria Constabulary Public Consultation Survey.
15. Letter from The Children's Foundation requesting a donation.
16. E-mail from Microsoft - Confirmation of registration for Office 365 Home - one free month.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES; Mr G Proud said years ago Parish Council walked the footpaths. We have not done it for some time now. If we do it again Mr Proud would like to know. To be put on next agenda.

PLANNING; Application for demolition of derelict barn building and erection of 17 new dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking provision - Croft House Farm, The Square, Allonby. It was felt this road is too narrow and great concerns were expressed re. Access and we need the "Passing Place". It was felt the houses should be set back instead of being next to the road. The original application was for 11 houses whereas this one is for 17 houses. It was said traffic lights may be a possibility. Letter to be sent to A.B.C. expressing our concerns and a copy of the plan/layout to be sent to Councillor Markley. At this point Councillor Markley left the meeting.

FINANCE; From BDO account for Conclusion of Audit - £120.00 agreed.

Account from Simon Ringrose for work on Play Area - £50.00 agreed.

From Mr R Hart account he has paid for Domain Registration - £9.58. It was agreed Mr Hart be reimbursed for this.

Grass cutting account from ISS - £336.00 agreed.

Account from Ellis Bros Ltd for materials used by Handyman - £14.45 agreed.

Account from C.A.L.C. for documents on their website - £4.50 agreed.

Account from Aspatria Farmers Ltd for parts for Play Area - £43.16 agreed.

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

Pay period 18th July 2016 to 14th August 2016

19 hours at £8.717 per hour = £165.62

Less Income Tax of £33.00 = £132.62

Reimbursement of expenses -

Postage - £3.28

Photocopying - £5.00

Stationery - £3.99

Total = £12.27

Plus 3 months' telephone expenses -

Rental - £26.80

Calls - £13.90

V.A.T. - £8.14

Total = £48.84

Amount payable = £132.62 + £12.27 + £48.84 = £193.73.

A new signatory for cheques is required following Mr A Marr's resignation. Clerk had obtained the relevant form from HSBC. Mr A Jones agreed to be a signatory and took the form for completion.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA;

Practice Procedure for Allonby Parish Council.
Walking public footpaths.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING;

Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.