

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr A Marr, Mr W Bradley, Mr J Kendall, Mrs P Jones, Mr A Jones, Mr R Hart, Mr J Hanley

APOLOGIES: Mr W Douglas, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor A J Markley, 7 members of the public (Mrs P Robinson, Mr L Parker, Mrs C Tomlinson, Mrs D Thorburn, Mr M McLuckie, Mrs W Hanley, Mr D Hanley)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr A Marr proposed Mr R Hart and this was seconded by Mr A Jones. There were no other nominations and Mr Hart accepted the nomination. Mr Hart expressed thanks to Mr Marr for his time in the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr Hart proposed Mr Marr continue as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Mrs Jones. There were no other nominations and Mr Marr accepted the nomination.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker said flower boxes have now been put in place and they are just waiting for plants.

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Mr Hart reported he and Clerk had met with Mr David Jeffries re. setting up a Parish Council website and a quote has been received. Mr Jeffries will charge £300 per day and he expects it will take a little longer than 2 days. Re. Maintenance he would ensure the site is backed up and secure at all times also providing "How to videos" built into the website for easy viewing/learning of website administration and he would be on call to take care of any small changes required for £40.00 per month. The only other cost is web and e-mail hosting which is £80.00 per annum. We would need to buy a domain name at £7.98 for 2 years. Mr Jeffries recommended a HP laptop, scanner and printer. The cost of £40.00 per month was queried; could we not do monthly updates? It was agreed he do the set up but not the £40.00 per month. It was agreed we ask if he could do an annual service. It was agreed the laptop, printer and scanner be purchased.

An e-mail was received from Mr Bill James and a copy of a letter he sent to Silloth Town Council regarding the disjointed bus service in Silloth. It was agreed we send a letter to Reays Coaches thanking them for keeping the bus service going.

A letter was received from Mr Bill James saying he had attended a meeting of Silloth Town Council to update them about Coast Road problems. He has in the past written to Karl Melville (Chief Highways Engineer) and Keith Little, C.C.C. and asked them to reply to us all (ie. Allonby P.C., Holme St Cuthberts P.C. and Silloth T.C.). As nothing seems to be forthcoming he says he will pass on information to Sue Hayman MP.

Problems with dogs - Clerk reported a telephone call from Mr Bob Henderson, A.B.C. He said to get a 'Dogs on Leads' order a public consultation must take place. It involves legal costs of possibly £1000. He feels it is not feasible and we would have a struggle as A.B.C. only has one Enforcement Officer for the whole of Allerdale. Re. Dog fouling the warden will come out if asked but he says people are reluctant to give details. If someone names a person who regularly walks their dog at a certain time they will come out and take action but they need details. Clerk reported speaking to Samantha Bagshaw of C.A.L.C. about these matters. She said this is really a matter for A.B.C. not P.C. Obtaining a by-law is very expensive and we would have to be very careful how we word it as a P.C. have previously done this and ended up in trouble and with a lot of expense. Solicitors are involved and she suggested we put the matter with A.B.C. as they own the land and they have powers we do not have. Samantha also suggested - Clerk reported a telephone call from Mr Bob

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Mr Parker said cars and motorbikes are using the cycle path. This is not in our jurisdiction but a letter to be sent to C.C.C.

Potholes - These have now been repaired and account received from Tolsons for £1752.00 - agreed.

An e-mail was received from Pat Salmon stating she is pleased the potholes have been repaired and passed on her thanks.

Clerk said Mr W Douglas had asked if AONB were arranging for the grass round signposts etc is to be trimmed by Community Pay Back as they did last year. Mr G Proud of AONB was asked and he said they were not doing it this year. It was agreed we contact Community Pay Back and ask if they will trim the grass as they did last year.

At this point Councillor Markley entered the meeting.

POLICE REPORT;

A report was received stating 3 incidents had occurred since our last meeting.

PLAYGROUND;

An e-mail has been received from A.B.C. stating Playground Inspections have commenced though a date has not been given. The 'springy' has now been removed by Handyman but repairs have not been done. Mr Hart said he would contact him again.

SEATS AND BENCHES;;

No progress. The Friends of Allonby Green are awaiting funding for seats and benches.

PROGRESS OF HANDYMAN;

Chairman said Handyman must be chased up.

CORRESPONDENCE;

The following items were received and noted:-

1. E-mail from N.A.L.C. re. Coastal Towns Task and Finish Group - passed to Mr R Hart.
2. C.A.L.C. Circular.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. - New Funding for Transparency Code Compliance.
4. E-mail from Dave Harrison, Cumbria Highways re. Re-alignment of B5300. Mr Bill James has requested a copy of this - agreed.
5. E-mail from Mr Bill James - SOS Save our Shore.
6. E-mail from Phil Ruston asking if P.C. is interested in supporting a Digital Inclusion Event for Allonby. Reply to be sent we would not be interested.
7. Letter from Hospice at Home re. Castle Rock Festival Charity Fundraising.
8. Letter from A.B.C. re. Bathing Water at Allonby. Reply to be sent that we were disappointed at the "poor" classification. United Utilities have spent millions of pounds improving water quality and it is felt it should be tested more now and these works should be taken into account.
9. Hospice at Home W.C. Newsletter.
10. 2 copies of "Tidelines" magazine - passed to Mrs P Jones and Mr R Hart.
11. NW Air Ambulance "Skylines" newsletter.

12. N.W. Coastal Access Monthly Update: May 2016.
13. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Scammers at Sebergham P.C.
14. Letter from Norris & Fisher Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- 15 Letter re. The Centenary Fields Programme from British Legion.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: None.

PLANNING: None.

At this point Councillor Markley left the meeting.

FINANCE:

Presentation of Accounts - The Statement of Accounts were submitted following internal audit by Mrs W Jameson. This was signed by Chairman and Clerk/R.F.O. and will be available for public inspection from 3 June 2016 to 14 July 2016 prior to submission to BDO for external audit. Notice to be displayed re. Inspection dates. Mrs Jameson submitted a report stating books and records had been kept properly throughout the year. She reminds P.C. that an annual review needs to be carried out to identify any potential risks affecting P.C. and what action (if any) needs to be taken. Re. Fidelity Guarantee Insurance - Mrs Jameson said the level of cover required for this current year is £35,000 ie. Balances at Bank at 31.3.16 plus 1st payment of precept of £4500 but our insurance cover is £50,000 therefore this could be reduced therefore reducing the premium for the year.

Mrs W Jameson's account for carrying out the internal audit - £50.00 passed for payment.

Account from Ellis Bros for materials used by Handyman - £132.28 passed for payment.

Account from Tolsons for repair of potholes - £1752.00 agreed.

Insurance premium from Zurich Insurance - £938.90 agreed.

Invoice from ISS stating they wanted 6 payments throughout the year for grass cutting - £336.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 21st March 2016 to 17th April 2016

15 hours at £8.428 per hour = £126.42

Less Income Tax of £25.20 = £101.22

Reimbursement of expenses -

Postage - £3.71

Heating of Hall - £1.0

Photocopying - £4.70

Total = £9.41

Plus 3 months' telephone expenses -

Rental - £26.80

Calls - £13.40

V.A.T. - £8.04

Total = £48.24

Amount payable = £101.22 + £9.41 + £48.24 = £158.87

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Progress on toilets.

Mrs Jones said a 'fridge/freezer had been outside Rayvon House for some considerable time and could we write to the owner, Mr S Tunstall, asking him to remove it. She will try and find out his address then a letter will be sent.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.