

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st
AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr W Douglas, Mr W Bradley, Mr A Armstrong, Mr J Hanley
The meeting was chaired by Mr W Douglas.

APOLOGIES: Mr R Hart, Mr A Jones, Mrs P Jones, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor A J Markley, Mr L Parker

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr L Parker stated seats will be installed this week.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: It was confirmed the grass inside the stobs by Toll Bar House has now been cut by ISS.

The school has been booked for the meetings in September, October and November 2017 due to renovation work being carried out in the Village Hall.

POLICE REPORT: A report was received from P.C.S.O. Peter Crome.

PLAYGROUND: Mr J Hanley said people have expressed concern over the safety of the new air rider; some people have fallen off it. Mr W Douglas said he thinks it is too near the fence.

VILLAGE WALK: This was cancelled due to inclement weather and a new date should be arranged.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: It was felt everything should go through Clerk and decided at a meeting. Mr L Parker said he is willing to do work and put a bill in but just odd jobs.

A complaint was received re. The removal of the picnic bench by East House. Mr L Parker said the bench was rotten. It was agreed this picnic bench be replaced. We do, however, need someone to put in a concrete base. Mr A Armstrong said he will ask Mr E Little to put a base in. We, in fact, need 3 bases/benches and it was agreed to order 3 from Solway Re-cycling. It was agreed to get those similar to the ones obtained by Friends of Allonby Green.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: None.

PROGRESS ON HANDYMAN: Mr R Hart has Simon Ringrose's telephone number and will speak to him.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

At this point Councillor A J Markley entered the meeting.

An e-mail was received from Mr A Jones raising the following points:-

1. The owners of Glen Cottage have asked if it would be possible to obtain a blue plaque for the house.
2. The Village Hall Management Committee would like the clock outside the Hall repaired as the Hall is renovated; they believe it is Parish Council's responsibility.
3. Residents of Brewery Terrace wonder why they do not have a road sign and is there a procedure for obtaining a sign.
4. Mrs P Robinson is querying the planning permission on the development on Westnewton Road where it would appear a side window will directly overlook the bedroom of a neighbouring property.

It was agreed these matters be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

A letter was received from the Post Office - Public Consultation re. Service Relocation. Allonby Post Office is to close on 1st September 2017 and a Mobile Outreach Service will commence on 7th September 2017 between 10.00am and 11.00am outside Corner Shop. A Public Consultation will run until 7th September 2017. Information to be put in "Beachcomber".

An e-mail was received from A.B.C. Property Services stating they don't know of any issues that would concern them re. Siting the memorial seat by Alison Shuttleworth. Catalogue of bulbs from J Parkers Wholesales - passed to Mr L Parker.

E-mail from Civic Voice inviting members to attend Carlisle War Memorial Workshops on 4th October 2017.

E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Development of Skills Programme.

A letter was received from A.B.C. re. Proposal to remove Allonby South from the list of designated bathing areas. Reply to be sent we have no objections.

E-mail from Rural Services Agency re. Rural Transport.

E-mail from Hayley Bishop re. Suicide Alertness - Living Matters Training Sessions.

E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Cumbria Constabulary Public Consultation Survey.

E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Citizenship & Civic Engagement.

E-mail from CVS re. CVS Trustees.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: None.

PLANNING: Erection of improved access provision and alteration to shop and erection of small single storey flat roof extension to rear to provide toilet facilities - West End Stores - approved by A.B.C.

Regarding the concerns raised by Mrs P Robinson re. Development on Westnewton Road the plans do not appear to have been passed for a window to be inserted. Councillor Markley said possibly it could be a window with frosted glass. Mr W Douglas said Mrs Robinson had spoken to him about this and he had advised her to contact A.B.C. Planning Department.

Councillor Markley reported A.B.C. are wanting the Vodafone mast at West End Farm to be moved. However, he feels Allonby should benefit from this mast and hopes it will remain.

FINANCE: Clerk reported two queries had been raised by BDO (external auditors). The first query was re. Legal fees of £2136.00 for toilets transfer. They ask what the fee was for and we must provide a detailed breakdown. Secondly BDO requested a copy of the Minutes confirming our intention to purchase land/toilets, a copy of the

completion statement of purchase and asking whether this has been added to our audit form as a fixed asset. Replies have been sent re. These points.

Mr W Douglas asked is there money for a fence round the Playground. Councillor Markley said there is not a lot but we can ask A.B.C. if we get some quotes. Councillor Markley said he needs to know the amount and we must get 3 prices.

The VAT refund of £1879.07 has been received.

Rental of £80.00 was received by direct debit from Mr A Barnard for rental of toilet block for Solway Cycle Hire.

Account received from ISS for grass cutting - £346.08 passed for payment.

Account from Ellis Bros Ltd for paint -£132.35 passed for payment.

Account from Playdale for repairs/work on the i-play - £775.76 agreed.

Account from Aspatria Farmers Ltd for items purchased by Handyman - £7.92 agreed.

Account from A-Frame Joinery for fitting a new electric box to the toilet block and repairs/equipment on Playground - £103.52 agreed.

Account from Reuban Roberts for putting in a large seat base- £285.00 agreed. He also quoted a price for work on Allonby Toilets - "knock off old plaster, taking away rubble, plaster, sand and cement. Scaffolding waterproof scratch coat wet dash and labour - £1675.00" If job given he will require £1000 up front.

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

Pay period 17th July 2017 to 20th August 2017

13 hours at £8.717 per hour = £113.32

Less Income Tax of £22.60 = £90.72

Reimbursement of expenses

Cutting of 2 keys for toilet block = £6.00

Photocopying = £6.80

Postage = £5.10

Stationery =£1.35

Total = £19.25

Amount payable = £90.72 + £19.25 = £109.97

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Telephone kiosk - when is it to be taken down.

Points raised in e-mail from Mr A Jones.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

18th September 2017 at 7.30pm at Allonby School.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.