**Minutes of Allonby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2021**

1. **Attendance**: Mr R Hart (Chair), Mr A Barnard (Vice-Chair), Mr A Jones, Mr G Browes, Mrs N Wingfield, Mrs P Jones, Mrs K Yarney.

0 members of the public were present

**Clerk**: Mrs M Walker

1. **Apologies for absence**: Councillor Jamie Hanley, Councillor Tony Markley
2. **Requests for dispensation** – none
3. **Declaration of interests** – none
4. **Public Participation Session –** as there were no members of the public present, no session was held.
5. **To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st September 2021** – the minutes were agreed by full Council, with the following corrections to be made:-

At item 8 Lewis Colins should be amended to read Louis Coller.

Item 9 should read the area at the back of Councillor Barnard, not front.

1. **Matters Arising not on the agenda** –

Councillor Barnard reported that Leanne Petit had been in touch with County Highways who had thanked her and the Allonby resident for the footage that had been taken by C.C.T.V. of speeding vehicles travelling through the village. County had concluded that no engineering measures were required at this time but the situation will continue to be monitored. Councillor Barnard had emailed Leanne regarding the Speed indicators that we were hoping to get in the village shortly.

The vandalised bus stop had now been replaced.

The Chairman reported that he had written to Andrew Seekings regarding the Parish Precept and the possibility of holiday home owners contributing to this. This issue was being raised in the House of Commons and any decisions would be ultimately made by the Valuations Office regarding any contribution to be made by holiday homes. The Chairman had written to Calc and Nalc who would be lobbying regarding this important issue.

Plan regarding toilet block – it was agreed by the full Council that the toilets should remain open daily until the end of October. At the end of October they will be open weekends only.

1. Feedback from County/Allerdale:

Councillor Markley had emailed a brief report to the Chairman which included the following

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* Work on the car park near the playpark had gone out to tender and the money for that was still secure. Joe Bromfield was no longer involved in the project having moved to another part of the Council.

1. **Update regarding management of the Beck –** Councillor Barnard reported that there was no news at present. The meeting scheduled for November 5th with the Environment Agency /local M.P. and concerned residents was still scheduled to take place.
2. **To consider whether a member of the Parish Council should attend the Allerdale Geological Disposal Facility online working group – Councillor** Wingfield stated that although Allonby had not been highlighted as a potential area for the disposal waste facility, she felt as a Council we should be well informed as there were areas highlighted close to Allonby (e.g. Aspatria). The Chairman reported that a representative from CALC was on the working party group. An online meeting was scheduled for the 21st October. Councillor Wingfield agreed to advertise this meeting so that local residents were aware on the Allonby News FB page. The Chairman remarked that another vote was taking place the following week and that the proposal needed to be accepted by a community before the project could proceed. Councillor Jones questioned why the proposal could not be accepted by Sellafield and was concerned by the N.I.M.B.Y approach people were taking. Councillor Wingfield wished to be better informed regarding the project and would be attending the online meeting in a personal capacity.
3. **Planting for Pollinators project, update and progress –** There seemed to be some confusion as to which particular project this referred to? Was it the Churchyard project or the project that was discussed last year during lockdown with regard to the planting of wildflowers in certain areas on the green. As people were unsure, Councillor Wingfield agreed to phone a contact of hers to clarify.
4. **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies – Allonby Community Forum, Christchurch Allonby, Allonby Village Hall, Allonby History Group**

Allonby Community Forum were meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. The second dog poo bag dispenser for the North end of the village had been ordered. Unfortunately, the Friends of Allonby Green were not going to fund a further dispenser at the west end of the village. The Village Christmas Tree light switch on was scheduled for December 4th at 6.30p.m. The Forum were looking at resurrecting the Village Christmas Meal, potentially on Friday 17th December at Jacks Surf Bar who had quoted £15.99 for a 2 course Xmas dinner. Jacks could cater for between 40-45 people. An advert would be placed in the November Beachcomber to ascertain a response.

Allonby Village Hall – Committee ticking over and due to meet this week

Christchurch Allonby – all the ivy had now been disposed of thanks to Councillor Jones. Spring bulbs were being planted by the Churchyard group, more bulbs still to go in and more wanted.

**13. Planning –** Application re Woodbine Cottage – chimney removal. There were no objections.

**14. Finance - Payment of Accounts – To authorise/approve the payment of accounts listed in the attached schedule –** these were approved. Councillors were informed of account balances – Current Account - £6,628,74 Business Account - £22,191.15.

1. **Correspondence** – In his absence, Councillor Hanley had asked in his letter of attendance for members to discuss the Christmas Council festive gathering. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would try and meet at the ship on the 22nd December at 8p.m. Councillor Hanley would be informed to arrange.
2. **Date and time of next meeting**: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th November at 7.30p.m. at the Village Hall, unless otherwise notified.
3. At the end of the meeting the Chairman thanked the Clerk for all her hard work over the last two years

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15p.m.