**Minutes of Allonby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2021.**

**Attendance**: Mr R Hart (Chair), Mr A Barnard (Vice-Chair), Mr A Jones, Mrs P Jones, Mr J Hanley

2 members of the public were present

**Clerk**: Mrs M Walker

**Apologies for absence**: Mrs N Wingfield, Mr G Browes

**Requests for dispensation** – none

**Declaration of interests** – none

**Public Participation Session** – A member of the public spoke asking if anything could be done about the general untidiness with weeds etc. outside some people’s properties in the village. They felt that on some of the back lanes, it was being to look rather like a jungle. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would take the following action:-

* Draft a note to be put through every door in the village, to ask villagers for their co-operation in keeping ‘Allonby tidy’.
* Draft a similar note to be placed in the ABC.
* Potentially to ask Simon Ringrose to go around the back lanes spraying weed killer (or salt solution). Many people would object to weed killer due to the detrimental effect on the environment and potential harms to domestic animals.

**To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th June 2021**  – the minutes were agreed by full Council.

Matters Arising not on the agenda –

Councillor Barnard reported on feedback he had received from police representation regarding speeding through the village. He had received an email from Andy Miller on the 18th July informing him that there would be a temporary S.I.D monitor placed at either end of the village in the next few months. He had also spoken to C.S.O. Nicola Rodney who intended to have a greater presence in the village and may come to the next Parish Council Meeting. He further reported that a resident who had CCTV outside a dwelling at the north end of the village had been sending evidence to the police of examples of erratic and dangerous driving. The C.S.O. had used a speed camera whilst she was in the village and had caught a number of people who were breaking the law. She intended to take this evidence to the next C.R.A.S.H meeting. Kallum Brooks from the Highways Department had been in touch with Councillor Barnard regarding the bus stop that needed replaced. Hopefully this would happen soon.

The Clerk reported that the no overnight parking signs were ready for collection from Mike Taylor and agreed to pick them up.

Defibrillators in the village – update from the Chairman. The defibrillator at the side of Twentymans had been reported as having no power and needed to be investigated. The Clerk agreed to speak to Twentyman’s. The spare one at the Chairman’s house had been checked out and was old and not fit for use. The School defib had received a new battery and pads which had been paid for by the Parish Council. The defib in the telephone box was working and fit for purpose.

Feedback from County/Allerdale:

The Chair had received a verbal report from Councillor Markley:-

* Allerdale and the Environment Agency had met and things were moving regarding Dubmill and Crosscanonby road end which was in the process of having sea defences put in. Allonby beck was also under discussion and it was due to be dredged and banks cut back shortly.
* Councillor Markley had managed to secure £550.00 for the purchase of plant plugs at church. Councillor Pam Jones reported that one plot had been prepped for planting on 19th August and two others were to follow later that month or next spring. She further reported that the Cragg family at Westville Caravan Park had offered to keep the graveyard cut for the rest of the year which was a wonderful offer. Weed killer had been put down by an A.O.N.B. Officer and also humane mole traps.
* Councillor Barnard further reported that the responses regarding the unadopted land were due today and the notice should be taken down after.
* County reorganisation – The Chair reported that decisions had been made regarding the re-structuring of the County. County and Districts were being abolished and we were to become West and East Cumbria in 2023 – Carlisle/Allerdale and Copeland & Eden/South Lakes and Barrow.

Beck – the dredging of the beck had already been discussed in the meeting.

Grass Cutting – the Clerk and the Chair had met with Stuart Robinson from Tivoli and had discussed other areas to be tacked on to the job and the new contract for September. The Clerk was awaiting paperwork.

Allerdale Council proposals for West End Green Concessions – To date, there was no further news.

Overnight parking in the village – No overnight parking signs were due to be picked up from the printers. Councillor Barnard had received reports of human waste being left on the dunes at Mawbray. It was felt that a common policy regarding this issue was needed by all Councils and that perhaps that could be discussed at the next meeting with the AONB. The Chair also agreed to place this issue on the agenda for the next three tier meeting on September 23rd.

Councillor Barnard felt that there were some clear myths that people believed in regarding what the responsibilities of the Parish Council were and felt that it would be useful to clear up those myths by placing a report in the next ABC. The Clerk agreed to draft a document up and circulate to all Councillors for agreement before sending to Dick Wagg at the ABC.

Reports from Committees – Councillor Barnard informed the meeting that Forum meetings would re-commence in September.

Councillor Browes reported that the Village Hall was now active with Film Nights, Dance on a Thursday and ArtEx.

Councillor Pam Jones had already spoken about the Church and specifically the graveyard and all of the work that had been taking place to tidy it up.

The Chair reported that the History Group would re-commence in September.

Planning – The recent application for an extension on Moss Side had been approved and received no objections.

Finance – The payment schedule was approved. Councillor Barnard was given approval to buy more poo bags for the dispenser. At this point a discussion took place regarding overflowing bins in the summer months and them not being big enough. It was agreed to look at this matter when Councillors undertook a walk around the village to look at any issues – the date set for the walkabout was Monday 2nd August at 10.30a.m., meeting at the Church.

Councillors agreed to pursue the opening of an account with Unity Bank.

Correspondence – the majority of correspondence was received by email and forwarded on to councillors.

**Items for next agenda**: Any items other than standard items, should be sent to the Clerk by Monday 13th September at the latest.

**Date and time of next meeting**: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st September at 7.30p.m. at the Village Hall, unless otherwise notified,

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35p.m.