



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023

Attendance	Action/ Decision
Councillors: A. Jones (AJ) (Chair), S. Collier (SC), J. Hanley (JH), N. Wingfield (NW) P. Jones (PJ) and J. Potter (JP) One member of the public J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)	
1. Apologies None	
2. Declarations of Interest: JP declared an interest in Item 8(a) on the agenda Planning application FUL/2023/0233 – Old Mill House, Allonby, Maryport, CA15 6PJ No requests for dispensations were received.	
3. Minutes RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th October, 2023 as a true record.	
4. Public Question Time No matters were raised.	
5. Clerk's Report JR reported that the internal audit had been carried out. The internal auditors report will be circulated for consideration at next meeting. HMRC had advised there is an outstanding amount of £16.26 for the previous tax year.	
6. Progress reports for information a Car Parks – JH reported there had been no progress since the last meeting and no response from Trevor Hurst at Cumberland Council. b Play Park – No progress since the last meeting. The work will now be carried out after Christmas. c Toilet Block – It was noted that Stobbarts are still working at the toilet block. AJ reported that the water had been drained and the toilets had been locked at the end of October. No complaints had been received to date.	JH to raise this with KT
7. Cumberland Councillor's Report KT was not present.	
8. Planning (a) Applications Received: Cllr Potter left the meeting. FUL/2023/0233 – Old Mill House, Allonby, Maryport, CA15 6PJ Conversion of vacant mill to a dwelling No objections subject to the dwelling being used for residential use only and not for use as a holiday let.	



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<p>(b) Decisions: None</p>	
<p>9. Finance</p> <p>(a) Payment of accounts HMRC £16.26 (previous tax year 2022-23)</p> <p>(b) AGAR - JR reported that the internal audit had been carried out and the AGAR will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.</p> <p>AJ reported a further letter had been received from Moorcroft Debt Collectors regarding outstanding payments to HMRC NW reported on the ongoing issue with Unity Bank</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence for information</p> <p>CALC – Cumberland Food Insecurity Survey - Circulated Cumberland Council – Precept levy for 2024-25 Unity Bank – Query re signatures – No action required CALC – Climate and Carbon Literacy Training Course - Noted Environment Agency – Geological Disposal Report - Noted Allonby resident re Siting of Burger Van</p>	<p>Budget to be considered at the next meeting JR to respond advising that the request should be directed to Cumberland Council. The request is outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council but would not be supported by the Parish Council</p>
<p>11. Ongoing issue with United Utilities</p> <p>The ongoing dispute and outstanding invoice from United Utilities was discussed.</p>	<p>RESOLVED to pay the outstanding invoice of £5,178.30.</p>
<p>12. Grass Cutting requirements for 2024</p> <p>The grass cutting requirements for 2024 were discussed. It was agreed to leave this item in abeyance until clarification had been received on the following:</p> <p>(a) Cumberland Council to be asked what progress had been made regarding the transfer of the village greens to the parish council and (b) Whether the contractors would be happy to cut the grass on an ad hoc basis</p>	<p>AJ to write to Cumberland Council JH to check with Tivoli re contract arrangements for the previous year</p>
<p>13. Bike Store</p> <p>This item was deferred until the January meeting</p>	<p>Unity Bank statements to be checked for any income received</p>
<p>14. Bus Shelter</p> <p>Members discussed whether any maintenance was required to the bus shelter. It was agreed to re-visit this agenda item in the new year.</p>	
<p>15. Xmas Tree</p> <p>Members noted that the Christmas tree had been ordered and will be delivered on Thursday. An invoice had been received for new lights.</p>	<p>JH agreed to pay for the tree with the payment reimbursed at the next meeting</p>



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<p>15. Speeding</p> <p>SC reported that he had tried contacting various agencies without success. SC agreed to contact the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership to request that a speed survey is carried out.</p>	<p>SC to contact Cumbria Road Safety Partnership</p>
<p>16. Vacancies</p> <p>Members noted there are two vacancies on the Parish Council. Cllr S. Anderson is now disqualified under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 for non-attendance over a six-month period.</p>	<p>JR to write to SA advising that she is now disqualified for non-attendance.</p>
<p>17. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</p> <p>Members noted that the Christmas tree will be lit on Saturday 2nd December with various activities going on throughout the day.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 – 7.30pm</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 9.00 pm</p>	