



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024

Attendance	Action/ Decision
<p>Councillors: A. Jones (AJ) (Chair), S. Collier (SC), J. Hanley (JH), P. Jones (PJ) and J. Potter (JP)</p> <p>K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT)</p> <p>Members of the public: None</p> <p>J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)</p>	
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Cllr. N. Wingfield. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received.</p> <p>No requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December, 2023 as a true record.</p>	
<p>4. Public Question Time</p> <p>No members of the public were present.</p> <p>An email enquiring how to apply for an allotment in the Parish had been received</p>	<p>AJ agreed to respond advising that applications should be made to the Allotments Association</p>
<p>5. Clerk's Report</p> <p>JR reported that following the submission of the AGAR further information had been requested by the external auditors. Responses had been provided to the enquiries.</p> <p>Confirmation had been received from HMRC VAT team that the last claim was submitted in 2021.</p> <p>A letter before action had been received from Water Plus regarding an outstanding invoice for £834.00 dating back to 8 June 2022 and related to a leak detection report requested by the former Clerk. The Chairman reported he had contacted Water Plus to provide them with the background relating to this matter and to dispute the findings of the report. A response from Water Plus is still awaited.</p>	<p>AJ agreed to contact Mark Taylor in Advanced Services for an update.</p>
<p>6. Progress reports for information</p> <p>a Car Parks – There had been no further developments regarding the car parks</p> <p>b Play Park – No further developments to report</p> <p>c Toilet Block – Confirmation of a date for a further meeting with Julian Smith from Cumberland Council is awaited.</p>	<p>JH agreed to contact Trevor Hurst at Cumberland Council</p>
<p>7. Cumberland Councillor's Report</p> <p>KT reported that a grant had been awarded to Aspatria from the Fells & Solway Community Panel. The next Panel will meet in March.</p>	
<p>8. Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications Received: None</p> <p>(b) Decisions: None</p>	
<p>9. Finance</p> <p>(a) The Financial report had been circulated with the agenda</p>	



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<p>(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment E-On £35.35 A.J. Sim £2064.00</p> <p>(c) Unity Bank – There was no further information regarding the updating of the mandate to add the additional signatories.</p> <p>(d) Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights The notice advising of the period for the exercise of public rights had been published on the website and a copy will be displayed on the parish noticeboard. A copy had also been sent to the external auditors.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence for information Cumberland Council – Budget Consultation Hospice at Home Christmas Tree Collection Appeal CALC News OPCC - Commissioner asks the public their view on Policing budget proposals CALC - Met Office new Community Resilience Training Prospectus Cumberland Council – Draft council tax base figures 2024/25 CALC – Town, Parish & Community Councils – D Day 80 – 6th June, 2024 CALC - Launch of W&F Green Enterprise hub CAfS news Cumbria Police - December & January 2024 - Maryport, Aspatria & Silloth Newsletter CALC - January 2024 - July 2024 Training Programme</p>	
<p>11. Speeding Issues SC reported that he had contacted Speed Watch regarding training for volunteers.</p>	
<p>12. Bike Store Members noted that a payment from the tenant was last received in April 2023</p>	<p>JR to contact the tenant regarding outstanding rent payments and to enquire what the intention is for the future use of the store</p>
<p>13. Grass Cutting This item was left in abeyance until the outcome of the meeting with Cumberland Council is known.</p>	<p>It was agreed to pursue Cumberland Council for a response following the meeting with Julian Smith</p>
<p>14. Vacancies No further expressions of interest had been received.</p>	
<p>15. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda AJ advised he had reported a large hole next to the garage opposite the Old Stables. JH reported that the Environment Agency will be working on the beck at the end of February. PJ reported that the Emergency Planning app was not working</p>	<p>Emergency planning to be added to the next agenda</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th February, 2024 – 7.30pm</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.29 pm</p>	