



# Allonby Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2024

| <b>Attendance</b><br>Councillors: A. Jones (AJ) (Chair), S. Collier (SC), P. Jones (PJ) and N. Wingfield (NW)<br>K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT)<br>Members of the public: None<br>J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)  | <b>Action/<br/>Decision</b> |
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| <b>1. Apologies</b><br>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Hanley and J. Potter. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.   |                             |
| <b>2. Declarations of Interest:</b><br>No declarations of interest were received.<br>No requests for dispensations were received.  |                             |
| <b>3. Minutes</b><br>RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January, 2024 as a true record.   |                             |
| <b>4. Public Question Time</b><br>No members of the public were present.   |                             |
| <b>5. Clerk's Report</b><br>JR reported that the External Auditor had advised that the annual return had been passed on to a Manger for review.<br>An application for a refund of VAT for financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 had been submitted to HMRC.<br>An email had been received from the Beach and Marina Awards Manager at Keep Britain Tidy regarding the Seaside Awards application. It was noted that the Parish Council are not able to apply this year as the toilets must be open all year to be eligible.<br>AJ had contacted Water Plus regarding the outstanding invoice. As a gesture of goodwill Water Plus had offered a reduced charge of £500 plus VAT.   |                             |
| <b>6. Progress reports</b> for information<br>A meeting had been held on 19 February with officers from Cumberland Council to discuss various issues in the Parish.<br>a Car Parks – No developments with Cumberland Council and the car parks. The public are encouraged to report the deplorable condition of the car parks to Cumberland Council.<br>b Play Park – It was noted the last inspection of the Play Area was carried out in February 2023. Members also noted the playground is on a 25-year lease which commenced in 2018.<br>c Toilet Block – Options for the toilet block were discussed. It was agreed that self-opening and closing doors should be installed, a radar lock would be required for the disabled toilet and the wheelchair access to the toilet block improved. The drains also require some work. | Priorities agreed           |



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| <p><b>7. Cumberland Councillor's Report</b></p> <p>KT continued to offer his support on the issues in the Parish.</p> <p>KT reported that it looked likely that the Allonby Chalet Owners are set to win their council tax battle. Their requests regarding the council tax have now been debated by Cumberland Council's Businesses and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and will be debated by the full Council on Wednesday 6 March.</p> |  |
| <p><b>8. Planning</b></p> <p>(a) Applications Received:<br/>HOU/2024/0024 - Brackenhaw, Allonby, Maryport, CA15 6QH<br/>Proposed single storey rear extension, porch and internal alterations</p> <p>(b) Decisions: None</p>   | No objections – LPA to be advised.   |
| <p><b>9. Finance</b></p> <p>(a) The Financial report had been circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:<br/>Water Plus - £600</p> <p>(c) Unity Bank – NW reported that the amendments had now been completed.</p> <p>(d) Asset Register – It was noted that the Asset Register requires updating</p>  | Insurance schedule to be circulated<br>Enquires to be made at Zurich re insurance on the toilet block (JR) |
| <p><b>10. Correspondence for information</b></p> <p>Keep Britain Tidy – Seaside Awards<br/>OPCC – Newsletter<br/>Cumbria Police – Newsletter<br/>CALC – S137 Limits<br/>Tivoli – Contract Price Notification<br/>Cumberland Council – Consultation on Improving Waste Collection Services</p>  |  |
| <p><b>11. Speeding Issues</b></p> <p>No further developments to report.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>12. Grass Cutting 2024</b></p> <p>Notification had been received from Tivoli that their prices will be increasing by 9.10%, effective 01/04/2024. The annual price (net of VAT) will increase from £1,504.80 to £1,641.74.</p> <p>It was noted that Cumberland Council is open to a compromise regarding the grass cutting.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>13. Bike Store</b></p> <p>JR reported that two emails had been sent to the tenant. To-date a response had not been received.</p>   | JR to be provided with postal address to contact the tenant  |
| <p><b>14. Vacancies</b></p> <p>No expressions of interest had been received.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>15. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</b></p> <p>Emergency Planning app.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 7.30pm.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Meeting closed:</b> The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.</p>   |  |