

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7-30 p.m.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Roper, Stockdale and Welsh.
Also Present: County Cllr Markley
Public attendance: None.
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Borough Cllr Mike Johnson had sent apologies to the clerk and Cllr Hodgson gave apologies on behalf of Cllr Graham who had a health reason for his absence. This was acknowledged as a fair reason for absence.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

No dispensation requests had been received or were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

No declarations were made.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11th November 2021

Following discussion the proposed minutes were **approved and signed**.

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

Cllr Stockdale reported that the lighting defects, previously raised by Cllr Graham, had been rectified following the provision of more information by the clerk to the authority.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk advised that the Precept had been sent and received by Allerdale BC.

3.3 **Public participation.** (At the chairman's discretion)

County Cllr Markley gave his report at this point.

A recent planned meeting of the County Council had not been able to be held.

An update was given on the current situation concerning Local Government Re-organisation. A 'Shadow Board' election would take place in May and Cllr Markley would be standing as a candidate for this 'Solway Coast' area. Work was continuing to promote the area particularly in Wigton and the 'Borderlands'. There would be a tourism initiative to celebrate 1900 years of The Roman Wall. Cllr Welsh pointed out to Cllr Markley that he had heard nothing about the reported concern regarding the road 'drop off' near 'Fairishes' farm. Cllr Markley encouraged him to report it again using the recently installed system and advise him if nothing was forthcoming afterwards.

Cllr Markley was thanked for his contribution then gave his apologies and left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Royal British Legion receipt and thanks for donation.

The clerk provided details which were **noted**.

4.2 Newton Arlosh PCC - Letter of thanks for the grant support.

The clerk read out the letter thanking the Council for the Grasscutting support. – **noted**.

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4.3 HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria – The Queen’s Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.

Consideration of the Cumbria County Council Platinum Jubilee Fund.

Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** that an oak tree should be purchased and planted near the Playpark. A spending limit of £100 was agreed and the clerk was instructed to approach a local nursery. A plaque, probably in stone, would be installed.

Cllr Stockdale advised that the Parish Hall would be holding an afternoon tea for parishioners on the 5th of June and advised of funding source that may be able to assist. Mrs Stockdale would investigate this in her connection with the Parish Hall committee.

4.4 Pension Regulator – Re-enrolment/declaration process.

The clerk provided details of the correspondence and the reminded Cllrs that a declaration would need to be made by 31st May 2022 – **noted**.

5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation. Playground repair - possible decision on any required action. Signage progress.

The clerk advised that wording for a sign had been worked on with the Chairman and a quote was awaited from a company he’s approached. An expenditure of £200 ex Vat **was agreed** for the Chairman and clerk to take this forward. The clerk would forward the proposed design and detail of the fixing method to all Cllrs.

Cllr Hodgson notified Cllrs that the new trye and chains would be installed shortly.

A revised inspection rota **was agreed**.

Cllrs were not aware of any major issues relating to the equipment but thought that some fencing might require attention and Cllr Hodgson said he would investigate this.

(see also item 4.3)

5.2 Grass cutting – review of tenders and appointment of a contractor for the 2022 season.

The clerk advised that despite a number of contractors being approached only one tender for the 2022 season had been received.

This was examined and discussed. The tender for a two-year period from Solway Garden and Landscapes was unanimously accepted.

The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the contractor.

5.3 Asset register and Risk Assessments.

These were examined and discussed. Cllrs **agreed** that these could be **adopted without amendment**

5.4 Audit arrangements for 2021/22.

The clerk, unlike previous years, had not received any communication to date. – **noted**.

5.5 Consideration of an Information board in the village.

Cllr Hodgson briefed Cllrs on the current position and Cllrs felt that the best site would be Parish Council land near the church car park. Cllr Welsh’s view that the public should be consulted on the content was endorsed.

The clerk was instructed to include the item on the March agenda for further discussion.

5.6 Consideration of a Parish Plan.

Cllr Welsh considered that an action plan was desirable. Cllr Hodgson proposed that a simple Parish Plan be drawn up – **agreed**.

Prior to the next meeting Cllrs would discuss items to improve the Parish with parishioners and the clerk was instructed to include the item on the March agenda.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th November and possibly 31st December 2021 (available at the meeting). – **approved**.

6.1.2 Consideration of any budget/precept related correspondence.

The clerk had received no correspondence to bring before the council and re-iterated that the Precept had been submitted to the authority. – **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£342.77**. – **approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £40.82, postage, software etc. £53.63, mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £5.76
SLCC Contribution £56.00, Total **£156.21** – **approved**.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Cllr Welsh confirmed that the road defect near ‘Fairishes’ farm would be reported to the authority again. – **noted**

Cllr Welsh proposed that the Council purchase 30mph speed warning stickers to go onto parishioners refuse bins and Cllrs **agreed** that the clerk should make enquiries as to price before the March meeting.

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7.2 Response to the request for a footpath extension.

The clerk had previously forwarded the response from the County Council concerning the request. Cllrs **noted** that the authority had no funds currently for such a project. Cllr Hodgson believed that it should go onto the Parish Plan – see item 5.6.

7.3 Streetlighting defects.

The defective streetlighting defect had been repaired. – **noted**.

7.4 Police speed camera data.

The clerk advised Cllrs of the information he had received from the Police – **noted**.

Cllr Roper gave her apologies and left the meeting.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC / Cumbria CC.

None – **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

None. – **noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Allerdale BC budget consultation – handled under standing order. – **noted**.

9.1.2 Police and Crime Commissioner – Council Tax Precept Consultation. – **noted without action**.

9.1.3 Allerdale Borough Council - Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation. Handled under the Standing Procedure. **noted without action**.

9.2 Documents received for information (available on request to clerk)

9.2.1 CALC Circular for December and Allerdale ALC Annual Meeting Minutes.

9.2.2 Cumbria In Bloom Newsletter.

The above were noted.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No items were raised.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

His report had been given earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

The clerk had no items to report.

10.5 Police report

Nothing had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.00p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

The date were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28p.m.