

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th MARCH 2017 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr W Douglas, Mr W Bradley, Mr J Hanley, Mr A Armstrong, Mr A Jones, Mrs P Jones

APOLOGIES: Mr J Kendall, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

ALSO PRESENT: Mr L Parker, Mrs P Robinson, Mr M Holyoake, Mr J Kewin, Mr A Philipson, Councillor A J Markley

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mrs P Robinson said she wanted clarification re. Benches. Mr L Parker said the Friends of Allonby Green want to put some benches between each car park. There were no strong objections. They want to spread out in the village. It was questioned whether there had been any movement on getting railings painted. These railings are owned by C.C.C.. Mr R Hart said he would e-mail Councillor J Lister. Mr J Kewin said the fences were white.

The question was raised whose jurisdiction does molehills come under. It was confirmed this is A.B.C.'s but they will not do anything about them. Mr J Kewin left the meeting at this point.

Mr M Holyoake asked would they not agree to groups of volunteers. Mr R Hart said there is an issue with insurance but he will check.

Mr A Philipson asked what is happening to the telephone kiosk opposite the Village Hall. He was advised it is going to be converted into a library as suggested by Mr J Kewin. It is to be sold for £1.00 and done up.

Mrs P Robinson asked about the plans for building houses on Wigton Road. She was advised this would come up later in Planning.

Mr L Parker said the car park at the top end nearest Dubmill needs resurfacing because of potholes. Mr A Philipson said there are lots of potholes on the by-roads. Councillor J Lister has been asked about this.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th February 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: A telephone call had been received from Mr B Henderson, A.B.C. saying that their contractor had been asked to repair potholes on the road round the Play Area when they do the work on the car park at West End. This was, in fact, done on 16.3.17.

TARMACING AND UNADOPTED ROADS AND LAND: Councillor J Lister has been asked to look into this.

POLICE REPORT: A report was received from P.C.S.O. Peter Crome.

PLAYGROUND: An e-mail was received from Julian Smith, Parks & Open Spaces Officer, A.B.C. stating unfortunately the Playground Inspector had been taken into

hospital and they were trying to find an alternative Inspector to carry out the inspections. A telephone call was later received from Julian Smith saying inspections are due to be carried out next week but there are over 30 Playgrounds to do.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: This has been deferred until a future meeting. It was confirmed, however, that £2500.00 has now been received from A.B.C. via our Solicitor also Indemnity Policy.

SEATS & BENCHES: Nothing to report. It was agreed to take this off future agendas.

PROGRESS OF HANDYMAN Mr R Hart advised he will be around soon. Concern was expressed about him ordering tools on Allonby Parish Council's accounts.

GRASS CUTTING: A letter was received from ISS Facility Services advising of an increase on the Annual Contract value. They are proposing a 3% increase from £1680.00 to £1730.00 plus V.A.T. per annum.

An account was received from A.B.C. for grass cutting for £4143.26. This account was returned to A.B.C. as they did not carry out grass cutting for this year.

Mr J Hanley asked if Mr A Sim is coming to do work. It was felt the beginning of May would be okay. Mr J Hanley felt he had not come last time when he should and felt he came too late. When we think it needs cutting can we ask him? It was felt Community Pay Back should be able to cut grass again. Mrs P Jones said the Church do not intend to buy a strimmer.

CONSIDERATION OF STOBS BY TOLL BAR HOUSE: It was agreed to ask Mr A Sim to do this work. Mr Sim can get the stobs

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. A letter was received from Mrs P Robinson asking if 'Friends of Allonby Green' could have a donation to help them towards planting costs. Mr W Douglas proposed we give them £100.00 and this was agreed.

At this point Councillor A J Markley entered the meeting.

2. E-mail from Wayne Greenwood re. Street furniture.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. A course on Land and Village Greens and Developing Skills courses - noted.
4. From ACT - Community Resilience & Emergency Planning.
5. N.W. Coastal Access Monthly Update.
6. Hospice at Home 'Contact' magazine.
7. E-mail from Mr Bill James re. Highways issues at Dubmill.
8. Marmax Re-cycled Products catalogue.
9. Notice re. "Seedy Saturday - The Sequel" at Hayton Castle on 25.3.17 - passed to Mrs P Robinson.
10. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Parish Precepts.
11. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities - passed to

Mr R Hart.

12. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Pensions Schemes - passed to Mr R Hart.

13. Letter from C.C.C. - "Connecting Cumbria Fibre Broadband".

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Allonby Village Hall - They have been successful with various grant applications and work is due to start in September. However, there are problems with the roof above the kitchen. In all probability the roof will have to be replaced. Some pots of money are for equipment only rather than repairs.

Community Forum - They are still waiting for the final grant for equipment for the Playground.

PLANNING: Application for 1 x electronic matrix sign and associated solar panel, West Green, Allonby - approved by A.B.C.

Alteration and extension to incorporate a kitchen extension which will be suitable for a wheelchair user - Stoneleigh, Allonby - approved by A.B.C.

An e-mail was received from Vodafone Ltd advising they have entered an agreement with Telefonica UK, commonly known as O2, to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. They included a list of sites and reasons for not choosing them. Their final site choice is West End Farm, Allonby.

Re-consultation for outline application for proposed residential development - Land at Wigton Road, Allonby. Concerns were still expressed re. the narrow road. It is felt there will be problems accessing the road with extra traffic. Concerns were expressed also re. sewers and main drains for all the houses as another development has been submitted for 15 houses on the opposite site of this narrow road.

Demolition of derelict barn and the erection of 15 dwellings (re-submission), Croft House Farm. Concerns were expressed as in the application for 5 houses on the land off Wigton Road by Mr & Mrs R Mee re. The narrow road and problems with accessing this narrow road and with extra traffic. Concerns were also raised re. Sewers and mains drains.

FINANCE: Account received from Ellis Bros Ltd which includes a mastic gun ordered by Handyman. It was felt he should have his own tools - £10.45 passed for payment.

Clerk's salary and expenses were agreed as follows:-

Pay period 20th February 2017 to 19th March 2017

11 hours at £8.717 per hour = £95.88

Less Income Tax of £19.00 = £76.88

Reimbursement of expenses:

Postage - £2.12

Photocopying - £6.80

Heating of Hall - £1.00
1 year's Office 365 Home Subscription - £40.00
Total = £49.92

3 months' telephone expenses

Rental - £26.80
Calls - £7.30
V.A.T. - £6.82
Total = £40.92

Amount payable = £76.88 + £49.92 + £40.92 = £167.72.

Quarterly payment of Income Tax to HMRC - £60.80 agreed.

Business rates account from A.B.C. for the public conveniences by the Playground - £461.34 passed for payment.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Responsibility for the cycle track - Mr R Hart will speak to Nicki Wingfield of Sustrans about this.

Derelict caravan outside Rayvon House. Mr R Hart has heard it is to be moved next week.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 24th April 2017 immediately following the Annual Public Meeting at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.