

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th
JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor A J Markley, P.C.S.O. Peter Crome, Mr W Douglas

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor J Lister

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: None.

Councillor J Lister provided a copy of an e-mail re.new LED lighting system from Glynis Andrews, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Democratic Services, Carlisle. She replied to him saying The Lighting Team have been made aware that within some older lighting installations the replacement LED lighting can give the impression of lower lighting levels especially at the centre point between street lights. Where they are aware of residents' concerns they are working with road safety colleagues to assessthe impact of the revised lighting. Where they are able to rectify the issue within the scope of the LED programme this will be programmed immediately. When the road safety assessment recommends a revised street lighting installation ie. Higher columns, a priority bid will be prepared for future devolved capital funding with the Lighting Scheme Assessment and Prioritisation Service Procedure.

Mr J Kendall expressed concerns re. The gabions.

Councillor Lister then left the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Clerk confirmed the precept claim had been taken to A.B.C.

Breakdown from Dempsters: An e-mail was received from Mr F Dempster stating machine overlays cost is £4500.00 and patches £2000.00 - total £6500.00 +V.A.T. of £1300.00 = £7,800.00. Members questioned whether it included car parks as marked out. It was agreed Mr Dempster be asked to give a further breakdown naming areas to be done as marked out and relevant costs.

A reply was received from Dr B Irving stating the eroded area in front of Blue Dial has been restored by C.C.C. Highways. It occurred to alleviate flooding in December 2015 and was mended in September 2016. Dr Irving said if there is a further problem he is unaware of it. Re. Grass cutting - Dr Irving thought funding had been agreed/resolved when the Allerdale contract ended. He said AONB have no funding towards grass cutting or land maintenance. He suggested we ask the Community Group to contribute as they have invested a lot of money on flowers etc.

Boxes for defibrillators: Mr R Hart said he would find out prices for boxes from 'Heart Start'.

Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner on 31.1.17 at Silloth Community Hall. Representatives from the local policing team will also be present.

PLAYGROUND: An account was received from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd for work carried out on the i-play - £761.53. Mr R Hart said Community Forum had given Parish Council £2000.00 4 years ago to cover any costs - agreed.

SEATS AND BENCHES : None.

PROGRESS OF HANDYMAN: None. He has not been seen.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: An e-mail was received from Abigail Borrowdale of Milburns Solicitors stating she has received outstanding documents from A.B.C.:-

1. A letter in relation to the £2500.00 contribution to refurbishment costs. They say this amount will be paid to Parish Council on completion of the sale of the toilet block.
2. Letter in relation to the consent of C.C.C.'s consent.
3. Contract - This has been slightly amended from the version signed by Mr R Hart and Mr W Douglas. There were a number of small errors that A.B.C. have now corrected. They have also included a clause relating to not using the land as anything other than P.C. for 80 years without first obtaining consent; this was already reflected in the Transfer Deed. She said she can use the version signed by Mr Hart and Mr Douglas by simply incorporating the amendments and we should confirm this is agreed.
4. Solicitor's account totalling £2536.00 - passed for payment. She says she will be able to complete the matter on receipt of the funds.

CESSATION OF THE BUS SERVICE: An e-mail was received from Sally Scales, Community Development Officer, advising that they now have details of a replacement bus service to be offered by Ellenvale Coaches and the new 60E timetable was attached. The new service will start on 30 January 2017 following withdrawal by Reays on 28 January 2017.

FUTURE OF THE GRAVEYARD: Mrs P Jones said the current graveyard is running out of space; it may be okay for another 10-15 years but it may be necessary to look for some land. Land is available if farmers would sell it but the Church has no money. They are reluctant to use the land in front of the bungalows. There are possibly 20-24 grave spaces left and we must be aware of this and consider the situation. Mr R Hart said there is a slight complication ie. The planning map used by A.B.C. stops at Westville Caravan Park. The Consultation is coming up at the end of the month and we may need to put something in. Mr J Kendall said the neighbouring land owned by Mr J Wilson has problems with drainage. Mr R Hart will add this to the Planning Consultation.

LIGHTING: As previously stated reply received from Councillor J Lister re. New LED Lighting Systems - noted.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. From A.B.C. Budget 2017-18 Consultation - passed to Mr R Hart.
2. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Emergency & Resilience Planning Event on 17.2.17 at

Kendall - passed to Mr R Hart.

3. Two further e-mails from C.A.L.C, re. Emergency Planning and events at other venues - passed to Mr R Hart.
4. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2017.
5. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. "Battles Over - A Nation's Tribute and WWI Beacons of Light on 11.11.18".
6. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. SIDS - passed to Mr R Hart.
7. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Dates of Local Democracy APDG Sessions.
8. E-mail from David Jeffries - Website Maintenance.
9. C.A.L.C. Circular - passed to Mrs P Jones.
10. Letter from Norris & Fisher Insurance Brokers Ltd re. Parish Council insurance.
11. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. SAAA announcement of appointed auditors by County Area 2017/18 - 2021/22.
12. From C.A.L.C. e-mail Skills/Training Events.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Allonby Village Hall - They have been given £13,500.00 from Robin Rigg to spend in a year. There is a problem getting quotes from builders. Mr A Armstrong said he may be able to help with this.

Community Forum - Applications are in for another piece of playground equipment. It is felt they will get most of it if not all it is hoped.

PLANNING:

Application for alteration and extension to incorporate a kitchen extension which will be suitable for a wheelchair user - Stoneleigh, Allonby - no objections.

A letter was received from A.B.C. advising the erection of an agricultural grain store at Blue Dial has been approved though this is not in our Parish.

FINANCE:

Account from The Ship Hotel for refreshments following December 2016 meeting - £45.00 agreed.

Account received from Festive Lights for £131.96 which had been paid by Mr P Hanley. It was agreed Mr Hanley be reimbursed for this.

Account from Cumbria & Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company for work carried out by 'Community Pay Back' - £60.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 19th December 2016 to 15th January 2017

14 hours at £8.717 per hour = £122.03

Less Income Tax of £24.40 = £97.63

Reimbursement of expenses -

Heating of Hall - £1.00

Photocopying - £5.70

Postage - £4.24

Total = £10.94

Amount payable = £97.63+£10.94 = £108.57.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: No specific issues raised.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.