

ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER IN ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr G Browes, Mr J Hanley, Mr A Jones, Mr A Barnard,

APOLOGIES: Mrs N Wingfield, Mrs P Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor A J Markley

Councillor Markley updated the meeting on a number of issues:-

- He informed the meeting that the sea water at Allonby had now been passed as good and therefore suitable for swimming.
- The County Council were re-looking at the highways work for the winter period. The salting regime was updated at 2p.m. each day on the Council website. Their priority was the main roads and some backroads.
- The toilet block by Twentymans was probably going up for disposal – either to a private concern or demolition. Councillor Markley would update us when he had any more information.
- Councillor Markley read out a Cycle Way update from Joe Broomfield 31.10.2019 – Allerdale Council were waiting for common land consent. This would need a bid of match funding for it to go ahead. The works would hopefully start early next year and would take approximately 6 months to complete. This would include resurfacing the Cycle Path up to Blue Dial.

Councillor AJ Markley then left the meeting.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: None

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Mr Hart had been advised that a hand written minute book and typed minutes were not both necessary. He therefore proposed that in future typed minutes only would be kept on file. He further proposed that in future all agenda and minutes would be sent to Councilors by email, unless they did not have an email address. Councilors present agreed.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

POLICE REPORT: A police incident report had been received. 1 incident of domestic crime was reported.

TOILETS: There was approximately £25,000 worth of repairs which Allerdale had offered to undertake. A tender would be sent out in January with a view to the work being completed before Easter. If there was a possibility that the work would go over budget, some of the work would not be done. With regard to the toilet block by Twentymans, Allerdale would be looking into whether they might dispose of the block privately or demolish it. Councillors present would support an independent ownership of the toilets if the Council decided to sell. Mr Hart had received a report from the solar panel company. The cost would be £4,300.00 which could probably be paid back within 20 years. A 5.6% return seemed a reasonable income to receive from the electricity generated. Mr Hart would be obtaining 3 quotes before putting in a grant application to Robin Rigg. The electricity bills were quite expensive for the block so if it generated enough for the standing charge, it would be worth it. The application to Robin Rigg was due the second week in December.

PLAYGROUND: The new equipment had been fitted and well received. A donation of £2,000 from the Community Forum had been received – thanks were expressed for this. The I.Player had been fixed. The engineer had not been aware that the system needed re-booting when the clocks changed.

SPEEDING CONCERNS: The traffic survey had started today. Amber Sykes would send the information to us after the survey. Councillor Alan Jones asked if the survey could be repeated in the Summer. Councillor Barnard reported that the bus shelters were due to be re-painted in the next week or two.

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE: The Clerk read out a message from Mrs Wingfield regarding this item. She had suggested putting the Parish Council minutes on a FB page if one was created. Although the Councillor's thought that having a FB presence was a good idea, they felt that as the minutes were already on the website that they did not need to be on twice. Two administrators were needed for a FB page and it was suggested that Mrs Wingfield alongside Mr Browes could monitor the page. It was agreed as Mrs Wingfield was not present, that the item should be put on the next agenda.

PARISH PRECEPT – this needed some discussion as last year the Council operated at a loss. Last year it could have done being £11,000.00 There had been an overall increase in costs including grass cutting. Mr Hanley suggested that it should be put up to £12,000.00 which would only be an extra £10.00 per household per annum. As there were members missing it was felt that this should item should be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The submission did not need to be made until January.

CORRESPONDENCE: Various emails from C.A.L.C. had been forwarded to Councillors.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: The Community Forum Chairman Mr Barnard reported that the light switch on was scheduled for December 7th and that the tree had been ordered. The Friends of Allonby Green had been asked for a donation for the stone in the carpark – they had declined. Mr Hanley reported that the disabled access needs marked off again.

PLANNING: None

FINANCE: Account from Andrew Sim - £3,600.00

Invoice for Handyman - £140.00

Clerks salary and expenses were agreed as follows:-

5 hrs @ £9.77 per hour = £48.85

Expenses = £1.93

Total = £50.68

Account from Playdale - £2,523.48

Mr R Hart – reimbursed £79.69 (paid bill from Ellis bros).

Account from United Utilities - £79.69

Account from NPower - £94.61

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Traffic Survey, Parish Precept, Social Media, Monthly or Bi-monthly meetings, Laptop for Clerk.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 17th December at 7.30p.m.