

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th  
SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30pm AT ALLONBY SCHOOL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr G Proud, Mr L Parker, Councillor A J Markley, Councillor J Lister

APOLOGIES: P.C.S.O. Peter Crome

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st August 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: The grass inside the stobs by Toll Bar House has now been cut by ISS.

Village Walk: It was agreed to leave this until next year to fix a date.

Benches: The 3 picnic benches were ordered from Solway Direct Ltd and had to be paid for in advance. A cheque for £1494.00 was sent and the benches have now arrived. Mr A Armstrong said they will start laying the bases next Wednesday.

POLICE REPORT: A report was received from P.C.S.O. Peter Crome. Mr R Hart said he had attended a meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner and it was reported these reports are no good and a better, more up-to-date report should be issued. They will look into this.

PLAYGROUND The new picnic benches will be installed. Mr A Jones reported there is a problem with potholes. Re.the air rider Mr Jones said this is just for young children. Mr R Hart said it is aimed at 8 year olds. It was suggested a notice be put on the fence. Mr Hart will look into this. Some blocks are required and Mr W Bradley agreed to go with a trailer to Armstrongs to collect them.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: Mr R Hart reported Untiled Utilities say the water is on therefore we need to check. Mr A Armstrong said he will open up and let Mr Hart know. An account has been received from N Power for £17.58. We have a contract now but no supply. Mr A Barnard has stated there is no electric supply in the Solway Cycle Hire. Mr R Hart said he will speak to Mr Barnard and it was agreed the account should not be paid yet and it was passed to Mr R Hart. At this point Councillor A J Markley and Councillor J Lister entered the meeting. Mr R Hart asked Councillor Markley if he could check the business rates. Mr G Proud said possibly the stopcock/valve may have been stuck. Councillor Markley said he needs confirmation before he takes the matter of water up.

PROGRESS RE. HANDYMAN: Mr R Hart said he has not been able to contact Simon Ringrose yet but he will try again. Odd jobs in the village have been sorted by Mr L Parker and "Friends of Allonby Green".

Councillor Markley asked do we have plans we need funding for. He can ask if there are any contributions available for us but we need quotes (in excess of £10,000). It was felt the fence needs replacing in the Play Area for the safety of children possibly in re-cycled plastic and we should obtain prices. The fence needs to be measured and Mr A Armstrong agreed to do this. Mr Andrew Sim to be asked for prices both in metal and re-cycled plastic. Councillor Markley said perhaps we could do it in two halves. At this point Councillor J Lister left the meeting.

TELEPHONE KIOSK: Mr R Hart reported the Heartbeat Trust are going to put a defibrillator into the kiosk after doing it up as they own the kiosk. They have been out to look at it. Mr W Bradley said we do have two spare defibrillators.

POSSIBILITY OF A BLUE PLAQUE FOR GLEN COTTAGE: This was the address where Percy Kelly lived. Mr R Hart said there is a meeting in 2-3 weeks time of Coastal Community Fund so we may be able to get some funding. Mr Hart said perhaps we can think of other famous people who have lived in Allonby and form a Heritage Trail. Mr A Jones agreed to find out the cost of a blue plaque.

REPAIR OF CLOCK OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL: Mrs P Jones said this is the Village Hall Committee's responsibility. It was given to them at the Millenium. We could, however, possibly give a contribution to the cost but it is not Parish Council's responsibility. Mr W Bradley said there should be a cover over the clock. It was agreed when we find out the cost we may give a contribution.

ROAD SIGN FOR BREWERY TERRACE: Mr A Jones said there was no road sign showing where Brewery Terrace is. Mr G Proud said signs stopped at Twentyman's shop. Brewery Terrace is an unadopted road therefore C.C.C. is not responsible said Councillor Markley. Mr J Hanley said a sign could be put up on a property but the owners must agreed. It was agreed to send a letter about this to Cumbria Highways.

PARKING PROBLEMS AT WIGTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT SITE: Mr W Bradley said we should apply for double yellow lines because of problems at this narrow section of road. It was said this should be Enforcement of Highway Obstruction. It was agreed to contact A.B.C. Planning Department and Cumbria Highways advising there are concerns re. Accessibility. It needs to be acknowledged as a "Passing Place". Councillor Markley said we can address double yellow lines when the houses are lived in. At this point Councillor Markley left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Talk on investing Parish Funds.
2. C.A.L.C. Circular.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Cyber Crime Training Sessions.
4. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Allerdale 3-tier meeting.
5. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. Developing Skills Event.
6. E-mail from MWLP re. Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015-2033 adoption.
7. Hospice at Home "Contact" magazine.
8. E-mail from Info Cumbria CVS re. Funding Session on 19.10.17.
9. E-mail from Cumbria CVS re. Poverty in Cumbria.

10. E-mail from Cumbria CVS re. Carlisle Funding Fair - passed to Mr R Hart.
11. E-mail from Nicola Bussuttlis - "Growing a Rural Community Survey for Cumbria" - passed to Mr R Hart.
12. Invitation to Silloth Town Council's Civic Service. Reply to be sent that Mr R Hart will attend.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL - Mrs P Jones reported renovation work is now being carried out. As the Over 60s Committee has finished the Village Hall Committee are considering organising a Christmas event at a possible cost of £13.00 each.

PLANNING: Change of use from dwelling to storage building used for Caravan Park-Spring Lea - approved by A.B.C.

Application for kitchen and bathroom extensions, re-roofing and re-building garage - Sanchell - no objections.

Roof over livestock food yard, Brownrigg - approved by A.B.C.

FINANCE: Account from ISS for grass cutting- £346.08 agreed.

Account from Ellis Bros Ltd for paint and brushes - £48.90 agreed.

Account from Community Payback - £180.00 agreed.

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

Pay period 21st August 2017 to 17th September 2017.

9 hours at £8.717 per hour = £78.45

Less Income Tax of £15.60 = £62.85

Reimbursement of expenses

Photocopying - £4.80

Postage -£3.18

Total = £7.98

3 months' telephone expenses

Rental - £26.80

Calls - £9.10

V.A.T. - £7.18

Total = £43.08

Amount payable = £62.85 + £7.98 + £43.08 = £113.91.

Quarterly payment of Income Tax to HMRC - £56.40 agreed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Nothing specific raised.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm at Allonby School.  
Meeting closed at 8.35pm.