

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Logan, Roper and Stockdale.
Borough Councillor: Absent
County Councillor: Cllr A Markley
Public attendance: None
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

The clerk advised that he had received apologies from Borough Cllr Hedworth and Cllr Wallace.
PCSO Nichol hopes to attend the meeting but sends apologies should his work prevent him from doing so.

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.

An on-going dispensation is in force with regard to the Precept.
No further dispensations were requested.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.)

Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12th November 2015 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

3.2.1 Including grass cutting contract

The clerk confirmed that the contractors had been contacted and the contract awarded. He was awaiting confirmation of insurances for the forthcoming season.

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

None present.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

Cllr Logan reported that there were no plans in the near future to bring Superfast Broadband to the Parish.

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It was hoped that the Parish would benefit from phase 2 of the intended programme. The clerk informed Cllrs that boxes had recently been 'switched on' in Kirkbride and Abbeytown which could be of benefit to some households close to the relevant boundaries.

4.2 Footway Lighting - Current situation.

The clerk advised that the 'new' light to the West of the village had still not been connected despite reminders/requests being made to Allerdale BC. It was understood that they were waiting for Electricity North West to complete the work. The clerk said he would continue to ask for the work to be done.

4.3 Newton Arlosh Traffic Survey and related issues.

The clerk advised that he had chased this matter again but had not received a response from Cumbria CC. The additional workload arising from the floods was commented upon by Cllrs as a possible reason.

Cllr Markley arrived.

4.4 Allerdale BC/CALC – Discussion of letters/e-mails concerning Precept/Concurrent Grant and possible action.

The clerk advised that the final Council Tax Base had just been received from Allerdale BC with related figures still to be received. See item 6.1.2.

4.5 North West Ambulance Service - Community Public Access Defibrillators.

The clerk advised that the planning application, see item 8.1.3, was still outstanding and no further documentation had been received from any involved party. – **noted.**

4.6 St John's Church – Letter of thanks for the grant support.

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

4.7 Royal British Legion receipt and thanks for donation.

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

4.8 Newton Arlosh Brownies – Letter of thanks for grant.

The clerk read out the letter which was **noted.**

4.9 Newton Arlosh Community Committee – Letter of thanks for grant.

The clerk read out the letter which was **noted.**

4.10 Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Committee – Letter of thanks for grant.

The clerk read out the letter which was **noted.**

4.11 CALC -Capping, Section 137 limit and Transparency Code.

Parish Councils were not to have their Precepts capped by Central Government this year and the clerk hoped to clarify the new Section 137 limit at the next meeting.

CALC had informed Councils that the website provision they had been offering would not be continued indefinitely. Cllrs discussed possible options and the clerk was instructed to make further enquiries with CALC on the availability of grants. Cllrs would make enquiries locally and the clerk will ensure that the item is on the next agenda. The possibility of the Parish sharing/utilizing the Kirkbride Parish website was raised and the clerk said he would include this in his enquiries.

4.12 The Pensions Regulator – Staging date and required action.

The clerk updated the Council on the current situation and the 'staging date'. He notified Cllrs that PL Gauntlett Accounts, who handle the PAYE, may be willing to advise and act on behalf of the Council. Cllrs thought that this would be a good arrangement and **agreed** to the appointment subject to the charges being reasonable. The clerk said he would notify the cost to the Cllrs for their approval as soon as he was made aware of them, as an initial enquiry had already been made.

4.13 Cumbria CC – Changes to bus routes/timetables services 71 and 93.

The clerk outlined the planned changes which were **noted** with regret.

4.14 Open letter from Cumbria's Health Leaders.

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

4.15 Great North Air Ambulance – appeal for support.

The clerk read out the letter which was **noted without action.**

4.16 Sue Hayman MP – enquiry concerning letters to Parishioners about mineral rights.

The clerk provided details and Cllrs confirmed that they were unaware of any recent letters locally. The situation was **noted.**

4.17 Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter 2015.

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

4.18 Wigton Baths Trust – update and request for funding.

The clerk read out the update which was **noted without action.**

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The Chairman invited County Cllr Markley to give his report at this point.

He commented on the 'massive' damage caused locally by the recent floods. Thankfully in the local area the impact had been relatively light.

The financial position of the County Council was mentioned and he felt it likely that Precepts would rise.

Attention was drawn to the Coastal Communities Fund which he felt may be of benefit to the area.

Cllr Markley left the meeting

5 New business

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

The clerk confirmed that the Playground Inspection was due to take place at the end of January.

5.2 Consideration of the situation concerning the formation of the new Internal Drainage Board.

Cllr Hodgson gave a summary of the current situation concerning the proposed Internal Drainage Board. There had been a recent meeting in Wigton at which possible boundary changes were outlined. The deadline for turning off the pumps had been extended by a further 6 months. A further consultation was expected to follow in the Summer. Cllrs considered that **no action** was necessary.

5.3 Asset register.

Cllrs examined the current document and **agreed** that no changes were required.

5.4 Pension update – discussion and possible action.

See item 4.12.

5.5 CALC – New Audit Regulations – discussion and possible action.

The clerk outlined the new Audit arrangements which were coming into force shortly. Whilst full details of this complex piece of legislation were not yet available the Council did have the option of opting out of the arrangement which was being set up nationally by the Sector Led Body. This would then require the Council to appoint its own external Auditor.

Cllrs, noting the deadline, **agreed** that they did not wish to opt out of the national arrangement.

5.6 Recent Flooding – any issues arising.

The clerk reminded Cllrs of the many e-mails he had forwarded to them since the floods. Cllrs were pleased to **note** that the local impact had been relatively minor.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th November and possibly 31st December 2015 (available at the meeting) – **approved**.

6.1.2 **Budget for 2016/17: see prepared sheet**

& therefore precept request to Allerdale BC for 2016/17

The clerk confirmed that the Precept request had been sent and received by Allerdale BC. - **noted**

The clerk confirmed that the Precept requirement for the next financial year had been delivered to, and received by Allerdale BC. The Council had not yet been notified of the of the final figure Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant by Allerdale BC. This should be finalised by the next meeting and the clerk would provide a budget with this definitive figure included.

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1 Clerk: salary **£289.71 – approved**.

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone £4.00 broadband £10.66, postage etc. £1.63, mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £5.76, share of SLCC membership £27.28, computer maintenance and software upgrade £61.00 Total **£110.33 – approved**.

6.2.3 Allerdale BC fee for playground inspection **£56.00 + VAT** (when received).

The was **approved** as the clerk will notify Cllrs if there was any amendment to the anticipated amount.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

No further matters were raised.

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8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 – 2/15/9015 Section 73 application to vary conditions to allow revised site layout and design, land between Lowther Farm and Kirkbride Industrial Estate, Kirkbride.

8.1.2 – 2/2015/0470 Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings etc. West Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr J Atkinson).

8.1.3 – PB/2015/0039 – Removal of telephone and replacement of defibrillator phone box, adjacent to village hall, Newton Arlosh. The above were **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 – 2/2015/0497 Part Field 7800 Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster) – permission granted.

8.2.2 – 2/2015/0674 – Two storey extension to provide ensuite bedroom at ground level and ensuite at first floor level, Ashcroft, Newton Arlosh. (Mr and Mrs Rex Strong) – permission granted.

8.2.3 – 2.2014/0754 Appeal - Outline application for the erection of dwellings, Land to Rear of Dovedale, Newton Arlosh. (Mr S.Parry). -appeal dismissed by inspector.

8.2.4 – 2/2015/0496 Part Field 7800 Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster). – full plans refused.

8.2.5 - 2/2014/0293 - Wind turbine Dundraw Farm, Wigton (Mr DJ Harrison) – full plans refused.

The above were **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 – 2/2015/0737 Extension to ground floor facility to provide first floor bedroom and ground floor lounge area, Aspen House, Newton Arlosh.(Mrs J Tuck).

The clerk confirmed that no objections had been raised. – **noted**.

8.3.2 – 2/2015/0674 – Two storey extension to provide ensuite bedroom at ground level and ensuite at first floor level, Ashcroft, Newton Arlosh. (Mr and Mrs Rex Strong)

The clerk confirmed that no objections had been raised. – **noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Cumbria County Council consultation Draft Budget Proposals 2016/17.

– **noted without comment**.

9.1.2 Allerdale BC budget consultation 2016/17

– **noted without comment**.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for December.

9.2.2 Triple TTT – product/services information.

9.2.3 NUGEN - Site characterisation work commences.

9.2.4 Health and Safety at Work January 2016 edition.

The above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

Cllr Logan raised the issue of dog fouling which seemed to be an increasing problem. Cllr Hodgson said he would raise this with the Authority.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

The report had been given earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

Information was given concerning the Garden Party to be hosted by the Queen in May to which Cllrs could nominate a member to attend.

A planning consultation concerning Plot 1 at the Oaks in Newton Arlosh had been received and would need to be handled under Standing Order.

10.5 Police report

The clerk read out the Police report in the absence of PCSP Nichol.

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11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.00p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were **noted**.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.