

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Logan, Roper, Stockdale and Wallace
Borough Councillor: A.Hedworth
County Councillor: A. Markley
Public attendance: Mr J Orr
Clerk: M Abbs

Vice Chairman Bell was in the Chair.

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllr Hodgson had notified Cllr Bell that he would be late for the meeting and asked her to Chair the meeting until his arrival. PCSO P Nichol had sent apologies.

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 additional dispensation requests were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Declarations of interest were made in respect of the following items:

Cllrs Bell, Roper and Hodgson 9.1.3

Cllr Hodgson 8.3.2

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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2015. (previously circulated) – **approved and signed.**

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3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk confirmed that the Election related documentation he had received from the Cllrs had been delivered to the Allerdale BC.

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

The Chairman invited Mr Anthony Orr to speak.

He informed the meeting that he was the Chairman of the John James Orr Memorial Trust.

The trust exists to promote youth participation in sport and would welcome applications for funds to be used for this purpose.

County Cllr Markley explained that the County Council was required to save an additional £55 million. A sum which would inevitably have an impact on 'front line' services.

Cllr Logan raised the issue of the lack of progress concerning Newton Arlosh traffic survey (see item 5.3).

Cllr Markley asked the clerk to supply him all the relevant details and he would investigate.

Cllr Roper raised the issue of the weight restriction on Lessonhall Bridge. She has concerns about the large vehicles using the bridge and possible resultant damage. Cllr Markley said he would investigate.

Borough Cllr Hedworth reported that he was increasing his contact and knowledge of Allerdale BC and hoped to be able to have more input into future meetings. He provided some information on the proposal for a Tidal Lagoon and the proposed Internal Drainage Board.

Cllr Bell thanked them all for their contributions and Cllr Hodgson took the Chair having just arrived.

Mr Orr, Cllr Hedworth and Cllr Markley left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 AON – confirmation of Insurance Renewal.

The clerk confirmed that written confirmation of renewal had been received. –**noted.**

4.2 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

The clerk advised that there were no significant developments to report. – **noted.**

4.3 Footway Lighting - Current situation.

The clerk advised that he had made enquiries with Allerdale BC as to when the new street light would be connected and working. Allerdale had advised that they were pursuing this matter on a regular basis with Electricity North West (ENW). – **noted.** Cllr Logan reported that he had attended the recent 'three tier meeting' where the uncertain ownership of some street lights was raised.

4.4 Letter from parishioner concerning road at West End of village. See also item 7.2.

The clerk provided details of the letter sent by Mr Brookes-Tee and advised that the matter raised was being investigated by the County Council. - **noted.**

4.5 NALC Chairman – post-election letter from the Chairman.

The clerk provided details of the letter which was **noted.**

4.6 Office for Nuclear Development - Independent Review of National Geological Screening.

The clerk outlined the latest e-mails which were **noted.**

4.7 Allerdale BC – Affordable Housing Project.

The clerk outlined the situation which was **noted.**

4.8 Allerdale BC – Request for information on the effect of recent bus cuts on access to town centres.

The clerk outlined the request from the Authority. Following discussion the clerk was instructed to raise their concern that people were now unable to get to seek work in the towns and cities if they were unable to drive due to the lack of suitable provision times and connections.

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4.9 Countrywide Ground Maintenance – request to tender for grounds maintenance work.

The clerk provided details of the request which was **noted**. The clerk was instructed to bring this to the attention of the Council again when the grass cutting procedure was considered at a future meeting.

4.10 Office for Nuclear Development - Implementing geological disposal: A call for evidence on working with communities.

Handled under item 4.6.

5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation.

Cllr Logan confirmed that there were no urgent matters requiring attention. Cllr Hodgson updated Cllrs on the current situation concerning the on-going improvements/maintenance. Additional bark was now available for collection and would be installed shortly. The last cut of grass before the Carnival had left the ground looking untidy and Cllrs recorded their thanks to Mr A Long for collecting the cuttings at short notice. Some additional weeding had taken place and the Council was exploring supplementary padding to be applied around some of the posts. Possible improvements to the bases under the swings was being explored.

5.2 Consideration of notice board replacement.

Cllrs **agreed** that the existing board was currently fit for purpose.

5.3 Newton Arlosh Traffic Survey Results.

The issue had been raised earlier in the meeting with Cllr Markley (3.3) before he departed and the clerk assured Cllrs he would keep them updated of any developments. – **noted**.

5.4 BDO Audit documents and examination of any matters arising.

The clerk confirmed that the External Audit, including the requested additional information, had been successfully completed without any issues being raised by the Auditor. Due to the size of the Council's Precept there was no charge for the Audit.

5.5 Community Access Defibrillators.

The clerk advised that there had been no further information to report from Allerdale BC concerning the possible conversion of the phone box. More correspondence was anticipated. – **noted**.

5.6 Re-cycling facilities update including Allerdale correspondence.

Cllr Hodgson updated Cllrs on the lack of progress on the introduction of the 'Purple Bag Scheme' to the village. Cllr Wallace advised that bins would be re-instated at the pub but would only be for trade use.

5.7 Audit and Transparency Regime – new requirements and options.

The clerk updated Cllrs and the option to use CALC was **agreed**. The clerk was asked to finalise a detailed proposal for consideration at the September meeting.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve accounts** to 31st May 2015 – **approved**.

6.1.2 **To approve accounts** to 30th June 2015 (available at meeting). – **approved**.

6.1.3 HMRC VAT repayment **£546.40** – **approved**.

6.1.4 **The acceptance and approval** of the BDO Audit Annual return.

The completed audit return was presented to the Council by the clerk and was **approved and accepted**.

6.1.5 **To review and approve** the asset register.

The register was reviewed and **approved**.

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6.2 To approve the following payments

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

6.2.2 - Expenses: stationary + postage £4.40, tel £4, broadband £10.66 = £19.06, car mileage 27.6 miles at 36p/mile = £9.96 **Total £29.02 – approved.**

6.2.3 – Chairman’s Allowance **£30.00 – approved.**

6.2.4 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance (£ 111.48+ £22.30 VAT) **£133.78 – approved.**

Invoices for later cuts may be brought to the meeting.

6.2.5 Bowness on Solway PC – Consumables **£32.89 – approved.**

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

The lack of road sweeping in the village was commented upon and the clerk confirmed that he had requested this to be done. – **noted.**

7.2 Update on any developments concerning the road at the West End of the village.

See earlier item 4.4

Cllrs agreed to continue in order to complete the agenda.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 - 2/2015/0205 Erection of cattle shelter, Solway View Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster) – permission granted.- **noted.**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 – 2/2015/0160 Erection of dwelling, Watch Hill Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr A Long)

Opportunity to speak at the Development Panel.

The clerk confirmed that no representations had been made. – **noted.**

8.3.2 - 2/2014/0293 Wind turbine Dundraw Farm, Wigton (Mr DJ Harrison)

Opportunity to send written representations to the appeal.

The clerk confirmed that no representations had been made. – **noted.**

8.3.3 – PB/2015/0039 – Removal of telephone and replacement of defibrillator phone box, adjacent to village hall Newton Arlosh.

The clerk confirmed that no representations had been made. – **noted.**

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted.**

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9.1 Documents received for comment

9.1.1 Allerdale BC: Site Allocations – Public Open Space / Amenity Space.

Cllrs reviewed the supplied documentation and **agreed** that no changes to the current situation are required. The Council would not like to lose any of the current amenity space in the Parish. The clerk was instructed to respond accordingly.

9.1.2 Allerdale BC – Consultation on market provision.

The clerk briefed the Council and the situation was **noted without action**.

9.1.3 NFU/Environment Agency – Internal Drainage Board Consultation.

Cllrs Bell, Hodgson and Roper left the meeting for the following item.

Following examination of documentation and a briefing by the clerk of a recent meeting hosted by the NFU at Newton Arlosh, Cllrs **agreed** that the Council is generally in favour of the setting up of the Internal Drainage Board.

Cllrs Bell, Hodgson and Roper re-joined the meeting.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circulars.

9.2.2 Realise Futures ECO Furniture product information.

9.2.3 Glasdon product information.

9.2.4 CALC – Three tier meeting agenda.

9.2.5 Tracks of the Iron Masters Launch

9.2.6 Canvassers recruitment information for the new Register of Electors.

9.2.7 NUGEN – Moorside Project information events.

All the above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No additional matters were raised.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Report given earlier.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor

Report given earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk too late for the agenda.

The clerk gave details of the recent announcement concerning the North West Coastal Connection Project. – noted.

10.5 Police report

The clerk gave the report.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

10th September 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

12th November 2015 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48p.m.