

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Logan, Stockdale and Wallace
Borough Councillor: Cllr Hedworth
County Councillor: Absent
Public attendance: None
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllr Roper had sent her apologies to the clerk with her recent illness being accepted as a fair reason for absence.

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 requests for a dispensation were made.

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.

Cllrs Bell, Wallace and Stockdale declared interests in respect of item 6.2.4

Cllr Hodgson had previously declared an interest in item 8.3.1.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2015 –**approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were raised.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk explained that the printer he uses had required some attention and may require replacement in the near future.

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

Cllr Hedworth reported that there were no significant matters to bring to the attention of Cllrs.

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4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

The clerk advised that there were no significant developments to report though work was continuing sporadically in nearby parishes.

4.2 Footway Lighting - Current situation.

The clerk advised that following an enquiry from a parishioner he had contacted Allerdale BC to find out why the street light installed during the Summer was still awaiting connection. To date he had not received a reply.

4.3 Nuclear Waste Repository correspondence and Issues including CALC reports and related meetings.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the latest information and advised that there had not been any major developments. – **noted.**

4.4 Silloth on Solway Town Council – Invitation to the Annual Civic Service.

The clerk and Chairman advised that an invitation had been received but the Chairman had been unable to attend. – **noted.**

4.5 Newton Arlosh Traffic Survey latest and issues related to speeding vehicles.

The clerk advised that he had now been in touch with a senior officer at the County Council in an attempt to make some progress on this long outstanding matter. An initial acknowledgement had been received but nothing further. The clerk was **instructed** to keep actively pursuing the matter.

4.6 NFU – Update on the Proposed Water Level Management Board for the Waver.

The clerk read out the latest update from the NFU which was supplemented by information provided by Cllr Hodgson.

It was anticipated that there may be further developments in the New Year and in the meantime the pump would not now be turned off until 30th June 2016. – **noted.**

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting – review of tenders and appointment of a contractor for the 2016 season.

The discussion began with consideration of the three submitted tenders for grass cutting. The tender from Colvilles Grounds Maintenance was unanimously **accepted** with the clerk being instructed to request an increased number of cuts next season when awarding the contract. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the contractors.

5.2 Poppy Appeal – possible donation to Royal British Legion.

A donation of £40 was **agreed** in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The expenditure, in the opinion of the council, being in the interest of the area and its inhabitants.

5.3 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation. Possible decision on any required action.

Confirmation of playground inspection booking and examination of report if received.

The clerk confirmed that the inspection had been booked but that to date no report had been received. – **noted.**

5.4 Re-cycling facilities in the Parish.

Cllr Hodgson update Cllrs on the current situation. – **noted.**

5.5 Defibrillator – consideration of provision situation and donation offer from Mr M.Fairish.

The clerk reminded Cllrs of the details which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He pointed out that he was not aware of Allerdale BC having made a decision on the outstanding planning application – see 8.1.2. The information supplied by the NWAS raised many questions which would require satisfactory answers before a decision to become involved could be taken. Cllrs **agreed** that at this stage, when the situation lacked clarity, it would be inappropriate to accept the donation from Mr Fairish.

5.6 Transparency Code and Audit arrangements update and discussion of any required action.

The clerk confirmed that significant progress was being made by using the facility provided by CALC in order to comply with the new legislation. – **noted.**

Cllr Hedworth left the meeting.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

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

6.1.2 Update on situation concerning amendment of cheque signatories and possible decision on any required action.

The clerk and Cllr Bell updated Cllrs on the situation and her visit to the Cumberland Building Society with the new mandate. She had been surprised to learn that former Cllr Mr J Graham was still recorded as being a signatory and confirmed to the Society that he should be removed as she believed that this had been authorised some time ago. Cllrs confirmed their wish to see Cllr Bell added to the signatories and to have Mr Graham removed if this was still necessary. The clerk was asked to confirm with the Building Society that this action had been taken.

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6.1.3 Budget for 2016/17: see prepared sheet & therefore precept request to Allerdale BC for 2016/17

The clerk explained the latest situation relating to the setting of the Precept and reminded Cllrs of their current financial position. Members then considered the estimates for the rest of this year, and at the same time considered the grants usually paid to parish organisations. The need to keep the Council in a sound financial position was a major consideration in the discussions. Together with the anticipated expenditure for 2016/17 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved and it was agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2016/17 should be maintained at £6500. It was noted that the council may receive further additional support from the Council Tax Reduction Scheme from Allerdale Borough Council. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Allerdale District Council.

6.2 To approve the following payments

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

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: stationery & postage £9.88, phone £4.00 broadband £10.66, mileage 26 miles at 36p /mile £9.36
Total **£33.90 – approved.**

6.2.3 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance for grass cutting (£167.22 + £33.45 VAT) **£200.67 – approved.**

6.2.4 Grants to village organisations including
Newton Arlosh Brownies, Newton Arlosh P.C.C.,
Newton Arlosh Community Committee and Newton Arlosh Parish Hall

The following grants were **agreed.**

Cllrs Bell and Wallace left the meeting for the following organisation(s),
Newton Arlosh Brownies **£100**

Cllr Bell and Cllr Wallace re-joined the meeting.

A donation of **£200** to Newton Arlosh Parochial Church Council was agreed in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The expenditure, in the opinion of the council, being in the interest of the area and its inhabitants.

Cllr Stockdale left the meeting for the following organisation.

N.A. Parish Hall **£150.**

Cllr Stockdale re-joined the meeting.

N.A. Community Committee **£150**

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

No matters were raised.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 - 2/2014/0293 - Wind turbine Dundraw Farm, Wigton (Mr DJ Harrison)

8.1.2 – 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 – 2/2015/0160 -Erection of dwelling, Watch Hill Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr A Long) – outline approval granted. – **noted.**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 – 2.2014/0754 Appeal - Outline application for the erection of dwellings, Land to Rear of Dovedale, Newton Arlosh. (Mr S.Parry).

Cllr Hodgson had previously declared an interest in this application.

The clerk reported that he had been in contact with Allerdale BC and the officer is very aware that the area includes some of the 'Public Open Space / Amenity Space'. On this basis it was decided, in consultation with the Vice Chairman, that no additional submission to the appeal was necessary. – **noted.**

8.3.2 Allerdale BC - Conservation Areas, Supplementary Planning Document.

The clerk advised that no comments had been submitted. – **noted.**

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8.3.3 - Cumbria CC - The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2014-2029
Regulation 18 Supplementary Sites Consultation.

- the clerk advised that no comments had been submitted. – **noted.**

8.3.4 – 2/2015/0496 and 2/2015/0497 Part Field 7800 Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster)

The clerk advised that there had been no objections to the amended plans and that the Authority had been notified. – **noted.**

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted.**

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Cumbria CC - Budget Consultation.

No comments were passed and the clerk confirmed that the full documentation was viewable online. – **noted.**

9.1.2 Cumbria CC – Health and Wellbeing Consultation.

No comments were passed but the opportunity to do so was **noted.**

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November.

9.2.2 SLCC Notice of Annual Meeting.

9.2.3 Cumbria CVS AGM in Barrow details.

9.2.4 Allerdale Team Cumbria CC - Funding availability for Rugby League Development.

9.2.5 Allerdale Team Cumbria CC – Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

9.2.6 Vodafone – programme to support better phone coverage.

9.2.7 Wicksteed Playground Gym Information.

9.2.8 CALC Annual Report.

All the above were **noted.**

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No additional matters were reported.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

The report had been given earlier.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Not present.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

The clerk advised that a new planning consultation had just been received and would need to be handled under the Standing Order procedure: 2/2015/0674 Proposal: Two storey extension, Ashcroft, Ash Tree Barn, Newton Arlosh
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Rex Strong

10.5 Police report

The clerk read the report. – **noted.**

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30p.m. In Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were noted and the Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.