

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Logan, Roper, 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.

The clerk advised that apologies had been received from PCSO P Nichol and County Cllr Markley.

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 dispensations 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

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2016 - **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 change of e-mail address to clerk@gomphus.co.uk for the Council/clerk was explained. – **noted.**

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

No members of the public were present but Borough Cllr Hedworth gave his report.

There were no major issues to report but mention was made of the consultation concerning the new proposed powerline in the lakes which it was felt would have no impact locally. The Boundary review (see item 4.5) was highlighted along with the forthcoming meeting concerning the proposed Internal Drainage Board.

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4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

The clerk provided details of the meeting he had attended at Cockermouth organised by Mrs Sue Hayman MP and attended by senior British Telecom staff. It was reported that it was hoped Newton Arlosh would soon have access to Superfast Broadband possibly as early as Spring 2017. **noted.**

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

The invitation which could not be accepted was – **noted.**

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

The survey was still awaited but enquiries and requests had been made again of the County Council and the Police. If the Police were able to install a device Cllrs **agreed** a desirable location.

The clerk would keep Cllrs informed. – **noted.**

4.4 Letter from Mr Orr concerning traffic with unsafe loads.

The letter from Mr Orr had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Cllr Hodgson upon seeing it had made contact with Mr Orr to obtain details and admitted that it could have been his trailer which was the subject of the letter. He had apologised to Mr Orr and would take additional care in future. Cllrs **agreed** that no further action was necessary.

4.5 Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Allerdale Warding arrangements.

The clerk provided details which were **noted without action.**

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting – review of tenders and appointment of a contractor for the 2017 season.

The discussion began with consideration of the two 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, especially in periods when the grass grows quickly, 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. Update on authorised repair. Possible decision on any required action.

Cllr Wallace confirmed that the Playground was being inspected on a weekly basis. It was reported that Mr Holyoak was currently carrying out the authorised work and his progress would be monitored. The clerk confirmed that no invoice had been received but would circulate it for approval before any payment would be made.

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

The clerk confirmed that progress was going well on the website and it should be operative soon. Training on updating it would be required and he would liaise with the designer and Cllr Bell concerning this.

5.5 Notice board – consideration of replacement.

Following discussion it was **agreed** that a new board was desirable. Enquiries would be made and the item discussed again at the January meeting.

5.6 Great North Air Ambulance – request for grant support.

The clerk provided details which were **noted without action.**

Cllr Hedworth left the meeting.

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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 Confirmation of receipt of second Precept payment from Allerdale BC (£3250 + CTRS £24.91) **£3274.91** – noted.
6.1.3 **Budget for 2017/18: see prepared sheet**
& therefore **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2017/18**

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 2017/18 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved and it was agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2017/18 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 **£300.30 -approved.**
6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: stationery & postage £6.23, phone £4.00 broadband £10.66, mileage 36 miles at 36p /mile £12.96
Total **£33.85 – approved.**
6.2.3 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance for grass cutting (£167.22 + £33.45 VAT) **£200.67**
Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting.
The clerk confirmed that additional invoices had been received which should conclude payments for this season. A payment of **£267.56 was 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 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 and Cllr Bell re-joined the meeting.
The current status of the Newton Arlosh Community Committee was unknown so no grant was awarded.
6.2.5 Bowness on Solway PC – share of consumables **£16.51 -approved.**

7 Highways

- 7.1 Highways steward
No additional issues were raised.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

- 8.1.1 – 2/2015/0470 Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings etc. West Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr J Atkinson). – **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

None – noted.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

- 8.3.1 – HOU/2016/0028 Two storey extension etc., 2 Sunny Bank, Newton Arlosh. (Ms Carrie Taylor)
The clerk confirmed that no objections had been raised and the Authority advised. – **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 Cumbria CC - Budget Consultation.

The clerk advised that the consultation had not yet been launched. – **noted.**

9.1.2 West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime – Health care consultation.

-**noted without comment.**

9.1.3 Natural England – Potential Solway Firth Special Protection Area (pSPA).

-**noted without comment.**

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November and Annual Report.

9.2.2 Greenfingers Product/Service information.

9.2.3 Cumbria CC -Community Grants Information.

9.2.4 Allerdale BC – Information concerning leaf fall clearance.

All the above were **noted.**

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

Cllrs discussed the possibility that there was some illegal signage in the Parish.

The clerk asked for further details to be supplied and he would include the item, if necessary, on a future agenda.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

The report was given earlier.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Absent.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

No matters were raised.

10.5 Police report

The clerk gave the report.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.