

Holme East Waver Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Logan, Roper, and Stockdale
County Councillor: A Markley
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.

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.

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 and Stockdale declared interests in respect of item 6.2.6

Cllr Hodgson declared an interest in respect of item 5.3

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th September 2017 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

Appropriate actions would be reported later in the Agenda.

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

County Cllr Markley was invited to give his report by the Chairman.

He advised that Ofsted was currently checking the Children's Services provision of the County Council.

Highways improvements across Cumbria were being discussed and considered. The condition of the roads in the Saltcotes area had been raised with Highways officials. The clerk advised that he had also raised the matter and had received a response. The Sea Fisheries vessel was currently being re-furbished and when complete would be able to fulfil its role some distance away from the coast.

The proposed Internal Drainage Board was still active but there was no significant news to report.

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Cllr Markley was thanked, and he left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

Cllr Logan and the clerk confirmed that the Broadband box in the centre of the village was now live. Comment was made that there were not yet any stickers to indicate this. - **noted**.

4.2 United Utilities – Raby Cote Outfall Pipeline Project.

The current planning stage for the pipeline was outlined by the clerk and **noted**.

4.3 Cumbria Constabulary – Letter concerning Police engagement with Parish Councils.

The clerk updated Cllrs and the information was **noted without action**.

4.4 Great North Air Ambulance – request for grant support.

The clerk provided details of the request which was **noted without action**.

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting – review of tenders and appointment of a contractor for the 2018 season.

The discussion began with consideration of the submitted tenders for grass cutting. The tender from Colvilles Grounds Maintenance was unanimously **accepted**. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the contractors.

5.2 Poppy Appeal – possible donation to Royal British Legion.

A donation of £50 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 including consideration of the hedge cutting quotations.

The playground had been inspected and there were not considered to be any urgent matters requiring attention.

Cllr Hodgson left the meeting at this point and Cllr Bell took the Chair.

Three quotations had been obtained for remedial work to the hedges. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that J Harrison (Kirkbride) Ltd should be contracted to do the work to the agreed specification. Neighbouring landowners had been consulted and the clerk was asked to work with Cllr Hodgson if necessary to finalise any details.

Cllr Hodgson re-joined the meeting.

5.4 Notice board – update on replacement.

The notice board had just been delivered to Cllr Bell. It was inspected and found to be in good order. Arrangements were made for its installation.

5.5 Councillor Vacancy – update on procedure to advertise and replace.

The clerk confirmed that the appropriate vacancy notice had been posted locally and online. A copy had been sent to Allerdale BC who had not yet confirmed if an Election would be required. The clerk said he would seek clarification on this from the Authority. – **noted**.

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 2018/19: **see prepared sheet**

& therefore, **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2018/19**

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 2018/19 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was **approved** and it was **agreed** unanimously that the precept request for 2018/19 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.

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6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£317.50 – approved.**

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £13.25, postage etc. £5.22, mileage 32 miles at 36p /mile £11.52 Total **£29.99 – approved.**

6.2.3 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance for grass cutting (£55.74 + £11.15 VAT) **£66.89 – approved.**

Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting.

6.2.4- KCEC: website usage **£30. – approved.**

6.2.5 – Noticeboards Online Ltd – Varicase Noticeboard (£239.20 VAT) **£1435.20 approved.**

6.2.6 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**.

Cllr Bell played no part in decisions for the following organisation(s),

Newton Arlosh Brownies **£100**

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 and Cllr Bell played no part in the decision for the following organisation.

N.A. Parish Hall **£150**.

A grant application for an additional defibrillator from the Newton Arlosh Community Committee was discussed but no grant was awarded as the current financial position of the group was unknown. The clerk was **instructed** to make additional enquiries to obtain up to date accounts from the group.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Including consideration of Saltcotes roads issues.

Cllr Markley had updated Cllrs on the Saltcotes roads situation when giving his report and it was **agreed** that no further action was required at this point. Cllr Logan confirmed that a number of potholes had been reported. – **noted**.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 – 2/2017/0268 The conversion of an existing set of barns, currently used as storage for the residential dwelling, into a dwelling, White Hill Saltcoats, Kirkbride. (Mr James Howe & Rev. Ann Thompson). – permission granted.

8.2.2 – 2/2015/0470 Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings etc, West Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr J Atkinson). – permission granted.

8.2.3 – 2/2017/0373 Extension to existing building to accommodate horses (Retrospective), Pear Tree House, Newton Arlosh. (Mrs Christine Hodgson) – permission granted.

The above were **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 – 2/2015/0470 Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings etc. West Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr J Atkinson).

Consultation and Opportunity and speak at the development panel.

The clerk confirmed that the opportunity to speak at the panel was not taken up. – **noted**.

8.3.2 - 2/2017/0490 The erection of a steel portal framed building to cover existing muck midden and silage pit

Location: Sleighholme Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr Arthur Hewson)

The clerk advised that there were no objections to this application and the Authority had been notified accordingly. – **noted**.

8.3.3 - 2/2017/0489 The erection of a steel portal framed building to cover existing silage pit.

Location: Sleighholme Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr Arthur Hewson)

The clerk advised that there were no objections to this application and the Authority had been notified accordingly. – **noted**.

8.3.4 – 2/2017/0512 Two no 2 storey 3 bed semi - detached dwellings.

Location: Plot 5 Part Field 7800, Newton Arlosh.(Mr M Ruddick)

The clerk advised that there were no objections to this application and the Authority had been notified accordingly. – **noted**.

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8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Parliamentary Boundary Commission – Consultation on Boundaries in the North West.

The consultation was **noted without action**.

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 CALC AGM 18th November 2017 at Carlisle Racecourse.

9.2.3 Centric Office Supplies catalogue.

9.2.4 Wicksteed Playgrounds Information.

The above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No matters were raised.

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.

No matters were raised.

10.5 Police report

The clerk advised that there were no crimes to report. The message from the Police had been forwarded previously to the Cllrs.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall**

11.2 Future date: Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall

The dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.