

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Roper and Stockdale.
Borough Councillor: Absent
County Councillor: Cllr A Markley
Public attendance: Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Minns
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

The chairman notified the meeting of apologies from Borough Cllr Hedworth and the clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Bell. Cllr Bell's medical reason was accepted as 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.

No requests were made.
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.

No declarations were made.

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 11th January 2018 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk explained the legally required actions he had taken with regard to the two current vacancies caused by the resignations of Mrs Wallace and Mr Logan. Cllrs and Allerdale Borough Council had been made aware of Mr Logan's resignation when it occurred since the January meeting.

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

Mrs Whitaker explained that her attendance was related to the appeal for assistance towards the defibrillator at Moss Side.

She answered questions from Cllrs and updated them on the current situation concerning fundraising. Mrs Whitaker explained that she was not looking for a specific sum of money but would welcome a grant/donation from the Council.

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Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Minns commented on the very wet condition of the playground which Mrs Minns advised was unusable by her grand-daughter. Cllrs said they would investigate the problem.

Answers were given by Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Minns concerning attendance at the Christmas party to questions raised by Cllr Roper.

The Chairman answered questions concerning the Annual Parish Meeting and stressed that it was publicised as legally required and that all were welcome to attend.

The clerk answered a question concerning the new notice board.

Cllr Markley commenced his report by commenting on the publicity concerning his non-payment of Council Tax. He advised that he had not received paperwork and that the matter had been resolved as soon as he was advised of a problem. He advised on the recent decisions taken by the County Council concerning Council Tax for 2018-19

He then commented on the recent severe weather and recorded his thanks to the County Council workers who had worked hard to alleviate the situation. Updates were given concerning a number of local road repair/improvement schemes.

Cllr Markley had become a member of the 'Northern Powerhouse' and intended to campaign for Cumbria and hoped that some additional funding would result.

He responded to a question from the public concerning 'purple bags' and advised that there were no imminent plans to introduce them to the Parish. He closed by commenting that he thought the issue of the 'nuclear dump' was likely to be raised again soon by the Government.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Beaty & Co Solicitors – Enquiry concerning track ownership in Newton Arlosh.

The clerk and the Chairman provided details of the response that had been sent to the solicitor. The matter having been handled under the Standing Order procedure. – **noted**.

4.2 Allerdale BC – Community Governance Review Process.

The clerk explained the background to the correspondence and Cllrs **agreed** that they did not need to request a review.

County Cllr Markley gave apologies and left the meeting

5 New business

5.1 Consideration of applications for the the Councillor vacancies and possible appointments.

The clerk confirmed the current situation concerning the vacancies and confirmed that there were currently three applicants.

The clerk had previously circulated the letters of application from the candidates. Following consideration and discussion, it was **agreed** with the required majority that Mr John Graham be co-opted to the Council. The clerk was instructed to inform Mr Graham and arrange for the completion of the legally required paperwork at or before the next meeting.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs Logan could not yet be legally filled and Cllrs had expressed a wish to use the time available to meet the remaining two candidates prior to the May meeting. The clerk said he would arrange this when he received the required confirmation that an election would not be required from Allerdale BC.

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

Concern from resident about the wet condition of the ground. Possible bench purchase.

Hedge trimming - any news of planned work. Consideration of the Inspection Report if received in time.

Cllrs discussed the wet condition of the ground and **agreed** to re-appraise the situation again when the weather improves. The Chairman believed that the wet conditions had prevented the hedge being cut but would monitor the situation. The purchase of a new bench/picnic table was deferred pending further enquiries. The clerk advised that he had received confirmation that the annual inspection would be carried out soon. – **noted**.

5.3 Parish Council Auditor.

The clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made with the internal auditor but that no papers/communication had yet been received from the new External Auditor. He had confirmed with CALC that this was the situation with other Cumbrian Councils. – **noted**.

5.4 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllrs **confirmed** that the same arrangements used last year should be implemented. The clerk said he would arrange this.

5.5 Wigton Baths newsletter and request for support.

The clerk informed the Cllrs of the newsletter which was **noted without action**.

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5.6 Newton Arlosh Community Committee – request for grant assistance towards defibrillator at ‘Moss Side’.

The clerk had circulated papers prior to the meeting and following discussion Cllrs **agreed** to grant £500 to be used towards the purchase and installation of the defibrillator.

5.7 United Utilities – consideration of the situation concerning the Raby Cote Outfall Pipeline.

The clerk confirmed that the planned presentation had been postponed and would hopefully be given at the May meeting. – **noted**.

5.8 Consideration of feedback on the new noticeboard.

Cllr Stockdale reported that she had received reports from Parishioners that the noticeboard was difficult to open. Cllr Hodgson said he would **investigate this**.

5.9 Use of Parish Magazine by the Parish Council to provide information.

Cllrs discussed the usage of the magazine and **agreed** that it may be possible to utilise it to greater effect to advertise meetings.

The clerk reminded Cllrs that the dates for the forthcoming year would be set at the May meeting and in the meantime the Annual Parish Meeting would be publicised in the magazine. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31st January and possibly 28th February (available at the meeting) – **approved**.

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. £17.22, mileage 32miles at 36p /mile £11.52, Total **£41.99 – approved**.

6.2.3 Allerdale BC fee for playground inspection £56.00 + £11.20 VAT = **£67.20**

The clerk advised that the invoice had not yet been received. – **noted**.

6.2.4 Information Commissioner: by direct debit **£35.00 - approved**.

6.2.5 Chairman’s Expenses (second payment) **£30.00 – approved**.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

The clerk invited comments on documentation supplied by Cllr Markley and Cllr Hodgson provided additional information. – **noted without action**.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC and Cumbria CC.

8.2.1 – 2/2017/0566 Application for a new dwelling (resubmission of application 2/2016/0746 Plot 6 Fellside House, Part Field 7800, Newton Arlosh). – permission granted. – **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

None – **noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

None – **noted**.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circulars for February and March.

9.2.2 CALC – Allerdale Borough Council forthcoming three tier meeting.

9.2.3 HAGS – Playground Information.

All the above were noted.

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10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No additional 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.

The clerk had no further information.

10.5 Police report

The clerk reported that there had no offences in the area and gave details of a questionnaire he had received from PCSO Nichol. He would respond to this in conjunction with the Chairman.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting on **Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.00p.m** in **Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.30p.m.** in **Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07p.m.