

Holme East Waver Parish Council

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

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Graham, Roper, Thompson and Stockdale
County Councillor: A Markley
Public attendance: None
Clerk: M Abbs

Cllr Hodgson opened the meeting then paid tribute to former County Councillor Fairbairn who had died recently. This was followed by a minutes' silence in his memory.

County Cllr Markley arrived.

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

The clerk passed on apologies from Cllr Bell. The illness related cause was accepted as a fair reason.

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 for dispensations had been received ahead of the meeting or made at the meeting.

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.

Cllrs Graham, Thompson and Stockdale declared an interest with regard to item 6.2.4 - the Parish Hall.

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 13th September 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 confirmed that the actions requested at the September meeting had been carried out including the letter to the parishioner concerning the hedge cuttings being left on the road.

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

None
County Cllr Markley was invited to make his report at this point.
There was to be a Northern Powerhouse bid to make improvements at Carlisle Station.
The uncertainty concerning Cumbria's nuclear future was ongoing. Cllr Markley hoped that the new power station would proceed in future.
He pointed out that individuals along with the Council can respond to the current speeding consultation.
The County Council is in the process of setting its budget for the forthcoming year.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Great North Air Ambulance – request for grant support.

This was **noted without action**.

4.2 BHIB Insurance - details of the Aviva Community Fund.

Following discussion Cllr Thompson took the papers and **agreed** to investigate this further.

4.3 HMRC – new VAT reclaim procedure.

The clerk explained that a new procedure was being introduced which he would acquaint himself with and need to implement for the next VAT reclaim. – **noted**.

4.4 Pensions regulator – correspondence concerning the requirement to update records.

The clerk informed Cllrs that the regulator had informed the council that an update to the records they held would be required in the forthcoming months. The clerk said he would handle this ahead of the deadline. – **noted**.

5 New business

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

The submitted tender for the 2019 season were examined and discussed.

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. Possible decision on any required action including possible bark purchase.

Cllr Hodgson advised that some action was required to tackle long grass and rushes – the required action he offered to take was **agreed**.

Cllr Graham **agreed** to carry out some required washing of the equipment and would check the condition of fencing at the same time.

Some remedial action to some equipment seating may be required and would be investigated along with the condition of wood which may require treatment.

The purchase of bark was rejected for the time being, but the possibility of 'AstroTurf' would be investigated.

Cllrs considered that there were no critical issues and it was confirmed that regular inspections were being carried out.

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**

The clerk advised that, following receipt of the bank statement and documentation from Allerdale BC, the amount received had been £3258.30. The investigated difference being due to the lower amount of CTRS (Council Tax Reduction Scheme) received. – **noted**.

6.1.3 **Budget for 2019/20: see prepared sheet**

& therefore, precept request to Allerdale BC for 2019/20

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 2019/20 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was **approved** and it was **agreed** unanimously that the precept request for 2019/20 would be £6695. 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 **£323.84 – approved.**

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £25.48, postage etc. £14.19, mileage 32miles at 36p /mile £11.52 Total **£51.19**

6.2.3 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance for grass cutting (£22.30 VAT) **£133.78 – approved.**

Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting. The clerk advised that he thought there was still a cut to be invoiced.

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.**

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 Graham, Cllr Stockdale and Cllr Thompson played no part in the discussion and decision for the following organisation.

N.A. Parish Hall **£150.**

No grant award was made to the Newton Arlosh Community Committee

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Cllrs reported local concern about mud on the road near Salt Cotes. Following concern, the clerk was instructed to write to the farmer believed to be responsible requesting appropriate action.

Cllr Graham expressed concern over a forthcoming road closure and hoped that this would not lead to damage on the diversion route. Cllrs would monitor the situation.

7.2 Cumbria County Council – consultation on proposed speed limit changes in the Allerdale area.

Discussion and possible decision.

Cllrs discussed the proposal to raise a local speed limit. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Council did not wish to see a change to the existing limit. The clerk was instructed to write expressing concern that the change could lead to excessive speeding in the village and on the approach to the dangerous corner at Salt Cotes. New housing proposals in the area where an increased speed limit was proposed could put residents including children in danger.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

None – **noted.**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 – 2/2018/0431 Replace domestic shed with new shed building, Dovedale, Newton Arlosh (Mr S Parry). – **noted.**

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

8.4.1 – 2/2018/0322 Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings including access and layout,

Dovedale, Newton Arlosh (Mr S Parry).

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the clerk should inform the Authority that there is concern amongst parishioners and Cllrs about the disposal of surface water from the site and a resulting increased risk of flooding in the village.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Allerdale Local Plan – (Part2) Site Allocations. -**noted without action.**

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November.

9.2.2 CALC AGM 10th November 2018 at Newbiggin Village Hall.

9.2.3 Playground equipment Information – various suppliers.

9.2.4 Royal Mail – ‘scam mail’ advice.

The above were **noted.**

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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

No report had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

The dates were noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38p.m.