

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Graham, Roper and Stockdale.
Borough Councillor: M Johnson
Public attendance: None
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

County Cllr Markley and Cllr Howe had sent apologies.

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 dispensation requests were received.

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 Bell Graham 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 12th September 2019 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

- 3.1 ...by members of the Council - no matters were reported at this point.
- 3.2 ...by the clerk – items would be reported later in the agenda.

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

Cllr Johnson introduced himself to the Cllrs and outlined his background and role as a member of Allerdale BC. Plans for a new stadium at Workington had been withdrawn. He commented on the recent problems with recycling and was appraised of the current situation in the parish by Cllrs. Bin collections are to be taken back in house and operated by LATCO.

Cllr Johnson was thanked for his contribution then left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

- 4.1 Power for People – request to support the 'Local Electricity Bill'. – **noted without action.**
- 4.2 Walking for Health – programme information and request for local promotion. – **noted without action.**

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4.3 ACTION – Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness. – **noted without action.**

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting – review of tenders and appointment of a contractor for the 2020 season.

The clerk appraised Cllrs of the current situation. In the light of the current contractor ceasing to trade and a further expression of interest in taking on the contract Cllrs **agreed** to postpone the decision until the January 2020 meeting. In the meantime, the clerk would seek references from all interested contractors and post tender documents to at least one additional contractor.

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 on potential grant funding. Possible decision on any required action.

Cllr Graham confirmed that he still intended to cut the roadside hedge when a suitable opportunity arose.

Cllr Hodgson and the clerk appraised Cllrs of a site meeting they had held with Cllr A Seekings of Allerdale BC. It was hoped that some grant revenue could be obtained to assist with drainage work and Cllr Seekings had agreed to assist with this. Cllrs **agreed**, if this was forthcoming, to allocate some of the council's financial reserves (see item 6.1.3) to the project as they perceived a long-term benefit to the community if the playground drainage could be improved. Cllrs **agreed** that the clerk and Cllr Hodgson should progress matters with Cllr Seekings.

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 confirmed that the actual figure received had been **£3347.50** – this had been checked and confirmed to be correct. – **noted.**

6.1.3 **Budget for 2020/21: see prepared sheet**

& therefore, **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2020/21**

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 2020/21 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was **approved** and it was **agreed** unanimously that the precept request for 2020/21 would be £6860. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Allerdale District Council.

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£333.67 – approved.**

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £25.48, postage etc. £6.19, mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £17.28 Total **£48.95 – approved.**

6.2.3 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance for grass cutting (£11.37 VAT) **£68.23 – approved.**

Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting. No additional invoices were considered.

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

N.A. Parish Hall **£200.**

No grant award was made to the Newton Arlosh Community Committee

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7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Potholes had been reported and Cllr Hodgson was aware that some work by the road repair team was planned in the area though he did not have full details at that point.

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

Discussion and possible decision.

The clerk confirmed that there was no news to report on the proposed change. -**noted**.

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

None – **noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

The clerk apologised and pointed out that the following item should have been included under item 8.1 and confirmed that there was no news to report.

8.4.1 – 2/2018/0322 Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings including access and layout, Dovedale, Newton Arlosh (Mr S Parry). – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Allerdale Local Plan – (Part2) Site Allocations. – the papers had been circulated and inspected – **noted without action**.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November. – **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

Cllr Roper advised that a tree in the river at Ellercar had been reported to the Environment Agency.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

The report had been given earlier.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Absent.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

No further matters were reported.

10.5 Police report

A report had not been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.