

# Holme East Waver Parish Council

## DRAFT

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman V Hodgson

Councillors: Graham, Roper and Stockdale.

Borough Councillor: Absent

County Councillor: Cllr Markley

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

### **1.1 Apologies** for absence and declarations of interest.

The clerk had received apologies from Borough Cllr Johnson and Cllr Bell, whose medical reason was accepted as a 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 dispensation requested had been received by the clerk 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.

No declarations of interest 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – **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

The clerk advised that he had received verbal confirmation from the grasscutter that he had accepted the contract for 2020; written confirmation had been promised but not received to date.

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

County Cllr Markley gave his report.

Cllr Markley commented on the leadership situation at the County Council and provided details of the planned increase in the Council tax.

Devolution was likely to become an issue locally, once again.

Garden Waste collections had started again.

The markets in the Borough were being brought 'in-house'.

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Investment and regeneration in the area was to be promoted.

In the absence of Cllr Johnson Cllrs Hodgson and Markley updated the Council on developments at Allerdale BC. The existing structure of the Council was outlined. The options for a new stadium in Workington were being investigated. The quality of the blue paper re-cycling bins was being monitored. He explained why a charge was being levied for replacement bins. Cllr Markley provided information on a meeting he had held with CALC about the footway lighting situation.

Cllr Markley was thanked for his contribution and then left the meeting.

### 4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Vacancy on the Council. Clerk update.

The clerk advised that there had been no expressions of interest in the advertised vacancy. - **noted**.

4.2 Footway Lighting – Electricity Costs April 2021

The clerk provided an update on the latest positions and correspondence. Cllrs **agreed** to oppose the proposal by Allerdale BC to transfer electrical costs to the Parish Council with effect from April 2021.

The clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

4.3 Wigton Baths Trust – update and request for support.

The correspondence was **noted without action**.

### 5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation. Inspection booked with Allerdale BC.

Consideration of playground drainage work tenders and update on the grant funding position.

The received tenders for the work were examined and the clerk provided an update on the meeting he had attended with Mr Seekings at Allerdale BC and the rejections from potential funders he had received to date.

Having examined the tenders, and assessed the available funding to date, Cllrs **agreed** that the Council is not in a position to proceed with the work at this point. The clerk was instructed to write to the contractors that had submitted tenders. Further funding sources would be explored by the clerk and Cllrs. The County and Borough Council would be approached again.

Further funding options are being explored

5.2 Parish Council Auditor.

The clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with the internal auditor to arrange a date for the audit. No communication had been received from the external auditor at this point. – **noted**.

5.3 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The previous and planned arrangements remained unchanged and were **agreed**.

### 6 Finance

#### 6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> January and possibly 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (available at the meeting) – **approved**.

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. £28.67, mileage 86 miles at 36p /mile £30.96 Total **£85.11 – approved**.

6.2.3 Information Commissioner: by direct debit **£40.00 - approved**.

6.2.4 Chairman's Expenses (second payment) **£30.00 – approved**.

6.2.5 Bowness on Solway PC – share of consumables **£33.97 – approved**.

### 7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

The reporting and subsequent repairs of potholes was ongoing. – **noted**.

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### 8 Planning.

#### 8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 – 2/2018/0322 Amendments - Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings including access and layout, Dovedale, Newton Arlosh (Mr S Parry).

8.1.2 - FUL/2019/0264 Demolition of existing barn and replacement with steel portal frame building to house livestock, High House, Kirkbride. (Messrs GR and R Pinguey).

The above were **noted**.

#### 8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC and Cumbria CC.

8.2.1 – FUL/2019/0296 – Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling, Newton Holme Kirkbride (Mr Vaughan Hodgson J G & D E Hodgson)

The clerk confirmed that permission had been granted. – **noted**.

#### 8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 – OUT/2020/0001 - Outline application for demolition of agricultural buildings and outline application for residential development, West End Farm, Newton Arlosh.

The clerk confirmed that the Council had reported no objections to the proposal. – **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 North West Coastal Forum – Draft North West Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans. – opportunity for comment.

9.2.3 RAF - Battle of Britain Celebrations.

The above were **noted**.

### 10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

Cllr Roper was aware that a celebration of VE Day was being planned by the Parish Hall committee.

### 10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent see item 3.3

### 10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Cllr Markley had given his report earlier.

### 10.4 Any information from the clerk.

No matters were brought by the clerk.

### 10.5 Police report

The clerk advised that the anticipated new format newsletter had not yet been received.

### 11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

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