

Holme East Waver Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on-line via Zoom.
Meeting ID 8995 665 2851 Passcode 237853 on Thursday 12th November 2020 at 7:30pm.**

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

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

County Cllr Markley sent his 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 requests for dispensations were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllrs Graham and Stockdale declared an interest with regard to item 6.2.6 - 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 16th July 2020 - **approved and to be signed by Chair at a later date.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The required audit documents had been posted online and on the required noticeboard.

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

Borough Cllr Johnson gave his report.

Cllr Johnson said COVID -19 related matters were still the focus of both the County Council and Allerdale BC.

In some respects the second wave of the virus was even more challenging.

Highways repairs were being carried out as normal.

Meetings had been carried out via Zoom but not, on occasions, without problems.

The situation concerning footway lighting was confirmed – see item 4.5

He was thanked for his contribution and then left the meeting.

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4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Parishioner correspondence concerning clay pigeon shooting in the village.

Cllr Hodgson explained that a noise complaint had been received from a parishioner following the ending of lockdown. This had been referred to Environmental Health and he had heard nothing more about the matter. -**noted**.

4.2 Citizens Advice Allerdale – request for support.

Noted without action

4.3 E-mail from Parishioner expressing interest in a First Responders Team.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the developments concerning the purchase of a defibrillator and possible training in Kirkbride. The Council were generally supportive of an initiative in collaboration with Kirkbride. The clerk was asked to make the parishioner aware of the current situation in Kirkbride.

4.4 Vacancy on the Council. Clerk update.

The clerk confirmed the resignation of Mrs Joanne Bell and said he would post the appropriate notice and inform Allerdale BC accordingly.

The Council were most appreciative of the dedication and work of Mrs Bell and she would be thanked for her contribution.

It was **noted** that there were now two vacancies on the Council

4.5 Allerdale Borough Council – Footway Lighting Energy Costs.

The confirmation from the Borough Council not to pass down lighting costs in the near future was welcomed and **noted**.

5 New business

5.1 Appointment of a Vice Chairman.

Cllr Graham was **appointed** as Vice Chair.

5.2 Grass cutting specification for 2021.

Review of the current specification, tender procedure and invited contractors.

Cllrs **agreed** the 2021 specification and the contractors that could be approached by the clerk to tender for the work. A date would be set by the clerk for the return of tenders which would enable a decision to be made at the January meeting.

5.3 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation on potential grant funding. Possible decision on any required action including repairs.

A parishioner had expressed his concern and disappointment with the current condition of the Playground. Cllrs were aware of the situation and hoped that funds to effect repairs would soon be forthcoming.

Expenditure for the component to repair the Cantilever Swing and the installation by a local contractor was **agreed**.

Cllr Hodgson advised that a grant award from Allerdale BC had been approved at a recent Council meeting and the clerk was asked to finalise the details with the Authority. The Hadfield Trust were willing to consider an application and it was **agreed** that the clerk should pursue this.

County Cllr Markley had some further funding he may be able to provide and the clerk would explore this with him.

Contractors who had tendered for work prior to the COVID lockdown would be approached and asked to confirm their price again.

Cllrs were not aware of any other matters in the Playground requiring urgent attention.

5.4 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.

Cllr Hodgson confirmed that a wreath had been placed on the war memorial by him though the usual service had not been held this year. – **noted**.

5.5 Great North Air Ambulance – update and request for donation.

This was **noted without action**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September and possibly 31st October (available at the meeting).

6.1.2 Confirmation of receipt of second Precept payment from Allerdale BC **£3430**

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6.1.3 Budget for 2021/22: see prepared sheet

& therefore, **precept** request to **Allerdale BC for 2021/22**

The clerk outlined 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 2021/22 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was **approved** and it was **agreed** unanimously that the precept request for 2021/22 would be £6860. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Allerdale District Council.

6.1.4 PKF Littlejohn LLP – Confirmation of receipt of documents confirming exempt from audit status.

The clerk notified Cllrs of the documentation which had been received to complete the audit procedure for 2020. – **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1 Clerk: salary (685.54 + £18.20 backpay) **£703.74 – approved.**

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £76.44, postage etc. £13.33, mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £5.76 Total **£95.53 – approved.**

6.2.3 S. Nicholson for grass cutting

If invoice is received in time.

The clerk advised that no invoice had been received at this point.

6.2.4 Allerdale BC – Playground Inspection. (VAT £11.20) **£67.20 – approved.**

6.2.5 Newton Arlosh Village Hall – Hall Hire **£125.00 – 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**.

Newton Arlosh Brownies **£200**

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

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Cllr Graham advised that the crack in the road at Ellercar had been reported again. - **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

8.3.1 – 2/2018/0322 Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings including access and layout,

Dovedale, Newton Arlosh (Mr S Parry).

The previous comment relating to concern about the disposal of surface water and potential flooding had been made again. – **noted**.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted**.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 CALC - Committee on Standards in Public Life consultation

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Noted without action.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November.

The above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

Cllr Stockdale reported that a defective streetlight bulb in the village had been replaced.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Cllr Johnson had given his report earlier.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Absent.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

The clerk had no points of information.

10.5 Police report

No report had been received or other relevant correspondence.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

Times and location dependent on the Covid 19 situation.

The proposed meeting dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.48 p.m.