

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7-30 p.m.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson

Councillors: Graham, Roper, Stockdale and Welsh.

Also Present: County Cllr Markley

Public attendance: None.

Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Borough Cllr Johnson sent his apologies via County Cllr Markley.

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 had been received prior to 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 and Stockdale declared an interest with regard to item 6.2.4 and 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 9th September 2021 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

3.2 ...by the clerk

No actions were reported at this point.

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

Cllr Markley gave his report at this point.

Road improvements at Crosscanonby were complete. The HIMS system for reporting road defects was now fully operational and working well. Cllr Welsh mentioned a defect he had reported and received no response to – Cllr Markley requested that details be sent to him via the clerk. 'Jet patching' of roads was being widely carried out.

The 'Borderlands' grant funding was being spent, some of it in Wigton and Carlisle. Cllr Markley also mentioned the Environment Fund which was available to fund suitable environmental initiatives. Cllr Welsh asked about the possibility of this being used for the desired improved footway in the village but Cllr Markley said this would not qualify as a suitable project.

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A decision on the proposed West Cumbria coal mine was awaited from Central Government.

The Chief Executive of the County Council had recently resigned. An update on the current situation concerning Local Government Re-organisation was given. The County of Cumbria would remain but two Authorities were planned with a reduced number of Cllrs. A legal challenge to the proposals had been submitted. A shadow board would be created during the implementation period. A cycle route was being planned which would feature electric bike charging points. A tourism conference was being planned. Cllr Welsh thanked Cllr Markley for his help in bringing about recycling collections to the village. Cllrs Roper and Graham pointed out that outlying areas still didn't receive these.

Cllr Hodgson thanked Cllr Markley for his report and he then left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Great North Air Ambulance – request for grant support. – **noted without action.**

4.2 Local Government re-organisation – update on the current situation.

See item 3.3 – **noted without action.**

4.3 CALC - Geological Disposal Facility for Radioactive waste – current position.

The clerk outlined the current situation - **noted without action.**

4.4 Pension regulator – re-enrolment legal duties.

The clerk advised that papers had arrived with regard to the required periodic review. Cllrs were reminded that the clerk did not qualify for a pension under the legislation. Cllrs **authorised** the clerk to handle the response.

4.5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - lighting of beacons. – **noted without action.**

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting – review of tenders and appointment of a contractor for the 2022 season.

The clerk advised that no tenders for the 2022 season had been received and Cllrs agreed to extend the deadline and consider the matter again at the January meeting. Cllrs were willing to consider tenders submitted for a two-year period.

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.

Cllr Hodgson was in possession of the wreath for the forthcoming 2021 service of remembrance.

5.3 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation on potential grant funding.

Possible decision on any required maintenance.

Cllr Hodgson confirmed that the replacement tyre and chains had arrived and Cllrs authorised him to arrange the installation.

New signage was required giving emergency contact details and Cllr Hodgson said he would take this forward with the clerk. Cllrs authorised the necessary expenditure. The clerk reminded Cllrs that a report to grant funders towards the playground improvements was required. Cllrs would forward suitable material to the clerk to enable the reports to be written.

5.4 Discussion of matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. These include footpaths/footway, information board and litter pick.

Following discussion the following actions were **agreed**.

a. The clerk would contact The CCC Highways Department to request a site meeting for the desired footway extension.

b. The clerk would ask the Police for data relating to visits by the speed enforcement vehicle.

c. No action would be taken concerning a new public footpath as Cllr Hodgson and the clerk had advised that there was no possibility of progress being made.

d. Cllr Hodgson had pointed out that there was no likelihood of Allerdale BC funding a new streetlight and the Council had insufficient funds to pursue one itself, so no action was possible.

e. The clerk was instructed to request Allerdale BC to pick up litter in the village.

5.5 Vacancy on the Council.

No applications for the vacancy had been received. – **noted.**

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 **£3430 – noted.**

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6.1.3 Budget for 2022/23: see prepared sheet & therefore, **precept** request to **Allerdale BC for 2022/23**

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 2022/23 and some allowance for possible contingency, a budget was **approved** and it was **agreed** unanimously that the precept request for 2022/23 would be £7000. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Allerdale District Council.

6.2 To **approve** the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£342.77 – approved.**

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £38.22, postage etc. £1.50, mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £5.76 Total **£45.48 – approved.**

6.2.3 – I Rumney – Grasscutting (VAT £120.57) **£771.42 – approved.**

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

Cllr Graham requested permission to speak on behalf of the Parish Hall which was **approved** by the Council. He reported that due to the healthy financial position of the Parish Hall a grant was not being sought this year. – **noted.**

The only reports and accounts that had been received at the Annual Parish meeting had been from the Parish Hall and the Church. A donation of **£400** 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. The Council was willing to consider grant applications from other organisations on receipt of the appropriate documentation.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Cllrs were aware of road slippage at Mosside and Cllr Hodgson said he would report this.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None - **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 FUL/2021/0247 Roof over existing Midden Area, Wedholme House, Newton Arlosh (Mr A Preston) – permission granted. - **noted.**

8.2.2 OUT/2021/0017 - Re-submission of application OUT/2021/0009 for outline proposal for residential development for up to 3 dwellings including access, Part Field 7800, Newton Arlosh, Wigton (Mr K Foster) – permission refused. - **noted**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 FUL/2021/0247 Roof over existing Midden Area, Wedholme House, Newton Arlosh (Mr A Preston)

The Council had raised **no objections.**

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 Circular for October and November.

9.2.2 Littlethorpe - bus shelters information.

9.2.3 Sunshine Gym – Outdoor fitness equipment.

The above were **noted.**

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10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No information was brought.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent and relevant points had been brought by the County Cllr.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

His report had been given earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

Nothing was reported.

10.5 Police report

No report had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30p.m** in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30p.m.** in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

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