

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7-30 p.m.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Graham, Roper and Stockdale.
Also Present: County Cllr Markley
Public attendance: None.
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllr Welsh had sent his apologies ahead of the meeting.

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.

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.

Cllr Hodgson declared an interest in items 8.2.1 and 8.3.2

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 20th May 2021 – **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

No matters were reported at this point,

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

County Cllr Markley was invited to give his report.

Significant road improvements had been carried out in the Crosscanonby area. A coastal strategy to combat coastal erosion had been developed. A rural bus service was being developed to operate out of Wigton.

The review by Central Government into the proposed West Cumbria mine was ongoing and would report later in the year. A series of meetings with the public concerning the possibility of a site to store nuclear waste had taken place. No location had been proposed at this point.

The Government had announced its proposals for local government reform in Cumbria and an objection from the County Council had been lodged.

In the absence of the Borough Cllr, Cllr Markley provided the following update on actions taking place at Allerdale BC.

There was an initiative to develop tourism in the Port areas on the West Coast.

A cycling event was to be held in Silloth over the forthcoming weekend and cycle track improvements were being made in the Borough.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Response from Royal Mail to the complaint about the change in collection times.

The clerk reminded Cllrs of the response the Council had received from Royal Mail. The reduced postal collection from the area would be proceeding. – **noted**.

4.2 Citizens Advice Allerdale – request for support.

The clerk outlined the details which were **noted without action**.

4.3 HMRC – correspondence concerning the National minimum wage.

The clerk outlined the details which were **noted without action**, the Council already being compliant.

4.4 NSPCC Fundraiser – request for support and/or meeting.

The clerk outlined the details which were **noted without action**.

4.5 CALC - Local government reorganisation in Cumbria – interim position statement.

The clerk outlined the current position which was **noted without action**.

5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation.

Consideration of quote to replace chains on equipment. (see 6.2.6)

Cllrs **approved** the quotation for the replacement chains and tyre.

The condition of the playpark was regularly monitored and there no matters requiring urgent attention.

The hedges in the playpark had been cut and nettles had been strimmed. Cllrs **agreed** to purchase a new information sign and the clerk said he would obtain a quotation for this. The clerk reminded Cllrs that it was now necessary to give reports on the work carried out to bodies that had given grants towards the work and requested the Cllrs help in gathering suitable material to do this.

5.2 Grass cutting specification for 2022.

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

Cllr discussed the specification and approved its continued use unchanged.

Cllrs instructed the clerk to approach the same contractors as in 2020. The clerk would discuss any new interest in the work with the Chairman.

5.3 Consideration of any received application(s) to join the Council.

The clerk advised that no applications had been received.

5.4 Consideration of Allerdale recycling collection arrangements.

Cllrs welcomed the new re-cycling collection but Cllrs Graham and Roper reminded Cllrs that the outlying areas in the parish still had no collection. The clerk **was instructed** to contact the authority to request this.

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6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve accounts** to May 31st, June 30th and 31st July 2021 – **approved.**

6.1.2 **To approve accounts** to 31st August 2021 (available at meeting). - **approved.**

6.1.3 To note and approve -Allerdale BC – receipt of second Precept payment= £3430
Anticipated amount shown. Clerk will update.

The clerk advised that to date the payment had not been received but he would check the September bank statement for it. – **noted.**

6.1.4 PKF Littlejohn LLP – Confirmation of receipt of ‘notification of exempt status’ audit document.

The clerk that he had not heard anything further during the Public Consultation period so the audit had been completed for this year. – **noted.**

6.1.5 Update on the VAT reclaim.

The clerk advised that the VAT reclaim had been made successfully and the money had been paid into the account. – **noted.**

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary (June July) **£342.77** (August September) **£342.77 – approved.**

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £76.44, postage etc. £14.26, mileage 64 miles at 36p /mile £23.04 Total **£113.74 – approved.**

6.2.3 Castles Engineering Ltd: installation of playground bearing (VAT £15.00) **£90.00. – approved.**

6.2.4 Allerdale BC - playground inspection – paid by clerk and reclaimed (VAT £12.39) **£74.34 – approved.**

6.2.5 Evans Agricultural Contractors – correction to invoice 2326 **£60.00 – approved.**

6.2.6 Massey & Harris – replacement chains for playground (VAT £42.00) **£252.00
- approved.**

7 Highways

Local issues needing to be raised.

Cllrs pointed out that some rubbish bins did not seem to be emptied on a regular basis and it was **agreed** that the clerk should contact the authority about this.

The possibility of extending the walkway through the village was discussed and it was **agreed** that the clerk should approach the County Council about this. Cllrs would review the situation concerning footway lighting and the clerk was to include this as an item on the November agenda.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 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)
The above was **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 HRN/2021/0002 - Removal of x2 hedgerows 650m combined length, Newton Holme, Newton Arlosh (Mr V Hodgson) – permission granted. – **noted.**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 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)
The view of the council had not changed its view of no objections.

8.3.2 HRN/2021/0002 Removal of x2 hedgerows 650m combined length, Newton Holme, Newton Arlosh (Mr V Hodgson) – No objection had been raised to the proposal.

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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.

9.2.2 Geological Disposal Facility – Working Group Media Release.

9.2.3 Elan City - product information.

The above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

The report had been given earlier see item 3.3.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor

The report had been given earlier see item 3.3.

10.4 Any information from the clerk too late for the agenda.

The clerk advised that a planning consultation FUL/2021/0247 at Wedholme House had been received and Cllrs need to examine the papers online and pass their views to him.

10.5 Police report

Cllrs were now required to look for the report online.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

11th November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

13th January 2022 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30p.m.