

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7-30 p.m.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson

Councillors: Graham, Roper, Stockdale, and Welsh.

Public attendance: None.

Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Apologies had been sent to the clerk by Borough Cllr Mike Johnson.

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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Prior to the meeting Cllr Hodgson had declared an interest in items 8.3.1 and 8.2.1

No other declarations had been received.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January 2022. – **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 matters were reported at this point.

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

None

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Pension Regulator – reminder of the re-declaration process.

The clerk confirmed that the re-declaration to the Pension Regulator was in hand.

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting for 2022. Grass cutting acceptance of two-year contract confirmed.

The clerk confirmed that Ian Rumney had confirmed that he was happy to accept the two-year contract and had forwarded copies of the required insurances.

5.2 Playground – report on developments since last meeting. Possible decision on any required action including repairs.

Playground signage update.

There were no urgent matters requiring attention in the playground. Cllr Welsh thought the insurance company may have a detailed checklist for the inspections carried out regularly by Cllrs. The clerk was asked to investigate this.

Cllr Hodgson had obtained some fenceposts to repair some fencing and the invoice for £103.80 from S&A Williamson Limited was **approved**. The clerk had obtained details of post protectors which were required in the playground to replace at least one damaged item. Cllrs **agreed** to purchase two.

The clerk produced a draft playground sign which was approved and the clerk was instructed to place an order for an A3 size.

5.3 Audit arrangements for 2021/22.

The clerk advised that there had been no communication from the external audit company and confirmed that he would be approaching the internal auditor soon.

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5.4 Discussion of the proposed letter to OFCOM concerning the poor mobile reception in the village.

Cllr Welsh had proposed that a draft letter he had prepared be sent to OFCOM asking for assistance with the problem in the Parish. Cllrs **agreed** and instructed the clerk to action this.

5.5 Parish Plan – discussion of items to be included in the plan following Cllrs consultation with parishioners.

Cllr Welsh had prepared a Parish Plan which following discussion was **agreed and adopted** by the Council.

5.6 Obstructed footpath in the Angerton area.

The clerk and Cllr Hodgson informed Cllrs of the problem with a footpath which had been blocked for some time at the East of the Parish at Angerton. The clerk pointed out that Kirkbride PC were keen to see this rectified as it was near to Kirkbride village. Cllrs **agreed** and instructed the clerk to raise it with the Authority's Access Officer.

5.7 The Queen's Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.

Update and decision on commemorative plaque wording.

A tree to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee had been purchased, and subsequently planted, in the playground – see item 6.2.3. The text for a commemorative plaque was **agreed**. Cllr Welsh would approach a stonemason for a quote and the clerk would also approach the maker of the new playground sign for one. See also item 5.2.

5.8 Parish Council vacancy.

The clerk reminded Cllrs that there was still a vacancy on the Council should they be aware of any potential candidates to fill the role. – **noted**.

5.9 Poor condition of the seat at The Acre.

Cllr Stockdale informed the Council that a parishioner had raised the poor condition of the seat with her. Cllr Hodgson said he would investigate the cost of repair and the clerk said he would include the item again on the May agenda.

5.10 Information Board – discussion and possible decision.

Cllr Welsh explained why he thought the village would benefit from an information board which could be located close to the church. Following discussion it was **agreed** that the clerk should approach the AONB for their advice, and hopefully assistance.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31st January and 28th February (available at the meeting). - **approved**.

6.1.2 Cumberland Building Society review.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the review papers which he had completed with Cllrs Hodgson and Stockdale. The required papers had been submitted ahead of the deadline but no resultant communication had been received from the Building Society.

6.2 To approve the following payments.

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

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £40.82, postage etc £1.75. ALCC Costs £25.00 mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £5.76 Total **£73.33 – approved**.

6.2.3 Dobcross Nursery: supply of oak tree, stake and ties (VAT £5.12) **£30.74 – approved**.

6.2.4 Information Commissioner – data protection registration fee. **£40.00 - approved**.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Clerk update on speed limit warning stickers for bins.

Cllrs **agreed** that warning stickers should be purchased and given to residents for use on their refuse bins.

Cllr Graham expressed his continuing concern about the condition of the Moss Side to Lessonhall Road and Cllrs **agreed** that the clerk should report this again.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 – HRN/2022/0001 The removal of two lengths of hedgerow totalling 160m, Shaw Hill, Kirkbride, Wigton CA7 5HW (Mr V. Hodgson) – Allerdale BC raised no objections to its removal. – **noted**.

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8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

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The clerk confirmed that the Council had raised no objections. – **noted.**

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted.**

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1 Cumbria CC – Local Government Re-organisation consultation.

The clerk had been forwarding regular updates to Cllrs which had been **noted.**

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular.

9.2.2 Littlethorpe LT – Bus shelter information.

The above were **noted.**

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

No matters were raised.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Absent

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

The clerk reminded Cllrs that the Annual Parish meeting usually took place in May and Cllrs felt that the COVID situation should permit this. The clerk said he would make the usual arrangements.

10.5 Police report

No information had been received from the police.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

As there will be an annual Parish Meeting, see item 10.4, this would be held ahead of the normal Council meeting at 7.00p.m.

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20p.m.