

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7-30 p.m.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Graham, Stockdale, and Welsh.
Public attendance: None.
Clerk: M Abbs

Prior to commencing the meeting, at the Chairman's request, a period of silence was held to remember the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth.

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

The clerk had received apologies from Cllr Roper and the health related reason was accepted as a fair reason for absence.
Borough Cllr Mike Johnson had also 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 had been received.

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.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th July 2022 – **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.

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

No members of the public were present.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Wigton Baths Trust – request for support.

The clerk outlined the request which following discussion was **noted without action.**

4.2 Consideration of any correspondence received from the Cumberland Building Society concerning the bank review.

The clerk advised that no further correspondence had been received following the submission of the latest paperwork. – **noted.**

4.3 Opportunity to opt out of the SAAA Central External Auditor Appointment Arrangements.

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The clerk explained the situation to the Cllrs which required no action unless a change to the existing arrangement was authorised. This was **noted without action**.

4.4 CALC – Emergency Information Sheet (EIS)

The clerk provided information which was discussed and **noted without action**.

5 New business

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

The clerk advised that the playground inspection report and associated invoice had not yet been received. He was still trying to obtain a quote for the required sign to go alongside the tree which had been planted to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Cllrs **agreed** that a galvanised tree guard should be purchased and an expenditure of £250 (ex VAT) was authorised.

Cllr Hodgson advised that the two seats, which it had been previously agreed should be repaired, would be sent for galvanising in the near future.

Cllrs authorised the purchase of a two-person plastic seat, to replace an existing wooden seat which was in poor condition, and **agreed to expenditure of up to £800 (ex VAT)**.

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

5.2 Parish Plan – village questionnaire and consideration of any other required action on set objectives.

Following discussion, the wording of the previously discussed questionnaire was decided upon. It would be distributed to households in Newton Arlosh village and responses would be collected at the village hall. Cllr Welsh informed Cllrs that he believed that the County Council could apply to the Rural England Prosperity Fund in order to obtain some funding for the footway. The clerk was instructed to write to Cumbria CC about this and copy in the County Cllr.

Cllr Welsh updated Cllrs concerning the current situation regarding the local buses. He was in contact with Mr W Knowles and would keep the Council updated. – **noted**.

Further **agreed** actions were:

The clerk will send a further letter to OFCOM who had not responded to the initial complaint about the poor phone signal in the parish.

The clerk will approach the AONB again about the information board they had previously indicated they would assist with.

5.3 Civility & Respect Project – consideration of the initiative and possible decision.

The clerk provided details which were **noted without action**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31st July and 31st August 2022 (available at meeting). - **approved**.

6.1.2 To note and approve -Allerdale BC – receipt of second Precept payment - **£3500**

Anticipated amount shown. Clerk will update.

The clerk advised that the payment had not yet been received but he would monitor the situation. – **noted**.

6.1.3 PKF Littlejohn LLP – To examine and take possible action on any correspondence including invoices received from the external auditor. In addition see item 6.2.4.

The clerk advised that the external auditor had completed its review and that no matters had caused any concern and that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. – **noted**.

6.1.4 To note receipt of VAT repayment **£3802.58 – noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£348.83 – approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £40.82, postage etc. £4.25, mileage 32 miles at 45p /mile £14.40 Total **£59.47 – approved**.

6.2.3 Allerdale BC - playground inspection – to be paid by clerk and reclaimed (VAT £12.39) **£74.34**

Anticipated amount shown.

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The clerk advised that the invoice had not yet been received but was **approved** by Cllrs if it was for the anticipated amount.

6.2.4 PKF Littlejohn – audit service, if invoice received in time.

The invoice for (£40 VAT) **£240 was approved**. See also item 6.1.3.

7 Highways

7.1 Local issues needing to be raised.

Cllr Welsh updated Cllrs on the issues that he had raised with the Highways Authority.

Cllrs believed that further remedial work was still required on the road verge near 'Fairish's farm' and the poor condition of the road sign approaching the village had not been rectified. **These issues would be raised again via County Cllr Markley.**

7.2 Cumbria CC notification of action taken on the B5307 near Raby.

Cllr Hodgson advised that he'd been informed that the road and verge had been repaired, but he could not discern any significant improvement. The matter would be **reported again**.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 OUT/2022/0021 Outline planning with access for up to two dwellings, Part Field 7800, Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster)

8.1.2 FUL/2022/0183 Concrete existing farm yards Raby Cote, Kirkbride, Wigton, CA7 5HJ (Messrs Steel)

8.1.3 Reference No: FUL/2022/0202 The proposal is a new silage pit at Moss Side House, together with ancillary concrete yard connecting to existing yard. Moss Side Farm, B5307 Raby Grange To Newton Arlosh, Newton Arlosh. (Mr David Reed)

The above were **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 HOU/2022/0113 Demolition of single-story rear extensions and a single-story side extension and replace with a double height extension to the rear of the property, continued into single height at the rear and rebuild the single storey side extension, Bee Croft, Newton Arlosh (Sandra Harrison) – permission granted. – **noted**.

8.2.2 FUL/2022/0143 Re-concreting of Existing Farmyard concrete and installation of New Hardcore Livestock & Machinery Track, Wedholme House, Newton Arlosh. (Andrew W Preston) – permission granted. – **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 OUT/2022/0021 Outline planning with access for up to two dwellings, Part Field 7800, Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster)

The clerk confirmed that that the Council had had no objections to this application, provided that Environmental Health was also willing to allow it to proceed. However, the Council considered it essential that a public footway is provided alongside the road. – **noted**.

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The Council had **no objections** to this application.

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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 CALC – Local Council Awards Scheme.

The above were **noted.**

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No additional 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 too late for the agenda.

No additional matters were raised.

10.5 Police report

No information had been received from the Police.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

10th November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

12th January 2023 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.