

Holme East Waver Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 12th January 2022 at 7-30 p.m.

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

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

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.

Cllr Roper had sent apologies to the clerk and her illness was accepted as a fair reason for absence.
Cllr Markley gave apologies on behalf of Borough Cllr Mike Johnson.

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 item 8.3.1.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th November 2022 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were notified at this point.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk confirmed submission of the Precept to Allerdale BC. and that the Authority had confirmed receipt of the request for the next financial year.

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

None

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Royal British Legion receipt and thanks for donation.

The clerk provided details – **noted**

4.2 Newton Arlosh PCC - Letter of thanks for the grant support.

The clerk provided details – **noted**

4.3 Newton Arlosh Community Committee – E-mail of thanks for grant support.

The clerk provided details including the wish of the Committee to be invited to the next Parish Meeting to give a report. – **noted**

5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation. Playground repair - possible decision on any required action. Progress on a tree guard.

Cllr Graham advised that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining an alternative quote for the tree guard and Cllrs **agreed** to pursue the earlier quote. The clerk was authorised to take this forward with the Chair.

Cllr Graham had conducted a recent inspection of the playground and reported that it appeared to be in good order.

Cllrs had read the Inspection Report and Cllr Hodgson reported on some work he had carried out and advised on items he would attend to in the near future. It was likely that two new children's swing seats, and possibly chains, would be required and expenditure of £1000 ex Vat was **approved** for this.

The seat ordered from Marmax had recently arrived and Cllr Hodgson said he would install this. See item 6.2.3.

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5.2 Consideration of the Asset register and Risk Assessments.

Following discussion and consideration, alongside the Standing Orders, the documents were considered for purpose and **approved**.

5.3 Audit arrangements for 2022/23.

The clerk advised that a new external auditor had been appointed but that he understood the process would be unchanged. -**noted**.

5.4 AONB - Report from clerk on progress on an Information board in the village and research on the Saltcotes pond.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the meeting he had had with the AONB. It appeared that the pond at Saltcotes was privately owned but enquiries were ongoing.

It would be necessary to obtain the permission of the PCC to site the required Information Board in the desired location near the Church and it was **agreed** that the clerk should write accordingly. If agreement was given the opinion of the planning department would be sought. The clerk had another meeting with the AONB in the near future and would report further.

5.5 Parish Plan.

Report on the pavement site meeting and developments since.

A site meeting had taken place with Cllrs and representatives from the Borough and County Council to discuss the requested footway through the village. Cllr Welsh advised that he will send a map showing where the footway is required to the Traffic Management Team Leader of the Highways Department at the County Council.

County Cllr Markley arrived and was requested by the Chair to give his report at this point. He advised that the Cumberland Council now had Chief Executives in place and that other key appointments were being made. One key area awaiting decisions was Highways. He advised the Parish Council to continue as normal with its work. The Chair thanked him for his contribution. Cllr Markley commented on his busy schedule, gave his apologies, and left the meeting.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th November and possibly 31st December 2022 (available at the meeting). – **approved**.

6.1.2 Consideration of any budget/precept related correspondence.

No new correspondence had been received. See also item 3.2. - **noted**

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£379.17** + backpay **£121.36** Total **500.53** – **approved**.

The clerk advised that this took account of the recent pay award.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £40.82, postage, annual software charge £26.66, mileage 52 miles at 45p /mile £23.40 SLCC/ALCC Contribution £81.00, Total **£171.88** – **approved**,

6.2.3 Marmax Products Ltd – seat purchase (VAT £82.40) **£494.40** – **approved**.

6.2.4 Allerdale BC playground inspection - paid by clerk and re-claimed **£69.60** – **approved**.

6.2.5 V Hodgson - Chairman's allowance **£60.00** – **approved**.

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

No urgent matters were raised.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC / Cumbria CC.

None.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

8.3.1 FUL/2022/0257 Replacement grain store required by business to comply with current farm assurance requirements and to update grain handling facilities, Shawhill, Kirkbride, Wigton, CA7 5HW (Mr V Hodgson).

Cllrs had been consulted and no objections had been raised and the Authority advised of this view.

The clerk advised that he was aware that this application was to go before the Planning Committee in the near future. – **noted**.

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8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

8.4.1 HOU/2022/0227 Conversion of car port into living accommodation, Greenfield View, Newton Arlosh, Wigton. (Victoria Freeman)

CLRs had been advised to examine the documents online prior to the meeting and following discussion **no objections** were raised. The clerk would inform the Authority of the decision.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1.1 Allerdale BC budget consultation.

The clerk advised that he had not seen a request/opportunity to comment at this point. – **noted.**

9.1.2 Police and Crime Commissioner – Council Tax Precept Consultation.

This was **noted** without action.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular for December.

The above was noted.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No further information was given.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

CLr Markley gave his report earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

10.5 Police report

The clerk had nothing to report.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30p.m** in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.00p.m.** in Newton Arlosh Village Hall

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