

Holme East Waver Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 9th March 2023 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

Cllr Hodgson had informed that the clerk that due to attendance at another meeting he would be arriving late and Cllr Graham took the Chair and opened the meeting.

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.
The clerk 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 had previously declared an interest in item 8.2.2

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th January 2023 – **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.

Cllr Hodgson arrived at this point and took over the Chair.
Cllr Markley also arrive and gave his report.

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

Cllr Marley advised that there would be one meeting of Allerdale BC before the transition to Cumberland Council.
Council officers were extremely busy working on the transition. The budget for the Council had been agreed the previous week.
A new Director of Highways had been appointed.

A party of important visitors from America would be visiting the area, including the AONB, and would be shown the tourist potential.
Cllr Welsh asked about the 'levelling up costs' that parishioners would have to pay on the Community Charge. Cllr Graham also commented, and in response Cllr Markley explained why this cost was going to be higher in Allerdale than some other areas.

He was thanked for his contribution and left at 7.55 p.m.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Newton Arlosh Brownies – update on situation.

A report on recent activity was read out and **noted.**

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4.2 Solway AONB – further information/advice on the Saltcotes pond,

The clerk updated Cllrs on advice/information he had received from the AONB concerning the Saltcotes pond and its unknown ownership. In the light of the information received it would not be possible for the Council to undertake any work.

The clerk advised that he had attended another productive meeting with the AONB and Cllr Stockdale advised that in response to a letter written by the clerk to Mr Bell, the Churchwarden, she had received confirmation that the church had no objection to the noticeboard and its preferred location. It was **agreed** that the clerk would now contact Allerdale BC to ascertain if any planning approval would be required.

4.3 HMRC – invitation to participate in National Minimum Wage survey.

This was **noted without action**.

5 New business

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

Playground signage update.

The playground had been inspected by a Cllr and there were no urgent matters requiring attention.

Cllr Welsh and Cllr Hodgson provided information on the deteriorating condition of the ‘horse’s head’ on the see-saw and the wooden slats on ‘the bridge’ and pointed out that these would need careful monitoring.

Cllr Hodgson advised that the two seats that had been sent for galvanising had been returned and looked very good. One had been re-installed at the playground and the other re-located at the Acre. The clerk advised that an invoice had not yet been received for these.

The inside of the hedge would benefit from being trimmed and the clerk was instructed to ask the grass cutting contractor to do this.

The briars would also benefit from some trimming back.

5.2 Audit arrangements for 2022/23.

The clerk advised that he had not received any instructions/guidelines from the external audit company to date. He would shortly be contacting Mrs Gauntlett to arrange the internal audit.

5.3 Parish Plan – discussion of ongoing items such as footway request and information panel items.

Cllr Welsh advised that the officer dealing with the footway request had not yet been able to follow up on the site visit, but had indicated that she hoped to do so in the near future. The Council’s patience had been requested.

Information panel – see item 4.2.

Cllr Welsh commented on the current situation concerning the local bus provision and informed Cllrs that he would speak to Mr W Knowles ahead of the May meeting. The clerk was instructed to include this as an item on the May agenda.

5.4 Election update.

The clerk had attended a briefing session at Workington and handed out ‘election packs’ to those requiring them.

He pointed out that clerks had been advised not to be involved in the completion of Cllrs documentation. The Authority had indicated that they were very willing to advise Cllrs on the necessary process. – **noted**.

5.5 Update on the seat at The Acre.

See item 5.1 above.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

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

6.2 To approve the following payments.

6.2.1 Clerk: salary **£379.17 – approved**.

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £40.82, postage etc £9.03. Mileage 46 miles at 45p /mile £20.70 Total **£70.55 – approved**.

6.2.3 Information Commissioner – data protection registration fee. **£40.00 (anticipated) – approved**.

6.2.4 Onlineplaygrounds – seat and associated shackles (VAT £46.56) **£279.36 – approved**.

6.2.5 Black Country Metalworks - tree guard **££176.79 – approved**.

To be paid by credit card and re-imbursed.

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7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Clerk update on speed warning sign request.

The clerk advised that he had been informed that no decision had been taken on this as the Committee was awaiting information from the police. Cllr Welsh advised that the poor condition of the road/verge at 'Fairishes farm' had been reported again.

A further request for chevrons on the road at Raby would be made by Cllr Hodgson. The clerk confirmed that the request had been made previously and he was aware the County Cllr Markley had supported the request.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None – noted.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

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

8.2.2 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). - permission granted

The above were noted.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

None – noted.

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.

The above was noted.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

Cllrs Graham and Stockdale advised that about twenty people had attended the first screening held by the cinema club in the Parish Hall. It was hope that more would attend in future.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

Cllr Markley had given his report earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

No additional matters were raised.

10.5 Police report

No correspondence from the Police had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

Cllrs agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should take place ahead of the Parish Council meeting and that this would commence at 7.00 p.m.

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 11th July 2023 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

The date was noted.

Cllr Hodgson closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.