

## CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**Cllrs Present:** Norman Atkinson, Alan Tyson, Angela Glendinning, Alistair MacFadzean, Ian Shaw, Richard Hellon, Paul Doherty, Tim Cartmell & Colin Smithson.

**Also Present:** Elizabeth Clark (Clerk), PSCO 5326 Harris & PCSO 5360 Ostle.

### 18/01-86 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor).

### 18/01-87 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were amended to add Tim Cartmell to councillors present, were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

### 18/01-88 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- a) No requests for dispensations were received.
- b) No declarations of interests were received.

### 18/01-89 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) No report received from Cllr Fairbairn.
- b) An emailed report from Cumbria Constabulary stated that there had been no incidents reported to the police since the last meeting. PCSO Harris was advised that due to the public enjoying the snow on Sunday 17 January, a large number of vehicles were indiscriminately parked in the Blue Gate Crossroads area, blocking the junction and causing an obstruction to drivers' line of sight. Councillors asked if passing attention could be given on a weekend if there are future snowfalls. Cllr Atkinson asked if the police reports could be more specific with regards to the area in question so they were more meaningful.
- c) There were no questions or matters of interest raised by residents.

*PCSO's Harris & Ostle left the meeting.*

### 18/01-90 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications:** T/2015/0163 – 6 alder to be crowned/reduced – Little Orchard, Riverside, Caldbeck. **Agreed to Support.**  
7/2016/2003 – Change of use of existing granny flat annexe to self-catering accommodation, Crest Hills, Hesket New Market. **Agreed to Support.**
- b) **Decisions:** 7/2015/2241 – Erection of sectional timber building comprising of combination of two storage sheds and a central covered storage area – Greensyke, Caldbeck – Approved with Conditions.  
7/2015/2114 – Outline Application for construction of an agricultural workers dwelling – Wood Hall, Hesket New Market – Outline Permission Granted.
- c) The following replies to the parish council's planning queries were received; Mr Barr (Chair of DCC) stated that he was promoting the idea of a follow-up to the so-called Planning Pow Wow that was held a few years ago. He advised that this would not only remind us all of our standing procedures but it could allow discussion of planning guidelines and the way applications are decided. He also confirmed that Kevin Richards had assured him that he was trying to arrange a date to meet with members of the council. Mr McGowan (Head of Development Management, LDNPA) stated that the Old Map Shop proposal and the parish council's views were considered and that the LDNP assessment was appropriate. Each application was considered on its merits and decisions were taken in accordance with development plan policies unless planning considerations indicate otherwise. He advised that the parish councils' views were always considered and their relationship was valued. He supported the parish council's meeting with Kevin Richards and advised that he was unable to provide the parish council on the number of times the Development Control Committee (DCC) take a different decision to the Planning Officer's recommendations on an application but would establish a figure for the past year if required. Mr Davies (North Distinctive Area Parishes Member, LDNPA) advised that he supported Mr Barr's promotion of a follow-up to the Planning Pow-Wow and would work with him to bring about the event. It was resolved that the clerk contact Kevin Richards if he failed to contact her by the end of the month and Mr McGowan be asked for 5

years figures on the number of times the DCC had taken a different decision to the Planning Officer's recommendation on an application.

#### 18/01-91 LDNP COMMON LAND WITH CALDBECK

The possible transfer of ownership of the common land surrounding The Old Map Shop from the LDNPA to the Parish Council was discussed, and it was established that the advantage of this would be control, with the disadvantage being maintenance costs. Correspondence from the LDNPA advised that the land in question was given in lieu of inheritance tax to the Treasury who transferred the land to LDNPA to look after on their behalf. The land can therefore only be disposed of with the Treasury's consent and any proceeds of sale would go to them, not the LDNPA. This means that the Treasury would have an active role in determining the purchase price and may not agree to its transfer at a nominal sum. When approached in the past to see whether it possible to deal with a transfer, the Treasury indicated that they would like to see an overall scheme for the entire part of the common in their ownership before they would be prepared to sell off small parcels of the common. Any transfer of common land around the Old Map Shop would not be as straight forward as first thought. It was **agreed** to leave the land as is for now and re-address if it becomes an issue in the future.

#### 18/01-92 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Atkinson reported that he, Cllr Tyson, Alick Grieve & Mike Bell had met last week to consider the finer details of the route which included drains, gate entrances etc. Alick & Mike are to meet to clarify particular sections along the route.

Atlantic Geomatics are due to start mapping the route on 17 February, which will provide sufficient detail for legal, planning and compensation issues and Alick will meet on site with Atlantic Geomatics. Landowners to be updated and advised by letter that surveyors will be assessing their land. At a site meeting Kevin Cosgrove, CCC Highways Engineer, considered the new proposal after the withdrawal of support from one landowner. He remains supportive of the project with only some remedial work being required where the path rejoined the highway. It was noted that the public could voice their opinions when the planning application was submitted.

#### 18/01-93 BOUNDARY WALK

Cllr Atkinson reported that a meeting of interested parties was planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2016. Bim Tyson had kindly offered to provide a twenty seater bus, free of charge to transport walkers up from Mosedale. Other advertising ideas were discussed including facebook, (Councillor Glendinning to organise), emailing organisations in the parish and asking specific people experienced in this and similar events.

#### 18/01-94 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cllr MacFadzean advised that the cost of a new bench (Larch wood) to replace the Wath bench would be £245.00 (inc vat). It was agreed that another quote should be obtained and Cllr MacFadzean was authorised to purchase the cheaper of the two. Cllr Smithson to install the new bench with the plaque from the old bench.
- b) No update received on the following: i) Drain problems on Faulds Brow ii) Parkend culvert under road, iii) the Wath, field drain opened up following previous repairs to look into if farmers or highways problem, iv) water problem below the school & the white bridge at Riverside – new culvert top required to catch the water. It was discussed that there was now an urgency to resolve item iii) as Mike Bell was frequently having to pull vehicles off the ice on Wath Brow. Cllr Tyson to arrange a site meeting with Tim Shield and Mike Bell.
- c) An email from David Coxon of the LDNPA thanked the parish council for sending through the ownership details of the car park and advised that he was in the process of getting this work programmed and funded; however some of the flood damaged sites are likely to take priority. The two smaller holes in the car park will be dealt with before Easter.
- d) Cllr Smithson reported that the Haltcliffe notice board was rotten and required replacing and he would have the glass for the Caldbeck board on Wednesday/Thursday. It was agreed that Cllr Smithson go ahead and construct and install a new board at Haltcliffe.
- e) A report from Andy Whitworth of Lowther Forestry Group stated the following;  
'The Yew tree on The Straits - The tree is showing signs of good health. A fungal fruiting body was found in the tree however where it came from could not be confirmed. I do not consider this tree to be an issue at this time. I recommend adding the tree to the tree survey of the Church and crown lifting the lower (twiggy) branches from the footpath. Future monitoring for fungi is recommended and photographs to be taken if fungi are identified. Tree 2 – Oak up-hill of the pond - This tree is in good health with minor signs of storm damage. One crossing branch was noted however this is not a safety concern but it can be removed in the

long term. There are no recommendations at this time. Tree 3 – Lime below the pond - This tree is in good health and is very impressive in the landscape. There are no safety issues at this time. Minor defects include: metal work between the buttresses, crossing branches, branches becoming end-loaded and minor cavities in secondary branches. All of which are not a concern at this time. I recommend that if other works are being carried out in the area then the removal of crossing branches and a reduction in end-loading to the lower lateral branches would be of benefit. This is simply to preserve the tree in the long term and could be carried out within the next 5 years (no rush)'. It was agreed that Cllr Hellon to remove the branch from the Oak and Cllr MacFadzean to trim lower branches on the Yew tree.

- f) Other Parish Maintenance; flooding at Maiden's Hill was re-addressed and it was agreed that Tim Shield should be contacted again about the issue. Blocked culverts outside the Parish Hall, just past the school near Marlow Cottage and Ratten Row – clerk to report. Concerns with regards to inconsiderate parking at a number of locations within Caldbeck – general item asking residents to consider other road/pavement users, to be included in the parish magazine.

#### 18/01-95 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

a) It was **resolved** to approve the council's bank reconciliation as at the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.

b) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:

**Receipts:** K M Dickson £5.00 (Parking Licence), S J Braithwaite £14.00 (Allotment Fee)

**Payments:** E Benson £100.00 (Monitoring & Cleaning of Disabled Toilet)

Caldbeck Parish Hall £198.00 (Room Hire).

c) The Council was notified on the current financial position.

HSBC Current A/C 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015: £ 5789.56

HSBC Current A/C 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016: £ 4493.80

HSBC Deposit A/C 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015: £109,483.56 (inc £100,000 for path project) Interest 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: £9.90

HSBC Deposit A/C 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016: £109,493.79 (inc £100,000 for path project) Interest 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: £10.23

d) The proposed budget for 2016/17 was considered and **approved**, and it was agreed that the combined Precept plus Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (estimated at £132.47) for 2016-17 would be £11,900.00. This is an increase of £1000.00 (estimated £3.07 increase on a Band D Council Tax Charge) from 2015/16 which would be to fund possible future street lighting & public toilet facilities. Detailed information received from a parishioner with regards to the Saturday winter bus service to Keswick was fully discussed. Although councillors could see the benefits, it was felt they did not outweigh the costs involved. It was unanimously agreed that funding to reinstate the winter service should be declined, as it was felt that the precept increase needed for street lighting and toilet facilities was a greater priority, and there was likely to be insufficient support to make the service viable.

e) Correspondence received from the HSBC stated that the Wigton branch would soon be closing, it was noted that the clerk would be able to pay cheques into Wigton post office.

#### 18/01-96 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

1. Connecting Cumbria – Nov Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 8/12)
2. CALC – Dec/Jan Circular (emailed Cllrs 8/12)
3. CALC – New Year 2017 Honours Request Nominations (emailed Cllrs 8/12)
4. CALC – NuGen's Newsletters (emailed Cllrs 8/12)
5. Allerdale Borough Council – Free Parking for towns hit worst by floods (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
6. Cumbria County Council – Flood Update – Eden Bridge (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
7. Cumbria County Council – Flood Update (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
8. Hinterland – Rural Intelligence Behind the Headlines (emailed Cllrs 11/12)
9. Allerdale Borough Council – Housing Study 2015- Extension (emailed Cllrs 12/12)
10. Active Cumbria – Flood Recovery E-Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
11. Cllr Fairbairn – Car Parking Services – Wigton Town Council (emailed Cllrs 16/12) – *councillors objected to the increase in parking charges & the introduction of charging after 7pm/overnight. It was agreed that Wigton Town Council should take ownership of the Water Street Car Park or failing that there should be one hour free parking on this site – clerk to complete consultation.*
12. CALC – NuGen has signed a major contract with Fugro (emailed Cllrs 16/12)
13. CALC – NALC update including decision that it will not cap P.C.in 2016/17 (emailed Cllrs 18/12)
14. CALC – Flood Recovery Update (emailed Cllrs 18/12)
15. Police & Crime Commissioner – Dec Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 22/12)
16. Allerdale Borough Council – Local Flood Recovery Group (emailed Cllrs 22/12)

17. LDNPA – December Report (emailed Cllrs 22/12)
18. CALC – Allerdale 3-Tier Meeting 7/1/16 (emailed Cllrs 22/12)
19. Allerdale Borough Council – Final Council Tax Base Figure Letter (emailed Cllrs 23/12)
20. Wigton Baths Trust – Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 5/1) – *no donation approved.*
21. DCLG – Interactive Community Rights Usage Map (emailed Cllrs 5/1)
22. CALC – Audit Arrangements from 2017 (emailed Cllrs 5/1)
23. CALC – Neighbourhood Planning Bulletin from DCLG (emailed Cllrs 5/1) – *additional information required/request guest speaker for future meeting.*
24. CALC – Developing your Skills Programme Jan-June ‘16 (emailed Cllrs 5/1)
25. Connecting Cumbria – Live Cabinets (emailed Cllrs 7/1)
26. Cumbria County Council – Public Urged to Stay away from A591 (emailed Cllrs 7/1)
27. Allerdale Borough Council – Updated Council Tax Base (emailed Cllrs 7/1)
28. CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2016 (emailed Cllrs 7/1)
29. CALC – Allerdale Local Flood Recovery Group Minutes (emailed Cllrs 7/1)
30. Rural Opportunities Bulletin – January 2016 (emailed Cllrs 7/1)
31. Allerdale Borough Council – Oddfellows Arms, Decision on Asset of Community Value (emailed Cllrs 11/1)
32. Colin Barr, Chair of DCC – Reply to Planning Queries (emailed Cllrs 12/1) (Ref 5C)
33. David McGowan, Head of Development (LDNPA) – Reply to Planning Queries (emailed Cllrs 12/1) (Ref 5C)
34. Geoff Davies, North Distinctive Area (LDNPA) - Support of Planning Reply (emailed Cllrs 12/1)(Ref 5C)
35. CALC - Arrangements for the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (emailed Cllrs 12/1)

18/01-97 NEXT MEETING

(a) It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be the 22<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.