

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 22nd February 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) & Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor).

22/02- 98 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Harris. Apologies for arriving late were received from Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor) & Cllr Cartmell due to a clash of meetings.

22/02- 99 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th January 2016, were amended to correct Marlow Cottage (ref 18/02-94f) were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

22/02-100 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

22/02-101 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Cllr Fairbairn was not present at this point of the meeting.
- b) An emailed report from Cumbria Constabulary stated that there had been two incidents reported to the police since the last meeting and these were; on the 24th of January 2016, the police received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Faulds Brow at Caldbeck. A police patrol attended the area and carried out relevant checks. Following this everything was in order. On the 31st of January 2016 the police received a report of vehicles driving off road on High Pike; the police continue to monitor the issue.
- c) Cllr Doherty gave the following report with regards to superfast broadband; a possible lifeline for internet access has been scrapped by the government, this was the Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIPS). The idea was to cover mobile 'not' spots but after three years only 16 masts have been erected out of a projected 600, two of these being in the Northern Fells – Hutton Roof & Newlands (fourteen masts in total were originally proposed for Cumbria). There was £150 million funding available but only £10 million spent. Planning regulations primarily scuppered the project. Currently there is 85% coverage, 111,553 premises passed, 555 cabinets (487 are live), 81 exchanges enabled, with 21.9% take up on the new service, phase 1 rollout finishes on the 31st of March 2016.

22/02-102 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Decisions:** T/2015/0163 – 6 alder to be crowned/reduced – Little Orchard, Riverside, Caldbeck. **No objection**
- b) **Applications:** no new applications received since the last meeting.
- c) A reply letter from David McGowan (LDNPA), looking at the number of times the Development Control Committee (DCC) voted against the Planning Officer's recommendations. It stated the electronic system used to manage their planning process does not allow them to obtain the information required by the parish council. The recommendation would need to be manually checked for each application and compare this with the DCC decision in the recorded minute. As this information is available on the planning website it would therefore be a task for the parish council to carry out. With regards to councillors meeting with Kevin Richards (LDNPA) it was agreed that Cllr Cartmell's idea of specifically looking at particular applications would be beneficial. Clerk to follow-up on the meeting date confirmation.

22/02-103 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman asked for Councillors to think about possible topics of interest for the Annual Parish Meeting and to convey their ideas at the next meeting on the 21st of March.

22/02-104 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Atkinson reported that he had spoken to Alick Grieve who advised that Atlantic Geomatics carried out the mapping process on-site on 17/18th February. These are the first costs the project has incurred. Prior to this Councillor Atkinson had written to landowners to keep them updated. Detailed maps will now be produced over

the next 2-3 weeks, suitable for drawing up contracts with landowners and the planning application, which will be the next phase of the project.

22/02-105 BOUNDARY WALK

Cllr Atkinson reported that a meeting had taken place on the 27th of January, with 26 people attending all prepared to help. Cllr Atkinson chaired the meeting and agreed to chair the Boundary Walk Committee. Five key areas were identified to plan for a successful event, administration, route, health & safety, fundraising & catering, with each sub-group being led by two individuals. Fund raising events already organised are a 'big breakfast' 17th April, and a quiz 1st May. The next meeting for the committee and is 1st March and then a further meeting will be held to update interested parties. The History Society are to look into the history of the walk and will provide information on the day by way of displays etc.

22/02/106 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANING

Following information received from Action with Communities in Cumbria, Cllr Atkinson advised that a Neighbourhood Plan focuses on planning e.g. housing, road infrastructure, provision for businesses to expand, building design etc, the Community Plan is like the Parish Plan and focuses on what the community want (a vision for the future). The advantage of a Neighbourhood Plan would be that the LDNPA would have to be mindful of the parish council's views and respect their opinions. Compiling the plan would be an extensive task involving consultation with the community and the LDNPA. Grants & assistance from various bodies are available. It was agreed to re-address the idea following the meeting with Kevin Richards while also asking his thoughts on the plan.

22/02/107 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was noted that the vacancy for one parish councillor had been re-advertised. One prospective parishioner had shown an interest in the position and would be invited to a meeting with the view to co-option.

Cllr Cartmell joined the meeting – 8.15pm.

22/02/108 GRASSCUTTING TENDERS FOR CALDBECK & HESKET NEWMARKET GREENS

- a) The draft tender document was considered and it was **agreed** with an addition to the Hesket Newmarket notice being the 1st cut to be made in April (weather dependent). The tender document to be advertised on the parish noticeboards, website and also to be sent to any contractors who have either fulfilled the contract in the past or expressed an interest.
- b) It was agreed to set the closing date for received tenders as the 18th of March, to be decided at the Parish Council meeting on the 21st of March.

Cllr Fairbairn joined the meeting – 8.35pm

22/02-109 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cllr MacFadzean advised that he had obtained further bench prices and they were between £500 and £600. It was agreed and authorised that Cllr MacFadzean proceed with the purchase of the Larch bench for £245 (inc vat) as discussed at the January meeting.
- b) Cllr Tyson, updated on the following; i) the drain problems on Faulds Brow have now been resolved ii) the Parkend culvert under road has now been repaired iii) the Wath, field drain – met with Tim Shields (highways) & Mike Bell. Mike Bell suggested that it would be a good idea to put passing places on the hill and sort the french drain out; Tim agreed it was a good idea and would push for this. iv) water problem below the school – this is currently on a planned work ticket which will involve changing the camber on the road. White bridge at Riverside – **no** money for repairs, gratings beside the bridge have been looked at but couldn't find anything wrong. A camera is to be put down the culvert near Rosemary Bailey's house to check for blockages. The culverts are to be cleaned out outside the parish hall and at Ratten Row. It was noted that all the previously noted highway issues were in hand and were either going to be carried out or on tickets.
- c) The following pot holes have been logged with highways and given reference numbers; i) end of Beck Grange Lonning where it joins the road – 12/1382095, ii) 3 x large pot holes 100m from the Parkend Cattle Grid on the way to Faulds – 12/1382106, iii) Hesket Lonning just past Throstle Hall Farm entrance, this is a recurring problem so requires special attention (proper fix) – 12/1382109, iv) Ratten Row, B5299 – 12/1382118. The landslip that has been reported on numerous occasions at Hesket Newmarket Bridge is being monitored and the Environment Agency are due to inspect it. It was agreed that dates should be recorded when issues are reported to highways.

- d) It was discussed that a tree at the rear of the Oddfellows was obstructing drivers' views. Resolved - Cllr Atkinson to make contact with the owners with a view to having the tree trimmed.
- e) Dog fouling around Caldbeck Church was reported to the Street Scene officer who had requested the contractor to clean the area and check to see if further signage, to remind dog walkers to clean up, could be installed. Clerk to ask if the dog warden could visit the area.
- f) It was discussed that the damage caused to the entrance of the Allotments by a skidding vehicle was caused by United Utilities. United Utilities to investigate.
- g) Landslip near the road leading down to Hesket New Market bridge is in hand.
- h) Other Parish Maintenance; Cllr Hellon advised that a thorn bush opposite no 1 at Riverside was causing problems and required cutting back, Cllr Hellon to resolve. There are inoperative street lights; no 26 - opposite school house & no 31 on the green by the men in sheds. The drain below the school is blocked with grit. Clerk to report.

22/02-110 HM QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

A suggestion was received about incorporating celebrations with the village sports day on the Queen's official birthday on 11th June. This was considered along with other suggestions but it was noted that the village sports normally takes place on a mid-week evening. Councillors felt that with Boundary Walk taking place this year, considerable event organisation was already taking place within the community. Following discussion, Cllr Hellon offered to contact the cricket club to see if something could be incorporated with anything taking place there on that date.

22/02-111 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL AUDIT

- a) The standing orders including financial regulations were considered and **approved** following the additional statement being included; *Executive powers are delegated to the Clerk of the Council following consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council or Committee, as appropriate, subject to prior consultation by electronic communication with council members, for matters which require a decision before the next ordinary meeting.* It was agreed that this would only be used when non-contentious issues arise and would not be used on controversial items.
- b) The Risk Assessment Document was considered and **approved**.
- c) The Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was considered and **approved**.
- d) The Asset Register was considered and **approved**.
- e) The Fidelity Guarantee (for £250,000) was considered & **approved**. It was noted that the Market Cross & Fair World Shop both had addresses of Mardale, Upton and the policy showed sums insured for playground equipment etc – clerk to question both these queries. The insurance will be considered at the May meeting.
- f) It was **resolved** to approve the council's budget review for 2015/16.
- g) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: M Powell £2.00(Allotment Fee) Cumbria CC £843.08 (Maintenance of Caldbeck Village Green)
Payments: ICO – Data Protection Annual Fee (dd) - £35.00
D Bowen - £20.00 (replace lost cheque no. 100798)
- h) The Council was notified on the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th Feb 2016: £ 5005.88
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th Feb 2016: £109,504.02 (inc £100,000 for path project) Interest 7th Feb: £10.23

22/02-112 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) Allerdale Borough Council – Active Allerdale, New Session (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- b) CALC – Flood Recovery Fund (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- c) CALC – Info on Neighbourhood Planning Event (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- d) Allerdale – Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Doc (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- e) Cumbria Community Messaging – Theft of Ewes in Lamb (emailed Cllrs 22/1)
- f) Cumbria Community Messaging – PPI & HMRC Refund Scans (emailed Cllrs 25/1)
- g) David McGowan LDNPA – Reply Email (emailed Cllrs 25/1) (Ref 5c)
- h) Allerdale Borough Council – Financial Help for Flooded Properties (emailed Cllrs 25/1)
- i) Allerdale Borough Council – West Coast Flood Info (emailed Cllrs 25/1)
- j) ACT – Community Buildings Event (emailed Cllrs 31/1)
- k) CALC – Friday Round Up (emailed Cllrs 31/1)
- l) LDNPA – January Report (emailed Cllrs 31/1)
- m) Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 6/2)
- n) Cumbria Community Messaging – Royal Mail Scam (emailed Cllrs 6/2)

- o)** Rural Services Network – Government Faces Major Revolt Over Rural Funding (emailed Cllrs 7/2)
- p)** CALC – Cockermouth Flood Bulletin Issue 6 (emailed Cllrs 7/2)
- q)** Allerdale Borough Council – CTRS Confirmation (emailed Cllrs 7/2)
- r)** CALC – February Circular (emailed Cllrs 7/2)
- s)** Flood Recovery Group – Register of Flooded Properties in the Parish (emailed Cllrs 7/2)
- t)** CALC – Improvement Bulletin February (emailed Cllrs 11/2)
- u)** Cumbria Community Messaging – Survey (emailed Cllrs 11/2)
- v)** CALC – Training & Cumbria in Bloom (emailed Cllrs 12/2)
- w)** LDNPA – The Rights of Way Network Update (emailed Cllrs 12/2)
- x)** ACT – Neighbourhood Planning Information (emailed Cllrs 12/02)
- y)** CALC – Smaller Authorities Audit Update (emailed Cllrs 12/02)

22/02-113 NEXT MEETING

- (a)** It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be the 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.