

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th May 2016.

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk), Cllr Fairbairn & numerous parishioners.

10/05-1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved, proposed Alan Tyson, seconded Alistair Macfadzean, to elect Norman Atkinson as Chairman for the next Council year.

10/05-2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Norman Atkinson completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2016/17.

10/05-3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Resolved, proposed Colin Smithson, seconded Norman Atkinson, to elect Richard Hellon as Vice Chairman for the next Council year.

10/05-4 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Kerry Harris.

10/05-5 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st March 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

10/05-6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No requests for dispensations or declarations of interest received.

10/05-7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Simon Gray, applicant of planning application 7/2016/2092 asked for support for his proposed two bedroom, affordable local occupancy dwelling. He gave an outline of his history to the area and how his parents had bought the land in question. He advised that he had listened to what the LDNPA had said with regards to their objection to the previous application and had now opted for a smaller two bedroom, low lying local occupancy house with an intention to park in the village car park. Some parishioners agreed that the house was an improved design but parking was the issue, a vehicle would have to reverse into and out of the property and this was not safe due to the play park. Other parishioners did not see the parking as a problem, as vehicles already parked at that location when using the pub, play park and chapel. It was noted that Highways had recommended refusal due to the absence of adequate on-site parking space provision.

Flooding was also a major concern, as the flood calculation was prior to Storm Desmond. Mr Gray advised that a feature of the design was to alleviate flooding and he reassured parishioners that the flooding issue would be resolved.

10/05-8 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

a) **Applications:** 7/2016/2092 – Land to the East of the Childrens Play Area, Hesket Newmarket – Erection of -Dwelling House. (See ref below; 16.23,16.24, 16.30, 16.31, 16.32, 16.34 – 16.37, 16.40-16.44 & 16.48). Cllr Atkinson advised that there had been 17 letters of support (3 from Hesket Newmarket, 5 from Caldbeck, 2 from within the National Park & 7 from outside the National Park) and 9 letters of objection (all from Hesket Newmarket). The objection from Highways was due to no off street parking and proximity to the play park. United Utilities had no objection, although maybe conditional on the if the diversion of the sewer is required. The key issues were the design and whether it would detract from the conservation area (fit in with the local landscape), parking issues, flooding (a genuine concern) & affordable housing/young people in the community (who the person is, is not a planning issue but affordable housing can be). **Resolved to support** the application by 8 votes to 1 and 1 abstention. The layout and agricultural type design of the building, using local materials, is unobtrusive and sits low on a slope, so as not to spoil the open views to the north. The main view of the gable end from the village, is the same height as the recently approved planning permission for a new garage at the adjacent Chapel House. The development does not detract from the Conservation Area and is in keeping with the 2005-15 Parish

Plan 'to preserve the rural character of the parish'. Although the applicant does not intend to park a vehicle outside the development, the council did not feel that the addition of either one or two more vehicles would cause any undue parking problems, as vehicles already park at that location when using the play area, pub & chapel. The road in question is small cul-de-sac, with clear views and has no through traffic, with bollards across the road protecting the entrance to the play area and footpath. The Council does not agree with the Local Highways Authority's objection. The Council is aware that the Planning Officer's Report (para 5.25) to the LDNP DCC on the previous application 7/2014/2134, 'did not find the highway concerns as a reason for refusal'.

The design incorporates extensive measures to ensure that flooding of the immediate area is not an issue and is backed by a comprehensive engineering report, which indicates that the works to be put in place would cope with a serious flooding event. The applicant is willing to work with the local community and utility company, should there be any need to improve it further.

Parishioners left the meeting.

T/2016/0043 – Caldbeck Village Green, Caldbeck – Crown raise to 2.5 metres a Horse Chestnut (1).
Devolved decision by the Clerk following consultation with the Chairman and Councillors – **no objections**.

- b) **Decisions:** 7/2015/2191 - Calva, Upton – Demolition of existing building & construction of two semi-detached dwelling units for local needs – Outline Permission Granted.
- c) It was agreed that the clerk write to the LDNP regarding letters of support/objection still not being on their website and to query their excuse of 'data protection' being the reason why they can't email letters (signatures etc present).

10/05-10 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported that he and Alick Grieve are to meet on Thursday to draft the contracts. The hard plan copies have been completed and the relevant paperwork should be with the landowners' solicitors in two weeks time. Cllr Cartmell will require a copy of the landowners' deeds to prove the land is theirs.

10/05-11 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The pond at Heskett Newmarket to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

10/05-12 FOOTWAY LIGHTING

An email from Electricity North West advised that one pole mounted street light had been identified for removal which was located outside Hill Croft, adjacent to the B5299 heading out of Caldbeck towards Ireby. The clerk had emailed/telephoned David Bryden of Allerdale Borough Council to inquire whether funding was available to replace the light but had not yet had a reply. Resolved; Clerk to write to neighbouring properties advising them of the situation and that the parish council were in discussions with Allerdale regards funding for a replacement light.

10/05-13 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cllrs Macfadzean & Tyson to carry out inspections of the John Peel Shelter, Market Cross and Allotments this month and again in October.
- b) No 26 street light opposite school house to be checked to see if working.
- c) The following updates were received; 150 yards passed Whelpo there is a dip in the road (road has sunk) possible drainage issue/pot hole – repaired 10/5, the Heskett to Howbeck road, Heskett to Street Head and below Hudscals have all been repaired. There are still pot holes at Bridge House.
- d) Large pot hole (with water coming out) on the link road between the main road and the back road in Heskett Newmarket (ref. 16.13) – Tim Shield (Highways) has looked at this and has advised it needs to be dug out to find out what the problem is.
- e) Cllr Smithson stated he had all the materials to repair the notice board next to the school and a new board is required at Haltcliffe.
- f) The drain on the hill just below the school is still blocked; clerk to advise that a camera is required.
- g) Caldbeck - Heskett Newmarket road 100 metres past Throstle Hall, pot holes have appeared again – clerk to request a proper repair that will last.
- h) Pot Holes on the road at back of Caldbeck Green – clerk to again ask for it to be repaired.

- i) Cllr Hellon advised that the pond weed had returned to Caldbeck pond and he planned to obtain a boat to see how it could be cleared. It was noted that the Men in Sheds hadn't yet repaired any of the benches – Cllr Macfadzean to speak to Ken.

10/05-14 NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND

It was noted that David Ward had agreed to continue with his appointment as Caldbeck Parish Representative on the Board of Trustees for the Northern Fells Group and that he would provide a report shortly. Clerk to email thanks to David for agreeing to continue.

10/05-15 BOUNDARY WALK

A meeting had been held last month and the organising and fundraising are both going well. A quiz held raised £238. A website is to be uploaded to provide all the relevant information including a facility to register to take part in the walk.

10/05-16 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL AUDIT

- a) The Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2016 was received from the Internal Auditor. Emailed 25.4.16
- b) The Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 was completed, approved and signed.
- c) The Cashbook & Annual Return Accounting Statements 2015/16 were approved and signed
- d) The Clerk presented two quotes for insurance, one from Zurich Municipal and one from AON. It was resolved to accept the AON quote for the insurance renewal which is due on the 1st June. It was agreed that the Market Cross & Third World Shop should be re-valued for this purpose. Cllr Doherty to arrange.
- e) It was agreed that the three new signatories, (Cllr Tyson signatory already) for the Cumberland Building Society account, to replace retired councillors, be Cllrs Hellon, Atkinson & Doherty. The relevant paperwork was completed.
- f) The budget for 2015/16 was reviewed.
- g) It was **agreed** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: Allerdale Borough Council, first half of Precept for 2016/17: £5883.77
Allerdale Borough Council, first half Council Tax Reduction Support Grant: £66.24
Payments: Robin Hood Sawmill Ltd, New Wath Bench: £240.00
Jean Airey, Internal Audit: £50.00
CALC Subscription 2016/17: £214.00
Eleanor Benson, Monitoring and cleaning disabled toilet at Chapel, Feb, March, April '16: £100.00
Mark Binney, Grasscutting: £172.50
AON Insurance: £403.76
- h) To be notified of the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th April: £9326.42
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th April: £107,875.33 (inc £98353.36 for path project) Interest 8th April: £8.38

10/05-16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lake District Ramblers Association – Cumbria Way (emailed Cllrs 24/3)
2. Allerdale Borough Council – Cumbria Central Heating Fund (emailed Cllrs 24/3)
3. LDNPA – The Local Plan Review (emailed Cllrs 24/3) – *reply to be forwarded to LDNP*
4. UK Cycling Events – Cycle Event Plan (emailed Cllrs 24/3)
5. Allerdale Borough Council – Easter Arrangements (emailed Cllrs 24/3)
6. NHS North Cumbria – Success Regime's Progress Report (emailed Cllrs 24/3)
7. Police & Commissioner Elections – Promotional Material & Activities (emailed Cllrs 2/4)
8. Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 2/4)
9. LDNPA – March Report (emailed Cllrs 2/4)
10. Allerdale Borough Council – Parish Precept Breakdown (emailed Cllrs 4/4)
11. CALC – Petition for the right to appeal planning permission (emailed Cllrs 7/4)
12. CALC – April Circular (emailed Cllrs 7/4)
13. T Ryan – Highways Issue at Hesket Newmarket (emailed Cllrs 14/4)
14. R Bailey – Himalayan Balsam in Caldbeck (emailed Cllrs 14/4)
15. CALC – MPPA Lay Advisors (emailed Cllrs 14/4)
16. CALC – Success Regime Public Meeting Dates (emailed Cllrs 14/4)
17. ENW – Light Pole Removal (emailed Cllrs 17/4)

18. CALC – West Cumbria Community Forum Info (emailed Cllrs 18/4)
19. GNAA – Newsletter Issue 3 (emailed Cllrs 18/4)
20. CALC – LDNPA Parish Forum 25th April 2016 (emailed Cllrs 18/4)
21. LDNPA – North Distinctive Area Parish Update (emailed Cllrs 18/4)
22. Cumbria County Council – New Highways Hotline Number (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
23. C Wilkinson – Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
24. L Malarkey - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
25. West & North Allerdale Flood Info – Latest Bulletin (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
26. CALC – Local Occupancy Clauses (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
27. CALC – Feature May Edition of CALC Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
28. UK Cycling Events – Cancelled Cycle Event 7th May 2016 (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
29. Health Watch Cumbria – Survey (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
30. E Docter - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
31. B & M Whitson - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
32. B Cox - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 21/4)
33. J Airey (Internal Auditor) – Audit Report 2015/16 (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
34. R Unwin - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
35. Dr P R P Nittala - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
36. L Wade - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
37. J Gray - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
38. CALC – Patient Online (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
39. Cumbria Community Messaging – Wine Investment Fraud (emailed Cllrs 25/4)
40. C Pearson - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
41. P Gray - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
42. L & G Turner - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
43. R & C Y Dickinson - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
44. C Gray - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
45. LDNPA – April Report & to consider a response to the local issues questions (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
46. Cumbria Community Messaging – Cold Callers (emailed Cllrs 1/5)
47. Cllr Fairbairn – Fraud (emailed Cllrs 2/5)
48. A Hannam - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 2/5)
49. J & S Pattinson - Letter of support for planning application no. 7/2016/2092 (emailed Cllrs 2/5)

10/05-15 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting will be Monday 20th June 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.