

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 20th June 2016.

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk) & Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor).

20/06-16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hellon & PCSO Harris.

20/06-17 MINUTES

The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 10th May 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

20/06-18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

20/06-19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Cllr Fairbairn gave an update on the current highways issues in the parish and advised that when reporting problems a contact name and number as well as the location is required in case further information is needed. He reported that there were still some issues with Broadband for some rural areas, in particular at Welton, where the new fibre optic cable passes through the village, enroute to Caldbeck. It is not accessed here by BT as part of 'connecting Cumbria', as Solway Communications had previously offered to provide mobile broadband but now no longer seems feasible, due to the geography of the area and have now admitted they only carried out a desk top review.
- b) An emailed report from Cumbria Constabulary stated that there had been one incident reported to the Police for the area of Caldbeck since the last meeting. On the 5th June 2016, it was reported to the Police that a Chainsaw had been stolen from a shed at a farm in Caldbeck. There have been no reports of Anti-social behaviour reported to the Police

Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting at 7.40pm.

- c) A letter from a concerned parishioner with regards to sheep straying into the village was discussed and it was agreed that on unenclosed common land it was the nature of stock to stray. It wasn't felt that the Parish Council were justified to tell the farmer how to look after his sheep, as they are regularly herded back to the common. Councillors did however appreciate the issue may cause some nuisance but believe it is a feature of living in the countryside.

20/06-20 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

a) **Decisions:** T/2016/0443 – Crown Raise to 2.5m Horse Chestnut – Caldbeck Village Green. **No Objection, decision date 12/05/16.**

b) **Applications:** 7/2016/2132 - Retention of unauthorised works to a listed building, including retention of new roof timbers and reslating; retention of exposed fireplaces (eg plaster, floor beams and stairs); and retention of exposed fireplaces and decorative stone work - Haltcliffe Hall, Hesket Newmarket. **Agreed to Support.**

7/2016/2133 – Retrospective application for installation of biomass boiler with associated flue and fuel Storage area within cartilage of listed building – Haltcliffe Hall, Hesket Newmarket. **Agreed to Support.**

7/2016/2134 (listed building application) - Retrospective application for installation of biomass boiler with associated flue and fuels storage area within cartilage of listed building – Haltcliffe Hall, Hesket Newmarket. **Agreed to Support.**

- c) 7/2016/2092 - Land to the East of the Childrens Play Area, Hesket Newmarket – Erection of Dwelling House - Cllr Atkinson reported that he had attended the Development Control Committee Meeting on the 1st of June 2016 and put forward the parish council's reasons for supporting the application. Following debate, the Development Control Committee required the planning officers to review the issues surrounding surface water flooding and for the application to come back to the committee in August.

On a separate issue it was questioned whether a planning application would be required for a change of use from a dwelling to self-catering accommodation. Resolved; Clerk to make enquiries with the LDNPA.

20/06-21 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported that the contracts had been sent out to landowners with the option of selling the land to the parish council or dedicating it to the footpath. It was hoped that the contracts would be signed up by the end of the month. The planning application is to be finalised and then submitted to the LDNPA. Cllr Cartmell proposed, Cllr MacFadzean seconded, with all councillors in favour that the Parish Council resolve that the Chairman, Norman Atkinson and Vice Chairman, Richard Hellon be authorised to sign the Option Agreements. After they have exercised the Option on behalf of the Parish Council, subsequent Transfer Deeds and other documents in relation to the acquisition from third parties or dedication by third parties of land for the formation of a public footpath between the villages of Caldbeck and Heskett Newmarket.

20/06-22 BOUNDARY WALK

Cllr Atkinson reported that if the parish council's public liability insurance was to be used to cover the Boundary Walk then the ownership would need to be transferred to the parish council. It was noted that separate insurance cover would cost approximately £300. At a meeting of the Boundary Walk Committee it was agreed that the committee wished to retain ownership of the walk, as it would be difficult to gain authority from the parish council for decisions, as they only had one more council meeting before the walk. The risk assessment had been completed and costs were currently being finalised. Registration of interest is required to assist with numbers for meals, certificates, badges etc. The event is being advertised on Facebook, parish noticeboards, parish magazine etc.

20/06-23 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was noted that John Wells had kindly carried out insurance valuations on the Market Cross & Third World Shop and both were found to be undervalued. His assessment advised that the Market Cross should be £25,115 (currently insured for £19,776) and the Third World Shop should be £39,155 (currently Insured for £28,428). Councillors agreed that the sums insured be updated and index linked in the future. The clerk advised that she had asked Aon (insurers) if there would be an increase to the premium and what it would be, if the insured amounts were increased to cover the new valuations, but she had not yet received a reply.

20/06-24 PARKING ISSUES

Cllr Macfadzean advised that vehicles were parking on the hatched line near to the B5299 junction beside the Oddfellows Pub, forcing vehicles to move to the centre of the road to pass parked vehicles, causing a few near misses on what can be 'blind junction'. It was felt that a raised kerb instead of a hatch line might improve the situation. It was agreed that the issue be discussed with Mr Loftus and Highways. Parking in Heskett Newmarket was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Cartmell & Cllr Shaw carry out a site survey of the existing car park and by using an earth picture from Google Maps, show how the car park could be extended. Map to be looked at, at the next meeting, Heskett Newmarket residents to be notified and the LDNP and planning authority to be asked for their views. Damaged verges around Caldbeck Green caused by parked vehicles was discussed and it was noted the ground opposite Greenstead had still not been re-instated following its construction – issue to be brought to the attention of the contractor.

20/06-25 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cllrs Macfadzean & Tyson advised that they had not yet inspected the John Peel Shelter, Market Cross or Allotments but all inspections would be carried out before the next meeting.
- b) The following updates were received; i) pot holes at Bridge House – to be filled in on the 21/6 (ii) Large pot hole (with water coming out) on the link road between the main road and the back road in Heskett Newmarket – this has now been resolved (iii) blocked drain on the hill just below the school – to be resolved next time the gully car is in the area (iv) Pot holes on the Caldbeck - Heskett Newmarket road 100 metres past Throstle Hall – these have now been filled in (v) Pot holes on the road at back of Caldbeck Green – to be filled in on the 21/6 (vi) large hole in the pavement behind the pub towards White Bridge – this has now been resolved.
- c) It was noted that the weed on Caldbeck Pond had resolved itself so no further action was required.
- d) Cllr Smithson advised that he had not yet repaired the notice board next to the school or replaced the noticeboard at Haltcliffe.
- e) Cllr Macfadzean advised that the Men in Sheds would have the benches repaired in the next month and would put the plaque back onto the Wath Brow Bench.
- f) It was agreed that Scott Henderson & Cath Johnson (LDNPA) be asked to look at the weed on Heskett Newmarket pond. Clerk to contact LDNP.
- g) Cllr Macfadzean advised that there was a lot of erosion damage on the footpath from the road bridge to the church bridge. Clerk to Contact LDNP.
- h) Cllr Macfadzean advised that the road sign at the end of Friars Row was rusty with half of the letters missing from it – clerk to ask for the to be replaced.

- i) Other parish maintenance: the sign at Brewery Lane is pointing in the wrong direction – Cllr Macfadzean to resolve. Dog Fouling Bins required – Clerk to ask the Street Scene Officer to action. Weed killer required at Hesket Cross and in front of the pub. Cllr Macfadzean to trim the grass at Blue Gate Crossroads. Pothole on the B5299 at Snowhill – clerk to advise highways. It was discussed that a licence was now required to spray weeds so it was agreed that Cllr Glendinning contact Andrew Bell to inquire if he could spray the thistles from the Chapel to Mary Cowx’s bungalow. On the Knocker House road there is a ‘Temporary Road Surface’ sign that needs removing – clerk to advise highways. The tree at Wath Brow needs cutting down – Cllr Smithson to speak to the landowner to see if they have any objections. There is another pothole near to Throstle Hall – Clerk to report. Tree at Heron Rigg needs to be trimmed as vehicles are being forced into the middle of the road (B5299) – Cllr Cartmell to ask the owners if they have any objections to them being pruned. Cllr Atkinson advised that there had been an offer of a memorial bench at Hesket New Market. It was suggested that it be sited on the verge by the notice board on the edge of The Green, facing towards the Old Crown – clerk to contact the benefactor and to add an item to the parish magazine, asking for suggestions as to where the new bench could be sited.

20/06-26 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) The bank reconciliation as at the 8th of June 2016 was received and approved.
b) The monthly expenditure and record of income were approved:
Receipts: HMRC – VAT Repayment: £494.15, Local Committee Members Scheme Grant £4839.00
Payments: E Clark, Clerk’s Salary, April, May, June: £733.88 & April, May, June Expenses: £79.25
HMRC – PAYE: £183.40, Mark Binney, Grass Cutting - £914.00
c) The Council was notified of the current financial position:
HSBC Current A/C 8th May 2016: £ 9066.42
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th May 2016: £107,883.31 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 7th May: £7.98
HSBC Current A/C 8th June 2016: £13673.31
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th June 2016: £ 107 893.39 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 7th June: £10.08

20/06-27 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) LDNPA Parish Forum – Notes 25 April 2016 (emailed Cllrs 17/05)
b) CALC – Allerdale three tier meeting March note (emailed Cllrs 17/5)
c) CALC – Sense of Place Conference (emailed Cllrs 17/5)
d) KMF – Road Cycling Event 21/5 (emailed Cllrs 17/5)
e) Wigton Library – Closure on 21/5 (emailed Cllrs 17/5)
f) Cumbria Community Messaging – theft from farms (emailed Cllrs 19/5)
g) GNAA – E-Newsletter Issue (emailed Cllrs 19/5)
h) CALC – May Circular (emailed Cllrs 19/5)
i) Centenary Fields – Protecting Valuable Green Space (emailed Cllrs 21/5)
j) CALC – Friday Round-Up (emailed Cllrs 21/5)
k) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals & Local Plan Consultation (emailed Cllrs 27/5)
l) Wigton RUFC – Wigton 7s & Family Fun Day (emailed Cllrs 27/5)
m) LDNPA – Local Plan Review (emailed Cllrs 27/5)
n) Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund – Resistance & Resilience (emailed Cllrs 27/5)
o) The Mighty Corinthian – Vintage Cycling Event 25 June (emailed Cllrs 27/5)
p) LDNPA – North Distinctive Area tour 14 June (emailed Cllrs 27/5)
q) LDNPA – May Report (emailed Cllrs 1/6)
r) Highways England – Request for Evidence (emailed Cllrs 13/3)
s) NALC – EU Referendum Partner Guide (emailed Cllrs 1/6)
t) Cumbria Community Messaging – Meet the new Police & Crime Commissioner (emailed Cllrs 1/6)
u) Boundary Walk – Thanks for Donation (emailed Cllrs 8/6)
v) LDNPA – Local Plan Refresh, Further Evidence Required (emailed Cllrs 9/6)
w) Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 9/6)
x) CALC – June Circular (emailed Cllrs 9/6)
y) CALC – Developing Your Skills Programme (emailed Cllrs 9/6)
z) Hayman MP - Parish broadband Connectivity (emailed Cllrs 12/6)

20/06-28 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held at on Monday 1st August 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

