

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 1st August 2016.

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk) & one parishioner

01/08-29 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tyson & Coulthard, Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor) & PCSO Harris.

01/08-30 MINUTES

The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 20th May 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

01/08-31 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

01/08-32 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) No report received from Cllr Fairbairn.
- b) There had been six incidents reported to the Police for the area of Caldbeck since the last meeting, the police report highlighted the following incidents; On the 20th June a vehicle was being driven carelessly in the area and not adhering to advisory signs which were in place due to road conditions. On the 22nd June a vehicle was driving around the area in a suspicious manner, the driver appeared to be stopping and staring at properties, and had been seen in the village previously. On the 17th July there were concerns for a pony tethered to a fence in poor condition. The RSPCA were made aware to carry out further enquiries.
- c) No questions or matters of interest were raised by residents.

01/08-33 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications:** 7/2016/2148 – Extensions and alterations to rear of property, retrospective – Whelpo Lodge, Caldbeck – devolved decision by Clerk following consultation with Chairman & Councillors as response Requested by 19th July 2016: **No Objection.**
7/2016/2151 – Alterations to existing garage; single storey extension to provide tv room/snug & office, and alterations to first floor bedroom 4 – Cornhill House, Caldbeck – **No objection** with agreement that councillors did not support the application due to their concerns that the proposed works would dominate the current open view when seen from the village.
- b) Guidance from Kevin Richards on change of use from a dwelling to self-catering accommodation advised that assuming the house is not restricted in any way (occupancy conditions etc) then it would not constitute a change of use requiring planning permission.

01/08-34 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported that some land owners had agreed the contract documents, the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the option agreement for four of the landowners which were ready to exchange, and three of which should be exchanged and then become legally binding on the landowners this week. The four landowners in question are Messrs Stobart, Ridley, Todhunter and Mitchell. Under the option agreements the parish council can purchase the footpath land by exercising the option before the 31st of December 2017. The option agreements give the Parish Council an obligation to pay the landowners legal fees, now. Other land owners were waiting to hear from their solicitors, while some were busy with seasonal work and would need to be followed up. Alick Grieve is currently progressing the planning application and Cllr Atkinson has drafted the community aspect of the design and access statement. The project is still moving forward.

01/08-35 BOUNDARY WALK

Cllr Atkinson reported that the Boundary Walk funds were standing at £2200.00 and that any surplus money following the event would go to local charities. 325 people have signed up to take part in the walk. The next and final walk meeting will be held on the 24th of August at 7.30pm with the setting up the hall being carried out on the Friday before the walk. Everything is progressing as it should and it is hoped that the weather will be good for the event.

01/08-36 TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

Cllr Atkinson advised that it had been confirmed that this year's tour of Britain cycle race would go through both Caldbeck and Hesket New Market on the 5th of September. Cllr Doherty volunteered to advertise the event by displaying notices on the parish's noticeboards. Clerk to add event details to the parish website and magazine.

01/08-37 PARKING ISSUES

Options to be looked at to improve parking in Hesket New Market – deferred until the next meeting

An email from Phillip Groom of Highways regarding parking on the highways to the north of the Oddfellows stated the following; *a kerb would not be possible due to the cost and difficulty with the "levels" (i.e. the pub ground level being at road level). NO PARKING text may be possible, but this is dependent on finances – I will hold on file for consideration following a site visit. However at this point, I can't imagine that there is too much of a risk with vehicles colliding, assuming drivers are proceeding with care.* Clerk to request site visit with Phillip Groom and councillors.

Contact was made with the owner of Greenstead with regards to the initial agreement of re-instating the land opposite the new build, which will now be done when a local contractor is available to do the work.

01/08-38 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cllrs Macfadzean advised that he and Cllr Tyson had inspected the John Peel Shelter, Market Cross and Allotments and made the following comments and recommendations; the allotments were well kept with only a couple being a little bit overgrown. The Market Cross timbers inside the roof require a little maintenance, the sandstone kerbs have moved over the years and require re-pointing and the moss on the north side of the roof needs to be removed, the roof slates are sound. Cllr Hellon advised that he could get a quote for the timber maintenance and Cllr Macfadzean stated he would remove the moss from the roof. A lot of work has been undertaken inside the John Peel Shelter so it is very tidy. Externally, ivy is growing up the right hand side of the door way and needs removed, a lot of weeding is required and the railings require painting. Clerk to ask Susan Beale that these three areas be looked at.
- b) The following update was received; (i) the weed on Hesket Newmarket pond – no reply from the LDNPA (ii) erosion damage on the footpath from the road bridge to the church bridge – no reply from the LDNPA (iii) the road sign at the end of Friars Row – a site assessment will be carried out and the sign will be replaced if deemed necessary, report ref no. 12/1299566 (iv) pothole on the B5299 at Snowhill – report ref no. 12/1399570 (v) pothole near to Throstle Hall – report ref no. 12/1399574 (vi) the sign at Brewery Lane is now pointing in the right direction – clerk to look into the sign restoration costs (vii) tree at Wath Brow that needs cutting down – Cllr Smithson to speak to landowner (viii) the tree at Heron Rigg has been trimmed.
- c) Cllr Smithson advised that he was progressing the noticeboard next to the school and at Haltcliffe
- d) Cllr Glendinning advised that Cllr Tyson had contacted Andrew Bell regarding spraying the thistles, opposite Caldbeck Green.
- e) No update received on Dog Fouling Bins – clerk to again contact the Street Scene Officer.
- f) The clerk advised that the memorial bench for Hesket Newmarket was to go ahead and a proposed inscription for the plaque was read to councillors. It was agreed that the wording would need to be shortened to fit the size of the plaque. The cost of the bench would be subject to a fitting charge of £50. Clerk to advise benefactor.
- g) Cllr MacFadzean advised that he had strimmed the National park areas 5 times so far this year and would carry out up to 5 more before the end of the year, which would equate to approximately 40-50 hours per year. Clerk to advise Cath Johnson from the LDNP, to enable them to provide a contribution for fuel costs.
- h) Other urgent matters – approximately 7 street lights have been replaced in the parish with LED lights – clerk to ask Cllr Fairbairn why they have been replaced, which to Councillors, appeared random. The car park sign at Caldbeck has been replaced by a sign, which although is standard throughout the Lake District, is not in keeping with the area. Gullies at the school and parish hall still require cleaning out – clerk to advise highways. There is a growth of bull rushes in the gutter running from the sluice on Caldbeck pond which will require a machine to remove – Cllr Smithson to speak to Mike Bell. The railings at Riverside and the rail supports at Commercial Row require replacing – Cllr Smithson to prepare a quote for the next meeting. It was noted that Hesket Newmarket church hoped to have a small Gazebo on Hesket Green on the 25th of September for a BBQ for the harvest service. It was agreed that thanks should be given in the next parish magazine to all parishioners that go above and beyond to help keep the parish tidy.

01/08-39 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was resolved to approve the council's budget review.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: E J Woodham £2.00 Allotment Fee, S Braithwaite £14.00 Allotment Fee,
S Beale £2.00 Allotment Fee, Mrs T Hughes £12.00 Allotment Fee,
Mr Armstrong £4.00 Allotment Fee, M Blood £6.00 Allotment Fee,

A Johnston £6.00 Allotment Fee, W L Turner £5.00 Parking,
C Dickinson £12.00 Allotment Fee.

Payments: Aon Uk Insurance, Additional premium to increase cover: £14.83

Mark Binney, Grass Cutting - £247.50

E Benson, Monitoring and cleaning disabled toilet at Chapel, May, June, July '16: £100.00 s87

The Northern Fells Group, Grant Towards Minibus Service: £300.00 s26

Caldbeck First Responders, Grant s137: £70.00

St Kentigern's PCC, Caldbeck, Grant towards Chuchyard upkeep, s214: £750.00

Citizens Advice Bureau, Allerdale, Grant s142: £50.00

Great North Air Ambulance, Grant for 'Pride of Cumbria', s137: £200.00

Minihan McAlister, Footpath Disbursements Only Invoice £ 66.00

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

HSBC Current A/C 8th July 2016: £11,611.78

HSBC Deposit A/C 8th July 2016: £107,903.14 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 7th June: £9.75

d) It was **resolved** to approve an increase to the Clerk's Salary in line with the National Pay Scales as from April 2016. (Ref. 12C).

01/08-40 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) Great North Air Ambulance (emailed Cllrs 25/06)
- b) CALC – Changes to Law, Re: Bankruptcy (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- c) CALC – Payscales (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- d) CALC – Revised Legal Topic Notes – LTNS 41 & 60 (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- e) LDNPA – Notification of Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- f) Cumbria Community Foundation – Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- g) NuGen – Consultation Drop in Dates (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- h) CALC – Weekly Roads/Bridges Update (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- i) CALC – Revamp CALC Planning Webpages (emailed Cllrs 25/6)
- j) CALC – Allerdale Three Tier Agenda June 2016 (emailed Cllrs 28/6)
- k) War Graves Commission – Living Memory Project (emailed Cllrs 28/6) – *forward to the History Society*
- l) CALC – NuGen News Issue 2 (emailed Cllrs 9/7)
- m) LDNPA – June Report (emailed Cllrs 9/7)
- n) CALC – Western Coast & Lakes Travel Plan (emailed Cllrs 9/7)
- o) LDNPA – Local Plan Review Website Now Live (emailed Cllrs 14/7)
- p) Department of Politics & Public Policy – Councillor Commission (emailed Cllrs 14/7)
- q) CALC – July/August Circular (emailed Cllrs 14/7)
- r) West, North & East Cumbria Success Regime – Stakeholder Update Session (emailed Cllrs 21/7)
- s) Caldbeck Surgery – Support for Wigton Hospital (emailed Cllrs 21/7) – *send letter of support*
- t) CVS – Free Training Sessions for Help in Emergency Situations (emailed Cllrs 21/7)
- u) CALC – Friday Round-up (emailed Cllrs 23/7)
- v) My Cumbria – Local Discount Card for Residents (emailed Cllrs 23/7)

01/08-41 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held at on Monday 5th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

