

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 5th September 2016.

Cllrs Present: Norman Atkinson, Angela Glendinning, Tim Cartmell, Christina Coulthard, Richard Hellon, Alistair Macfadzean & Ian Shaw.

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk), Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor) & two parishioners

05/09-42 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Smithson, Cllr Tyson & PCSO Harris.

05/09-43 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 1st August 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record with one amendment to item 01/08-34 exercising the option before the 31st of December 2017 not the 31st of July 2017.

05/09-44 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

05/09-45 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Cllr Fairbairn advised that he had nothing to report but stated that the 8 x parish street lights that had been mistakenly replaced with LED lights by Allerdale Borough Council, when they belonged to highways, was a plus point in terms of maintenance and running costs should the parish council ever have to take the lights over.
- b) There had been one incident reported to the Police for the area of Caldbeck since the last meeting; on the 25th of August 2016 it was reported to police that 2 Satnavs had been removed from an unlocked vehicle in Hesket Newmarket. Police would like to remind people to keep vehicles locked and any items left in the vehicle to be hidden out of view.
- c) A resident of Hesket Newmarket commented that the new Car Park signpost was out of keeping with the area and the planning application for the erection of a dwelling next to the childrens play area mentioned that the allotment gate caused/contributed to flooding. The flap device installed to the bottom of the gate to stop rabbits etc entering the allotments swings away when water puts pressure on it so therefore does not stop flood water.

05/09-46 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications:** 7/2016/2092 – Erection of dwelling house – Land to the east of the childrens play area, Hesket Newmarket (amended plans/information). Councillors considered the additional information that related to flooding and sewage, it was not to consider other aspects of the May 2016 planning application. They noted that the amended flood report now made reference to the December 2015 floods. It stated that the May 2013 event was more significant and the current proposals are designed to exceed the flood capacity of both those events. However, due to the technical nature of the reports, councillors felt they were not sufficiently qualified to comment on the accuracy of them.
T/2016/0113 – Fell Spruce tree – Denton House, Hesket Newmarket. It was noted that this application was not supported by an arboriculture report as it was not a requirement of a conservation area notice. It was agreed to **support** the application. The following application was received after the issue of the agenda;
T/2016/0116 – 6, Church Terrace, Caldbeck CA7 8DR – Fell 2 x cherry trees (T1 & T2), 2 x silver birches (T3 & T5) and 1 other tree (T4). It was agreed to **support** the application as the trees shade the applicant's house and have no amenity value to the village.
- b) **Decisions:** 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 - **Approved with Conditions.**
7/2016/2148 – Extensions and alterations to rear of property, retrospective – Whelpo Lodge, Caldbeck – **Granted.**

05/09-47 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported that three landowners had now signed-up and option agreements exchanged, these were; Messrs Ridley, Stobbart & Todhunter. The two solicitors for Messrs Brough and Mitchell had approved the Option Agreement, and were awaiting their clients signature to exchange. The solicitors for Messrs Bell and Brownrigg, in consultation with their clients, are considering whether the best option for them is to either sell or dedicate the necessary land. The solicitors for Messrs Hodgson and Watson are waiting for

instructions from their clients. Alec Grieve is still working on the planning application, the community aspect of that has been completed by Councillor Atkinson.

05/09-48 BOUNDARY WALK

Cllr Atkinson reported that the 2016 Boundary Walk held on the 27th of August was a very successful and enjoyable community event with 305 people taking part. There would be approximately £500 of surplus funding which will be distributed to local charities. Cllr Shaw stated that the committee had done a sterling job.

05/09-49 PARKING ISSUES

An emailed reply from Philip Groom of Highways stated that due to his current work load, he was unable to have a site visit with regards to the parking issue to the North of the Oddfellows Arms at the junction with the B5299. He advised that he had however been through the village a couple of times recently and felt there may be merit in painting "NO PARKING" text in the problem area. **Resolved** - request the "NO PARKING" text and a site visit as and when convenient.

Cllr Shaw reported that he and Cllr Cartmell had had a site visit at Heskett Newmarket car park to look at options to improve the parking. It is possible for approximately fifteen cars to park at the moment, if the area was extended to the tree section, leaving the trees unaffected but trimming a couple of lower branches, there would be space for an extra 4-6 cars. Consultation needs to be undertaken with 'commoners' before the proposal is further considered. Councillor Shaw to progress.

05/09-50 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cllr Hellon reported that he had arranged with Steve Allan to look at the timber on the Market Cross roof with the view of supplying the parish council with a quote for any maintenance required.
- b) An email reply from Susan Beale with regards to the maintenance of the John Peel Shelter stated the following; *the group responsible for redecorating the John Peel Shelter met on Monday and agreed that the jobs you have identified need doing. The ivy was removed this morning but unfortunately the rain prevented any further weeding but this will be done over the next week or two. We agree that the railings need repainting but think that perhaps this is the responsibility of the Parish Council. We refer to item 4 of the Tenancy Agreement sent to Mrs Brame on 6.3.1987 which says: The tenant agrees to maintain the interior decorations of the Shelter in good order. The Council agrees to maintain, including repair when necessary, the structure of the Shelter including exterior decoration. There is no specific mention of maintenance of the area around the Shelter but we feel that the implication is that the Council would be responsible for the fencing. We would appreciate the opinion of the Council.*
It was agreed that Cllr Atkinson to discuss options with Susan Beale and Cllr Cartmell review the contract.
- c) The following update was received; (i) the weed on Heskett Newmarket pond – reported to the LDNPA who require further information. Info to be supplied (ii) erosion damage on the footpath from the road bridge to the church bridge, Caldbeck – Cath Johnson from the LDNPA advised that the work had been programmed into the flood recovery schedule. The plan is to make the path more resilient by rebuilding the revetment and re-surface with a more suitable, sustainable material that would be resilient to future flooding events. A bid has been submitted to the Rural Payments Agency's: Cumbria Countryside Access Fund for £3 million for practical improvement and resilience works to our rights of way network. The decision as to whether the application has been successful or not will be determined in October 2016. (iii) restoration of sign at Brewery Lane – guideline & specification document received and circulated to councillors, concerns about a crack to one of the fingers was considered. Further contact to be made by Clerk with CCC highways (iv) tree at Wath Brow that needs cutting down – no update received (v) replaced street lights – see ref 05/09-45a) (vi) cleaning of gullies at the school & parish hall – work carried out (vii) bull rushes in the gutter running from the sluice on Caldbeck Pond – the sluice issue has been resolved but the pond is full of duck weed – to be monitored.
- d) Repairs to the noticeboard next to the school, new board at Haltcliffe and quote to repair the railings at Riverside and the rail supports at Commercial Row – no progression due to Cllr Smithson's work commitments.
- e) Spraying the thistles – to consider next year with the grass cutting contract.
- f) Dog Fouling Bins – Cllr MacFadzean to meet up with Peter Haley the Street Scene Officer.
- g) The clerk advised that the benefactor of the memorial bench for Heskett Newmarket was still working on the inscription for the plaque which would be 6" x 3".
- h) Scott Henderson from the LDNPA advised that a donation for the cost of petrol for strimming the amenity areas around Caldbeck should be no problem but the previous donation of £100 covered the costs of use of private equipment as well as fuel, so they could only offer £50 to cover fuel and part of the maintenance cost. It was noted that Cllr Macfadzean also used his own mower and the areas required more than four cuts to maintain a tidy appearance for locals and visitors who use it. It was agreed that the LDNPA be asked for a

£100 donation and to request whether contributions from the car park voluntary donation box could be used towards this.

Cllr Shaw left the meeting – 9pm.

- i) Other urgent matters – update on ref no. 12/1299566, the road sign at the end of Friars Row required. Inoperative street light outside the hall – number 3.

05/09-51 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was **resolved** to approve and accept the Annual Return following completion by the external auditors and it was noted that there were no matters arising which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.
- b) It was resolved to approve the council's budget review.
- c) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: John Peel Shelter, Rent - £100.00, D Lear, Allotment Fee - £4.00
Payments: Mark Binney, Grass Cutting £861.50
E Clark, Salary (July, Aug, Sept) £751.08
E Clark, Expenses (July Aug) £25.77
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) £187.80
BDO LLP (External Audit) £480.00
- d) The council was notified on the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th August 2016: £10,965.78
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th August 2016: £107,913.22 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 7th August: £10.08

05/09-52 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) LDNPA – July Report (emailed Cllrs 2/8)
- b) NALC – Community Lead Housing Survey (emailed Cllrs 2/8) – *survey completed, clerk to respond.*
- c) Allerdale Borough Council – Tour of Britain Info (emailed Cllrs 9/8)
- d) Cumbria Constabulary – Public Consultation Survey (emailed Cllrs 18/8)
- e) Open Adventure – Lakes in a Day Ultra Run (emailed Cllrs 18/8)
- f) Success Regime – Stakeholder Update (emailed Cllrs 18/8)
- g) Citizens Advice Allerdale – Thanks for Donation (emailed Cllrs 20/8)
- h) GNAA – Thanks for Donation (emailed Cllrs 20/8)
- i) GNAA - Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 20/8)
- j) Pure Outdoor Events – Grand Tour of Skiddaw Ultra Trail Race (emailed Cllrs 20/8)
- k) Cumbria LEP – Defra's Food Tourism Grant Scheme (emailed Cllrs 25/8)
- l) Cumbria Community Messaging – Criminal Damage (emailed Cllrs 25/8)
- m) Cumbria Community Messaging – Allotment Burglaries (emailed Cllrs 25/8)
- n) Cumbria Community Messaging – Burglary in Wigton Area (emailed Cllrs 25/8)
- o) ACT – AGM & Community LED Planning Debate (emailed Cllrs 25/8)
- p) Boltons PC – Good Councillor Training (emailed Cllrs 25/8)
- q) Cumbria County Council – Tour of Britain, Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (emailed Cllrs 29/8)
- r) CALC – Friday Round-Up (emailed Cllrs 29/8)
- s) Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association – New Chairman Info (emailed Cllrs 29/8)
- t) Northern Fells Group – thanks for the donation (emailed Cllrs 29 /8)

05/09-53 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held at on Monday 24th October 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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