

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 24th October 2016.

Cllrs Present: Norman Atkinson, Angela Glendinning, Tim Cartmell, Paul Doherty, Richard Hellon, Alastair Macfadzean, Ian Shaw. Alan Tyson 9.00pm by prior arrangement.

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk).

At the Chairman's discretion, item 6 - 'Proposed Foot & Cycle Path along Hesket Lonning', is moved to be discussed following item 12 - 'Correspondence'.

24/10-54 APOLOGIES

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

24/10-55 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 5th September 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

24/10-56 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

24/10-57 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Cllr Fairbairn was unable to attend the meeting.
- b) There had been no incidents reported to the Police for the area of Caldbeck since the last meeting.
- c) There were no residents present at the meeting.

24/10-58 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications:** T/2016/0153 – Remove 1 x Cherry; prune 2 x large trees & 1 x plum - Gate House, Caldbeck – **No Objection.** PB/2016/0043 – Proposed removal of public payphone - Phone box, Hesket New Market – BT Payphones - devolved decision by Clerk following consultation with Chairman & Councillors as response was requested by the 27th of September 2016 – **Objection** due to mobile phone signal is not always good in this area. In an emergency a mobile phone may not be charged/available. Access to a defibrillator could be dependent on the public telephone being available, should there be such an emergency. Although the public telephone may not get a great deal of use, views were expressed that providing such a facility is really a public service and one which BT should be obliged to maintain in isolated rural communities. 7/2016/2205 – Drainage system upgrade & construction of a new soakaway, including replacement of rain water goods & additional downpipes. Replacement sash window to north/west elevation & replacement doors to south/west elevation (x2) & rear Barn - devolved decision by Clerk following consultation with Chairman & Councillors as response was requested by the 10th of October 2016 – **No Objection.** The following application was received after the issue of the agenda; 7/2016/2241 – Street Head Farm, Street Head, Hesket Newmarket – Proposed conversion of two storey agricultural building to form a new dwelling (outline application) – **Support subject to local occupancy clause** – this development would not spoil the public amenities, adds to the housing stock and doesn't change the footprint of the existing building.
- b) **Decisions:** T/2016/0113 – Fell Spruce tree – Denton House, Hesket Newmarket – **No Objection.** 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) – **No Objection.**

24/10-59 JOHN PEEL SHELTER

Cllr Atkinson reported that he had spoken to Susan Beale about the parish council's agreement to maintain the structural aspect of the John Peel Shelter and the informal agreement that the tenant would maintain the outside decoration as required (paint railings, weeding etc) to keep the rent at a nominal amount of £100.00. Susan confirmed that she would speak to co-workers and advise on their views before the next parish council meeting. Councillors agreed that there may need to be a compromise in that, the parish council supply the paint and the tenant supplies the labour.

24/10-60 PARKING ISSUES

The clerk reported that she had advised Phillip Groom of Highways to proceed with painting 'No Parking' text on the highway in the problem area to the North of the Oddfellows, but had not yet received any acknowledgement from him. It was noted that Arthur Todhunter, grazier of Hesket Newmarket parking area had no objection to the expansion of the car park. Cllr Shaw volunteered to produce a more accurate survey of the car park, before the proposed meeting with Cath Johnson LDNP, which would include exact measurements

and specify the number of extra parking spaces an extension would achieve. Local consultation would be required to show support and a need in the community.

24/10-61 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Further quote for timber maintenance on the Market Cross roof to be obtained from Ian Gibson Associates, Cllr MacFadzean & their representative to have a site visit on the 14th of November.
- b) The following updates were received; (i) the weed on Hesket Newmarket pond – Cath Johnson of the LDNPA stated that the water level was defiantly low but there was still water in the pond but obscured by the grass. It looks on first glance that the pond is simply being overgrown due to natural processes of “succession”(when open water is colonised by plants due to lack of human intervention/management & is often hastened due to fluctuating water levels i.e. long periods of low water). She advised that she would have another look over the winter months and although there were currently no in-house resources to fund its restoration she would look into finding external funding to initiate a restoration project. (ii) restoration of sign at Brewery Lane – an email from Philip Groom advised that the sign looked in decent condition but would probably benefit from a repaint. Cllrs discussed that there was a crack on the full length of the collar which would need welded & shot-blasted. Clerk to advise Philip and ask for authority for the parish council to proceed with the necessary repairs. It was suggested that all the parishes signs should be looked at and repairs budgeted for with a rolling programme of maintenance. (iii) tree at Wath Brow that needs cutting down – clerk to contact landowner, LDNPA & Highways for permission to remove the tree (iv) road sign at the end of Friars Row – Philip Groom from Highways to visit (v) Inoperative street light outside hall (no.3) – logged with highways ref no. LW/1412063 (vi) light outside Hill Croft – an email from ENW stated that they were planning to remove this pole and associated overhead line so if the parish council wanted to retain a light at this location they would need to arrange for the installation of a replacement lighting column (LED) & ENW would provide a replacement underground electricity connection to the new lighting column free of charge. Clerk to contact David Bryden of Allerdale to ascertain if there was funding for a replacement light.
- c) 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 – clerk to contact Cllr Smithson for railing quotes and an update on the noticeboards.
- d) Cllrs Macfadzean & Tyson to carry out the second annual inspection of the allotments. John Peel Shelter & Market Cross inspections only required once a year.
- e) Dog Fouling Bins – Cllr MacFadzean met up with Peter Haley the Street Scene Officer and the extra bins were now in place and being used.
- f) The inscription for the plaque on the memorial bench for Hesket Newmarket was approved and the benefactor agreed to forward a cheque in payment of the bench and fitting.
- g) Scott Henderson from the LDNPA advised that due to limited resources the offer of a £50 donation for fuel and part contribution for servicing to use the parish strimmer supplied by the National Park’s sustainable development fund was more than fair as the they would only be seeking to have Caldbeck car park cut two or three times a year. Cllr Macfadzean cuts the grass there several times a year, which is well used by visitors and residents. Councillors appreciate this work and agreed that they prefer the grass to be kept short and maintain a tidy appearance. Cllr Cartmell proposed & Cllr Atkinson seconded that a £100 donation be paid to Cllr Macfadzean for the fuel and servicing of the strimmer.
- h) An email from a parishioner advised on the poor condition of the road leading from Hesket Newmarket to the bridge, the road is breaking up generally and the culverts on the bridge are blocked by weeds. The drains on the roads leading to Hesket Newmarket, especially Wood Hall Lane and the drains in the village all need cleaned to help prevent flooding – clerk to advise highways.
- i) No other urgent matters. It was noted that gravel had been removed at the new bridge which had lowered the beck level & it was now flowing well. Councillors appreciated the work done by Highways, which would reduce the risk of flooding.

24/10-62 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was **resolved** to approve and accept the bank reconciliation as at the 8th of October 2016.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: Mrs K M Dickson (Parking) £5.00, S Robson (Allotment Fee) - £16.00,
J Bush (Allotment Fee) - £4.00, J Bardgett (Allotment Fee) - £2.00,
S Delaney (Allotment Fee) - £12.00, Allerdale Borough Council (Precept) £5949.99,
Cumbria County Council (Maintenance of Caldbeck Village Green) £855.85.
Payments: Mark Binney, Grass Cutting £180.00
E Benson, Monitoring & cleaning disabled toilet at Chapel, Aug, Sept, Oct '16: £100.00 s87
Minihan McAlister, Professional Charges for Footpath to Hesket £880.00.
Cllr Macfadzean – Donation to Strimmer Expenses £100.00
- c) The council was notified on the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th October 2016: £14456.14
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th October 2016: £107,931.28 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 8th October: £10.08
- d) The first draft budget for 2017/18 was discussed. It will be reviewed again, amended as necessary and

approved at the next meeting on the 5th of December 2016.

Cllr Tyson joined the meeting at 9pm.

24/10-63 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) Northern Fells – AGM Agenda (emailed Cllrs 10/9)
- b) WNE Cumbria Success Regime – Save Wigton Beds Reply (emailed Cllrs 10/9) – *Forward Letter of Support*
- c) Department of Health – Save Wigton Beds Reply (emailed Cllrs 10/9)
- d) Impact Housing – Advocates Against Abuse (emailed Cllrs 10/9)
- e) North Distinctive Area Parishes Member – August Report (emailed Cllrs 10/9)
- f) Pure Outdoor Events – Cumbria Way Ultra Trail Race (emailed Cllrs 10/9)
- g) NHS – Save Wigton Beds Reply (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- h) ENW – Removal of Light at Hill Croft Update (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- i) LDNPA – Housing SPD Consultation (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- j) CALC – September Circular (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- k) CALC – LDNP Partnership & Parish Forum Meeting (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- l) Nu-Gen – Green Grants Available (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- m) CALC – Emergency Plans for Parishes (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- n) NALC - Neighbourhood Planning Letter from Gavin Barwell MP (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- o) CALC – Annual Meeting of the Parishes (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- p) Rotary Club – Polio Eradication (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- q) CALC – Nominations for CALC Executive Committee (emailed Cllrs 18/9)
- r) V Jackson – Proposed Memorial Bench Plaque Text (emailed Cllrs 19/9)
- s) GNAA – Issue 8/Sept Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 19/9)
- t) Success Regime – Consultation Launch (emailed Cllrs 19/9)
- u) CALC – Three Tier Meeting, Agenda etc (emailed Cllrs 19/9)
- v) Healthcare for the Future – Info of Public Consultation Launch (emailed Cllrs 19/9)
- w) Cumbria County Council – U2926 Urgent Road Closure (emailed Cllrs 3/10)
- x) Active Cumbria – Getting Cumbria Ready Conference (emailed Cllrs 3/10)
- y) CALC – AGM (emailed Cllrs 3/10)
- z) CALC – NALC Members Log-In (emailed Cllrs 3/10)
- aa) Electoral Review of Allerdale Borough Council – Warding Arrangements (emailed Cllrs 4/10)
- bb) Allerdale Borough Council – Flood Recovery Update (emailed Cllrs 13/10)
- cc) CALC – October Circular (emailed Cllrs 13/10)
- dd) Cumbria Action for Sustainability Event – Workshop Info (emailed Cllrs 13/10)
- ee) LDNPA – Sept Report (emailed Cllrs 13/10)
- ff) LDNPA – Local Plan review, Have Your Say (emailed Cllrs 13/10)
- gg) Healthcare for the Future – Newsletter & Maryport Meeting Change of Venue (emailed Cllrs 13/10)
- hh) Cumbria Community Messaging – Candle Fire Safety Week & Quad Bike Thefts (emailed Cllrs 16/10)
- ii) Simon Braithwaite – Issues with Roads & Drains in Hesket-New-Market (emailed Cllrs 17/10)

24/10-64 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Tyson advised that landowner Michael Hodgson had informed him that he would not now sell or dedicate his land for the footpath. The only reason given concerned safety at the point where the footpath came onto the road at Throstle Hall, due to earlier withdrawal in December 2015 by the Mounsey family. It was pointed out to Mr Hodgson that following a further site visit by the Highways Engineer that Cumbria County Council Highways were content for the footpath to still go ahead, albeit with some minor engineering works at that location. All landowners were informed of this point by letter in December 2015.

Mr Hodgson declined the offer of a further meeting with councillors to see if there was a way forward.

Following a lengthy discussion, councillors conceded they were faced with two options. 1) to either just forget about it, and the views of the local community contained within the 2005 - 15 Caldbeck Parish Plan, as well as the considerable loss of time spent on it and the £5000 - £6000 (approx) spent on surveying and solicitors fees. Or 2) consider going down the route of making of a 'footpath creation order' and all the complexities that would entail. Following much debate, given the sensitivities of taking such a course of action, Cllr Cartmell proposed that due to the recent withdrawal of support by Messrs Hodgson for the foot & cycle path along Hesket Lonning, which was widely supported by the community in the 2005 - 2015 Parish Plan, the parish council should investigate the possibility of the making of a "Footpath Creation Order" by the LDNPA. Cllr Macfadzean seconded this proposal with all councillors in favour. It was agreed that all landowners, including copies to Messrs Hodgson and Messrs Mounsey, should be updated by letter as to the current position.

24/10-65 NEXT MEETING

- a) It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held at on Monday 5th

December 2016 at 7.30pm.

- b) The meeting dates for 2017 were agreed & approved as; 16th of January, 20th of February, 27th of March, 9th of May, 19th of June, 31st of July, 4th of September, 23rd of October, 4th of December & 15th of January 2018.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: 5th December 2016