

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk) & Edwin Hird (member of the public).

05/12-66 APOLOGIES

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

05/12-67 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 24th October 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

05/12-68 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- a) No requests for dispensations were received.
- b) Cllr Coulthard declared an interest in item 9b (ii) tree at Wath Brow.

05/12-69 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) No report received from Cllr Fairbairn.
- b) No report received from PCSO Harris.
- c) Edwin Hird from Park Head Farm joined the meeting to advise that three public footpaths come through his farm, all of which are not joined. Walkers coming from the Caldbeck direction are crossing from one footpath to the other. In addition to trespassing, fences are being damaged and some walkers with dogs are allowing them off their leads in fields that contain stock. The paths are all clearly signed with stiles etc. He expressed that he would like walkers to keep to the footpaths and keep their dogs on leads and asked for advice from the parish council on how he could achieve this. As it was more locals than visitors it was agreed that an item be added to the next parish magazine asking walkers not to stray from the path and keep dogs on leads.

Mr Hird left the meeting – 7.45pm.

Notification from Cumbria Constabulary informed councillors that police reports could now be viewed on the police website so there would be no need for emailed reports from the PCSO. It was noted that the website was not currently up to date so the reports were ineffective. **Resolved;** Clerk to write to Cumbria Constabulary stating that due to the nature of the community the reports were beneficial and to request that emailed reports continue until the website was updated.

05/12-70 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications: 7/2016/2268** – Fitting of external cabinet for central heating boiler and provision of oil – Branthwaite Cottage, Caldbeck – devolved decision by the clerk following consultation with the Chairman & councillors as response was requested by the 25th of November – **No Objection.** **7/2016/2299** – Variation of condition no 2 on approval ref 7/2003/2284 to enable use of the dwelling house for holiday letting purposes – Dalebeck Barn, Caldbeck - **Objection** – this is a usable dwelling with a local occupancy clause on it and should remain. In support of their application, the applicant states that the Parish Council had no objection to the Branthwaite House development in 2014 and had therefore set a precedent. The Parish council contend the circumstances were different, as they were derelict buildings in danger of collapsing and did not want to see them decay completely. It was obvious due to the cost implications that they were beyond affordable housing. The following applications were received after the issue of the agenda: **7/2016/2304** – Installation of an oil-fired combi boiler with balanced flue assembly, associated central heating system and provision of an oil storage tank – Branthwaite Cottage, Caldbeck - **Support.** **T/2016/0194** - Remove deadwood and dead ivy 1 x pinus; remove limb and crown raise by 2-3m 1 x aesculus hippocastanum – **No Objection** - improved amenity for the occupier.
- b) **Decisions: 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 – Fellside Mansion, Caldbeck – **Granted.** **T/2016/0153** - Remove 1 x Cherry; prune 2 x large trees & 1 x plum - Gate House, Caldbeck – **No Objection.**

05/12-71 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported a letter explaining the reasons why the Parish Council had taken the difficult decision to go down the Footpath Creation Order route, had been approved and sent to all the landowners, including Messrs Hodgson & Mounsey. A copy of this letter was forwarded to all the landowners' solicitors. Comprehensive advice had now been received from Nick Thorne (LDNPA) on the process of obtaining a Footpath Creation Order, which was positive. Cumbria County Council Highways have also been updated. In addition to those landowners who have already signed, Messrs Brownrigg were very much in favour and will go ahead and sign. The solicitor for Messrs Bell said they would be signing-up. Messrs Brough's solicitor had some queries which have been responded to. There had been no reply from Messrs Watson, therefore Cllr Tyson would make direct contact. The Parish Council is now looking to hold a meeting with Kevin Cosgrove (CCC Highways) and Nick Thorne (LDNPA) to progress the Footpath Creation Order. However, it was stressed that the parish council would still like Messrs Hodgson to reconsider their position and rejoin the project, the door is still open to them. The same also applies to Messrs Mounsey. The Parish Council remain committed to achieving the footpath for the benefit of the local community and its visitors.

05/12-72 JOHN PEEL SHELTER

Cllr Atkinson reported that he had received an update from Susan Beale who advised that the group were happy to carry out painting at the shelter if the parish council supplied the materials. They would carry out this work in the spring. Susan also stated that the stays on the metal fence were broken/bent and would need a proper repair, Cllr Macfadzean volunteered to check them. The group would also arrange a new sign. She asked if the colour of the fence could be changed to reflect the Fair Trade logo and for volunteers to help with the painting. Councillors were all in favour of the agreement to supply the materials and for the group to carry out the painting. The possible colour change would be discussed with them nearer the time.

05/12-73 PARKING ISSUES

Cllr Shaw reported that he had taken measurements of the land available at Heskett Newmarket car park but still needed to make an accurate plan, which he hoped to have ready in time for the January meeting.

05/12-74 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Two quotes for timber maintenance on the Market Cross roof at Heskett Newmarket were received. It was unanimously agreed to opt for the quote from Ian Gibson Associates Ltd. Although this quote is the higher price of the two, it was a better longer-term solution.
- b) The following updates were received; (i) restoration of sign at Brewery Lane – Phillip Groom from highways advised that unfortunately he could not sanction the parish council to repair the sign but recommended a company in Lanercost that specialises in these things. Clerk to question why? (ii) tree at Wath Brow that needs cutting down – highways state that they have no objection to the tree being cut down and the LDNPA advise that the tree is not protected so no consent is required from them. Cllr Atkinson stated that a tree surgeon would charge around £400 to cut down the tree (if PC removed the wood). The Council had been informed that a local farmer, Alan Coulthard, offered to have the tree cut down (free of charge to the PC) and would remove the wood. It was noted that the landowner had not yet been contacted – Cllr Tyson & Cllr Smithson to speak to landowner. (iii) light outside Hill Croft – ENW have replaced their wooden pole with a new pole and re-attached the existing light. (iv) road sign at the end of Friars Row – this is on the list of signs to be replaced, should be in place by the end of the financial year. (v) poor condition of the road leading from Heskett Newmarket to the bridge, road breaking up generally and the culverts on the bridge blocked by weeds. Drains on the roads leading to Heskett Newmarket, especially on Wood Hall Lane and the drains in the village all needs cleaned out – Highways advise there is one actionable defect on the road which will be rectified on the 6th of December, the road may appear rough and cracked but it still meets safety intervention levels. The gullies were checked to see if they needed cleaned but the water level in them was below the outlet, which indicates that they are running fine. The grass etc was removed from the bridge and snoot holes in the bridge parapet have been unblocked. (vi) inoperative light outside hall (no 3) –to be looked at on 6/12/16.
- c) Cllr Smithson advised that he would be repairing the noticeboard next to the school, and installing a new board at Haltcliffe in the Christmas break. To repair the railings at Riverside and the rail supports at Commercial Row would cost no more than £400 inc vat.
- d) Cllrs Macfadzean & Tyson to carry out inspections of the allotments in the spring and summer time (April & August). It was noted that there was one vacant allotment with no-one currently on the waiting list. Resolved; Allotment vacancy to be advertised in the parish magazine.
- e) The new bench for the green at Heskett Newmarket would be ready for collection sometime next week – Cllr Tyson to collect. A parishioner had made enquiries about purchasing a bench for the Caldbeck Green - Cllr

Shaw to ascertain whereabouts on the green the parishioner would want the new bench to be situated. **f)** the gutter needs unblocking half way down Policeman's Hill and on Ratten Row, left hand side as going up the hill, the ditch requires clearing out from top to bottom as it is overgrown – Clerk to report to highways.

05/12-75 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was **resolved** to approve the council's budget review as at the 8th of November 2016.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: J Horne (Allotment Fee) - £4.00, M Powell (Allotment Fee) - £2.00.
Payments: E Clark Salary (Oct, Nov, Dec) £742.48, E Clark Expenses (Sept, Oct, Nov) £51.60, H M Revenue & Customs (PAYE) £185.60, Cartmell Shepherd - Messrs Mitchell (Footpath fees) £500.00, Atkinson Ritson - R J Stobart (Footpath fees) £442.00, Atkinson Ritson – A Todhunter (Footpath fees) £598.00, Atkinson Ritson – M Ridley (Footpath Fees) £448.00, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Wreath for Remembrance Sunday £ 18.00, Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group £25.00
- 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 proposed budget for 2017/18 was considered and **approved**, and it was agreed that the combined Precept plus Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant of £88.31 for 2017/18 would be £11900.00.

05/12-76 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) GNAA – E-Newsletter Issue 8, October 2016 (emailed Cllrs 27/10)
- b) NHS – Healthcare for the Future Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 27/10)
- c) Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 27/10)
- d) Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group – Plea for Support (emailed Cllrs 27/10)
- e) Healthwatch Cumbria – Chatty Van (emailed Cllrs 31/10)
- f) Red Cross – Open Gardens Scheme (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
- g) CALC – LDNPA Parish Forum Cancelled (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
- h) CALC – Formal Response to NW Coast Connections Project (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
- i) CALC – Draft Note of the September 2016 Annual Meeting & 3-Tier Meeting (emailed Cllrs 7/11)
- j) ACT Gazette – Winter 2016 Edition (emailed Cllrs 7/11)
- k) LDNPA – October Report (emailed Cllrs 7/11)
- l) NHS – Healthcare for the Future Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- m) Allerdale Borough Council – Asset of Community Nomination for Oddfellows (emailed Cllrs 19/11) – *letter of objection to nomination forwarded to Allerdale Borough Council & letter to Solway CAMRA expressing the pc's concern in their request for this nomination without any community consultation.*
- n) Cumbria County Council - £1/2m Contract to Replace Flood Damaged Bridge (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- o) NHS – Invitation to Deliberative Events (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- p) Healthcare for the Future – Stakeholder Update Events (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- q) GNAA – Newsletter Issue 10 (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- r) Solway Community Care Alliance Group – 5th Proposal to the Success Regime (emailed Cllrs 19/11) – *Support reply forwarded.*
- s) CALC – November Circular (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- t) North Allerdale Youth Partnership – Building Emotional Resilience Course (emailed Cllrs 19/11)
- u) Cumbria Community Messaging – Counterfeit Notes in the Wigton Area (emailed Cllrs 21/11)
- v) Cumbria Community Messaging – Public Drop in Event with Peter McCall (emailed Cllrs 21/11)
- w) LDNPA – Business Resilience Workshop (emailed Cllrs 21/11)
- x) Environment Agency – Works for Cumbria W/c 21/11/16 (emailed Cllrs 22/11)
- y) Cumbria Community Messaging – Theft of Quad Bike (emailed Cllrs 23/11)
- z) Cumbria Constabulary – Police Reports to the Parish Council (emailed Cllrs 27/11)
- aa) Cumbria In Bloom – AGM & Trustees Report 2016 (emailed Cllrs 27/11)
- bb) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2016 Issue 108
- cc) Ian Gibson Associates Ltd – Market Cross Survey & Quote (emailed Cllrs 27/11)
- dd) Elements – Final Publication for the Project

05/12-77 MEETING DATE

- a) It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held at on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.