

## CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Cllrs Present:** Norman Atkinson, Tim Cartmell, Paul Doherty, Richard Hellon, Alan Tyson  
Alastair Macfadzean, Ian Shaw & Angela Glendinning.

**Also Present:** Elizabeth Clark (Clerk), Cllr Fairbairn (County & Borough Councillor) & Andrea Smith (Housing Development Officer, Allerdale BC).

Prior to the start of the meeting, Andrea Smith, Housing Development Officer for Allerdale Borough Council joined the meeting and gave the following presentation; in 2016 a housing study was carried out which involved two studies; housing needs study and a stock condition survey. These studies will assist the council in setting their future priorities, better understand the housing market, understand future demand/ need & influence future development. In Allerdale there are 48,434 dwellings of which 1,181 are second homes (2.4% dwelling stock) and 857 vacant properties. The population is relatively static but by 2037 there will be a 33.3% increase in residents that will be aged 65 and over (ageing population). The 15-39-year-old group, population is declining. The housing market demand shows a shortage of bungalows, 3-4 bedroom properties and flats. There is an affordable housing requirement imbalance (shortfall) between now and 2021 of 175 affordable dwellings (per year for the next five years). Developers are being asked to add bungalows to their plans, as 81% of older people want to remain in their own home with care/support as and when required. The Housing Strategy 2016-2021 enables the council to deliver housing that meets the needs of all communities, with a vision of improving lives & improving housing. The housing needs for this area are; 39% x 1 bed properties for older person, 15% x 3 bed properties, 26% x 1 bed properties & 21% x 4 bed properties.

A £60 million fund to support community-led housing developments has been allocated of which Allerdale has been assigned £772,000, 50% of this has been received and Allerdale now have to come up with some housing plans and then another tranche will be given in the next financial year. The council were asked if they would like to pursue the setting up of a community group to deliver affordable housing in the Caldbeck parish. It was agreed that this proposal would need to be fully discussed at the next parish council meeting.

*Andrea was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.15pm.*

### 16/01-78 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Coulthard (Work) & Smithson (Illness) & PCSO Harris.

### 16/01-79 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record with amendment to councillors present by adding Alan Tyson.

### 16/01-80 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

### 16/01-81 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Cllr Fairbairn reported on the following; there is a County Council Local Committee for Allerdale open meeting to be held on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at 10am in the Links office, Wigton. Subjects being discussed will include the Library opening hours of which Wigton is to gain hours not loose. Speeding vehicles including the driver detailed in the Cumberland News who had been caught doing speeds of 110mph on the A595, the Wigton Boxing Club and its newly formed committee & Allerdale on/off street parking. It was noted that the number of fires attended by the fire service had reduced tremendously, the fire service now offer a free house security check and at the same time your house will be logged on their map database.
- b) It was noted that the Cumbria Police Website showing incidents in the parish was still not up to date (at least 6 weeks out) but it was advised to keep checking the website to see if the situation improves but this may take some time.

### 16/01-82 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications: 2/2016/0733** – Outline application for erection of a single dwelling – Friar Row, Caldbeck – Mr Johnny Coulthard – **Support** - site is an infill site and fits in with the building line along Friar Row. It would improve the amenity of the area, as this small piece of land is overgrown and would improve the view by obscuring the slurry store belonging to the farm, well to the rear of the proposed site. Previously in the late 1980's there was for many years a static caravan on this site. The applicant is local to the village and his future wife is expecting their first child. Caldbeck needs more young people to remain in the area to maintain a viable

and sustainable community, otherwise it will end up with an imbalance of elderly residents. The parish council would support a local occupancy clause to be placed on any development.

- b) **Applications Withdrawn: 7/2016/2268** - Fitting of external cabinet for central heating boiler and provision of oil – Branthwaite Cottage, Caldbeck. **7/2016/2241** - Street Head Farm, Street Head, Heskett Newmarket – Proposed conversion of two storey agricultural building to form a new dwelling (outline application).

#### 16/01-83 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKETT LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported that he had Messrs Brownrigg's paperwork. Richard Brough had forward his signed agreement and would exchange this week. Messrs Bell are yet to decide which option to sign (sell or dedicate) but are still intending to sign. Kevin Cosgrove, CCC Highways Engineer, is keen to support the Footpath Creation Order and has sent the particulars to their legal team who in turn have forwarded to the Countryside Access Team. Councillor Fairbairn was asked if he could assist in progressing the matter with CCC. An email had been received from Messrs Hodgson's solicitors confirming they no longer support the project on the grounds of safety and inconvenience to them in carrying out their daily farming activities. They would object to a Footpath Creation Order. They were concerned that their name appeared in the parish magazine and also being named in the letter sent to other landowners that explained the parish council's reason for progressing the Footpath Creation Order. Councillors agreed that throughout the process they have been as open as possible with all landowners and interested parties, so that they are kept up to date with timely and accurate information, enabling them to make informed decisions. Parish Council meetings are open to the public and the minutes are a matter of public record. Caldbeck Parish Council items within the Parish Magazine are merely extracts from minutes of its meetings. Cllr Cartmell to advise their solicitor accordingly. The Parish Council remain keen to discuss the project with them and the door remains open.

#### 16/01-84 PARKING ISSUES

Cllr Shaw gave an overview of the proposal for the potential extension to the car park at Heskett Newmarket. The existing car park has a maximum capacity of between 14 -15 vehicles, dependent on the size of vehicles parked at any one time. He suggested that the most viable extension area would be eastwards. It is possible that the 3 trees in the potential extension area could be retained if their lower limbs were removed. The area to the south-west of the existing car park, on which the annual bonfire takes place, provides an additional site for consideration but with the obvious annual constraint. Land ownership & commons constraints had been addressed briefly; Arthur Todhunter the commoner/grazier most affected has raised no objection to the proposal. It was resolved that prior to consultation with LDNP, the next step would be to consult with the parishioners of Heskett Newmarket and to place an item in the Parish Magazine to promote that discussion. Clerk to progress.

#### 16/01-85 DEREGISTRATION OF THE BOWLING GREEN AS COMMON LAND

Correspondence from David Ward, on behalf of Caldbeck Bowling Club, advised that the club were applying for the Bowling Green to be removed from the register of common land, as it was wrongly included in the register when the application was made by the parish council for the registration of Caldbeck Common in 1967. Mr Ward asked if a letter in support of the application, could be sent from the parish council addressed to Cumbria County Council as Commons Registration Authority.

**Resolved** to support the deregistering of the land and a letter of support to be forwarded as requested.

#### 16/01-86 GRASSCUTTING TENDERS FOR CALDBECK & HESKETT NEWMARKET GREENS

- a) The tender documents for Caldbeck & Heskett Newmarket grass cutting were agreed with the addition of the area from Alderbrook to the Methodist Chapel, Caldbeck to be strimmed.
- b) It was agreed that the date for consideration of tenders would be 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017.

#### 16/01-87 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) The following update was received; (i) restoration of sign at Brewery Lane – still awaiting response from Phillip Groom (Highways) – clerk to follow up on (ii) tree at Wath Brow that needs cutting down – this is in hand and will be cut down in February, details of public liability insurance received from contractor (iii) blocked gutter half way down Policeman's Hill & on Ratten Row had been forwarded to the gully cleaner (ref no. 12/1419818) the ditch also needs cleaning out from top to bottom of Ratten Row, as it is overgrown.
- c) An update email from Cllr Smithson advised that the doors are made for the notice board next to the school and should be completed shortly. The wood has been purchased for the Haltcliff board and will be completed this month. The post and rails have been purchased for the work on Riverside & Commercial Row, Caldbeck and will be started as soon as possible.
- d) Although the vacant allotment had been advertised there had been no interest in taking it on.
- e) Cllr Tyson advised that the donated memorial bench for Heskett Newmarket had been collected and was now ready to be put in place. The enquiry with regards to a bench in front of the Joiners Shop, Caldbeck Green was considered but due to land ownership issues, the parish council are unable to give consent.

- f) It was considered and agreed that the provision of a new street light, near to the bench, on the road to the school between Commercial Row & Marlow Cottage be looked into. Councillors felt that this is a well used footpath between the centre of the village and the school and at this point it is particularly dark – clerk to contact David Bryden from Allerdale BC.
- g) Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance noted were potholes/uneven surface on the road to Upton, the back of Caldbeck Green and Hesket Lonning, past Throstle Hall back towards Caldbeck.

#### 16/01-88 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was **resolved** to approve the council's budget review for 2016/17.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:  
**Receipts:** Ms V A Jackson (New Bench) £250.00, Mrs P M Porter (Allotment Fee) £2.00.  
**Payments:** Robin Hood Sawmill £240.00 (New Bench), Caldbeck Parish Hall (Room Hire) £105.00  
Mrs E Benson (Monitoring & Cleaning Disabled Toilet at Chapel) Nov, Dec, Jan £100.00
- c) The council was notified on the current financial position.  
HSBC Current A/C 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016: £12,158.06  
HSBC Deposit A/C 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016: £107,942.10 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: £5.32.

#### 16/01-89 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) CALC – Newsletter for Allerdale Councils (emailed Cllrs 3/12)
- b) CALC – Beatrix Potter Awards, Partnership Update (emailed Cllrs 7/12)
- c) Environment Agency – Works for Cumbria W/c Dec 5 (emailed Cllrs 7/12)
- d) CALC – Fibre Broadband in Cumbria (emailed Cllrs 7/12) – ***Cllr Doherty to add to Parish Magazine.***
- e) Wigton Town Council – Wigton Hospital's Alternative Option to NHS Success Regime (emailed Cllrs 7/12)
- f) CALC – LCR Opinion Questions (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
- g) West Cumbria's Voice for Healthcare – Request for Cllrs to Sign a Letter (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
- h) Healthwatch Cumbria – WCCF Meeting Info about the Success Regime (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
- i) Healthcare for the Future – Newsletter # 4 (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
- j) LDNPA – Local Plan Review (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
- k) Allerdale Libraries – Public Consultation (emailed Cllrs 10/12)
- l) LDNPA – November Report (emailed Cllrs 11/12)
- m) Community Messaging – Fake Bank Letters (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- n) Community Messaging – Slow Down when it's Raining (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- o) Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group – Thanks for Donation (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- p) Connecting Cumbria – New Services in Allerdale (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- q) Asset of Community Value – Listing Decision (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- r) Connecting Cumbria – Christmas Flyer (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- s) Active Cumbria Partnership Newsletter – Urgent Funding News (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- t) Community Messaging – Rural Theft (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- u) Dept of Business Energy & Industrial Strategy – Nuclear Site Decommissioning & Clean Up (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- v) Healthcare for the Future – Newsletter # 5 (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- w) Public Statement – The Future of Health Care in West, North & East Cumbria (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- x) National Grid – Press Release (emailed Cllrs 15/12)
- y) Allerdale Borough Council – Budget Consultation 2017/18 (emailed Cllrs 21/12) – ***Reply 'YES' to increase.***
- z) Healthcare Press Release – Response from Healthcare Cumbria to the NHS Consultation (emailed Cllrs 21/12)
- aa) CALC – Allerdale 3-Tier Meeting (emailed Cllrs 21/12)
- bb) GNAA – Newsletter Issue 11 (emailed Cllrs 21/12)
- cc) CALC – Drop In Flood Support Library Dates for 2017 (emailed Cllrs 21/12)
- dd) Parish Online – Newsletter Dec Edition (emailed Cllrs 21/12)
- ee) CALC – Dec/Jan Circular (emailed Cllrs 21/12)
- ff) Solway Coast AONB – Ranger Service Events Letter (emailed Cllrs 4/1)
- gg) Cumbria CVS – Emergency & Resilience Planning Event (emailed Cllrs 4/1)
- hh) CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties (emailed Cllrs 4/1) – ***forward nomination to attend.***
- ii) Cumbria Community Messaging – Bike Marking Event (emailed Cllrs 5/1)
- jj) Cumbria Youth Alliance – News, Vacancies & Training (emailed Cllrs 5/1)
- kk) Healthcare for the Future – Newsletter Issue 8 (emailed Cllrs 6/1)
- ll) Allerdale Business - Growth Strategy & Heritage Strategy (emailed Cllrs 6/1)
- mm) CALC - Allerdale 3-Tier Meeting Information (emailed Cllrs 6/1)
- nn) Clerks & Councillors Direct – Issue 109
- oo) Caldbeck Bowling Club – Request that the Bowling Green be removed from Common Land Register (emailed Cllrs 6/1)

**pp)** Cumbria County Council Committee for Allerdale – Agenda Info (emailed Cllrs 9/1)

**qq)** Cumbria County Council Highways – Urgent Carriageway Repairs (emailed Cllrs 9/1)

The council received and accepted notice of the Clerk's resignation at the 31<sup>st</sup> of April 2017. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy with a closing date of the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 and Cllrs Atkinson, Glendinning & Hellon to shortlist and interview applicants.

16/01-90 MEETING DATE

**a)** It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm (Change from 20.02.17).

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm.