

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 27th February 2017.

Cllrs Present: Norman Atkinson (Chairman), Tim Cartmell, Paul Doherty, Alan Tyson, Alastair Macfadzean, Ian Shaw & Christina Coulthard

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk).

27/02-91 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hellon (work), Cllr Glendinning (family commitment), Cllr Fairbairn (County & Borough Councillor) & PCSO Harris.

27/02-92 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 16th January 2017 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

27/02-93 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

27/02-94 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) No report received from Cllr Fairbairn.
- b) It was noted that the Cumbria Police Website showing incidents in the parish was still not up to date (currently showing crimes up to December) and therefore of little use. It was resolved that a letter be forwarded to the Police & Crime Commissioner advising of the parish council's continuing disappointment that the crime mapping data is still 2- 3 months out of date and to be meaningful, needs to be available in a timely manner.
- c) Cllr Doherty advised that he would report on Superfast Broadband at the March meeting, as he would have more upto date information.
- d) No members of the public present to raise questions or matters of interest.

27/02-95 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Application: Allerdale PB/2016/0051** – Proposed removal of pay phone, Phone box adjacent to SPO & Village Shop Heskett-Newmarket - **Objection** - 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.
- b) **Applications – devolved decision following consultation: 7/2017/2011** – Erection of a cow shed, Midtown Farm, Caldbeck - **No Objection.** **7/2016/2327** – Reserved matters application for the construction of an agricultural worker's dwelling, Wood Hall, Heskett Newmarket – **Support.**
- c) **Decisions - 7/2016/2304** – Installation of an oil storage tank, Branthwaite Cottage, Caldbeck – **Approved.** **T/2016/0194** – Pine – remove deadwood; horse chestnut, remove lowest limb on house side of trees, Clay Dubs, Caldbeck - **No Objection.** **7/2016/2092** – Erection of dwelling house, Land to East of the Childrens Play Area, Heskett Newmarket – **Approved.**

Cllr Atkinson reported that a previous outline planning application (Allerdale 2/2016/0733) for a development on Friar Row, applicant Johnny Coulthard, had been refused by them due to the 2014 Allerdale Local Plan Part 1 not listing that part of Caldbeck, for which they are the responsible planning authority, as an area for development. This is despite Caldbeck being listed as a service centre under LDNP policy, which allows sustainable development. This may be an oversight by Allerdale but is detrimental to Caldbeck. It was resolved that Cllr Atkinson attend the parish locality meeting at Wigton on the 28th of February and express the parish council's concerns on this matter.

27/02-96 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Cllr Cartmell reported that Messrs Bell & Messrs Brownrigg were both ready to sign their agreements. All parties involved had been assured that extra costs (e.g. land agent fees etc) would be settled by the parish council. Messrs Watson had still not responded to contact from their solicitor or Cllr Tyson. Cllr Atkinson had spoken

with Phil Greenup, Snr Manager Regulatory Services CCC, who was due to meet with their legal and countryside access teams early March, on progressing a Footpath Creation Order. After this he would make a site visit and meet with Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the LDNP would also be invited to attend.

27/02-97 STAGECOACH BUS SERVICE 73/73A

Cllr Atkinson reported that this year's summer bus service timetable (April to Oct) would be virtually non-existent, which taken together with the withdrawal of their winter service over the last two years means that there will now be only one Saturday summer service from Carlisle to Keswick and no mid-week service. It was agreed that this was unacceptable in a rural community with an ageing population, of whom a number rely on public transport. Clerk to write a letter of concern to MP's Rory Stewart, John Stevenson & Trudy Harrison and Cumbria County Council. The Parish Council remains appreciative of the local bus services to Wigton and Carlisle provided locally by Tyson's coaches.

27/02-98 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman asked for Councillors ideas on possible topics of interest for the Annual Parish Meeting and it was agreed that at the present time there was nothing relevant to be included but would reviewed at the next meeting.

27/02-99 RESIGNATION OF CLERK & APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

It was noted that the clerk's position had been advertised with a closing date of 27.2.17 for applications. Interviews would be progressed by the Chairman.

27/02-100 COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Following on from Andrea Smith's presentation at the last meeting it was agreed that in principal the parish should be involved in the community led housing scheme. It was noted that it didn't need to be led by the Parish Council, it could progressed by a group of individuals from within the community, appropriately constituted. Resolved; to consult with the community and assess the level interest by adding an item to the April Parish Newsletter.

27/02-101 ALLERDALE LOCAL PLAN Part 2

Resolved to respond to the Allerdale Local Plan advising that Caldbeck is not currently included in the plan. Reply to follow Cllr Atkinson's attendance at the Parish Locality Meeting on 28.2.17.

27/02-102 MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Matters to be discussed with Cath Johnson & Martin Curry (LDNP) at the March council meeting were approved as; Heskett Newmarket & Caldbeck Greens, Caldbeck Map Shop, proposed foot & cycle path, Caldbeck & Heskett Newmarket car parks. Resolved; clerk to inform Cath & Martin on the subjects as above.

27/02-103 PARKING ISSUES

It was agreed that the outline plan for the proposed Heskett Newmarket car park extension, be forwarded to Cath Johnson & Martin Currie, prior to attending the March meeting.

27/02-104 PARKING ON HESKET NEWMARKET & CALDBECK GREEN

A letter from Mr Ryan expressed concern about the poor condition of the Green in Heskett Newmarket caused by vehicles encroaching on it. Cllr Atkinson advised that in 2010/11 the National Park agreed to kerb with granite the part of the Green, that runs along the north side of the Newlands road from the Old Crown to the Methodist Chapel (41.5M) However, this didn't go ahead due to budget cuts. Following local consultation the Parish Council considered funding this at a cost of £3,500 but given responses in favour and against that suggested the problem might just be moved elsewhere or vehicles would simply mount the kerb. Given the costs involved and likely benefits the proposal was not progressed. It was questioned if that part or the whole area was now kerbed would the same issues apply? Similar erosion problems were also evident on the Green in Caldbeck, however it was noted that the reasons for doing so are likely to be different between the villages. It was resolved that there was no easy solution to either of the problem areas and that the issue should be further discussed with the National Park representatives at the March meeting.

27/02-105 PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) The following update was received; (i) restoration of sign at Brewery Lane – an email from Phillip Groom (Highways) advised he was not able to sanction the work and was seeking advice from senior management (ii) the tree at Wath Brow has now been cut down and removed (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 (ref no. 12/1428007) – clerk to pursue with highways.
- c) An update from Cllr Smithson advised that the doors had been fitted to the notice board next to the school and the Haltcliff board had been made and would put in place as soon as possible. The post and rails have been purchased for the work on Riverside & Commercial Row, and the work would be carried out when the weather improved. The new bench for Hesket Newmarket would also be installed as soon as possible.
 - d) It was noted that there were now two vacant allotments in Hesket Newmarket.
 - e) Clerk to look into gradient/warning signs for the top and bottom of Wath Brow following a jack-knifed wagon last week and numerous vehicles skidding down in bad weather.
 - f) David Bryden (Allerdale Footway Lighting) advised that Allerdale couldn't fund an additional light on the road to the school between Commercial Row & Marlow Cottage, as it could cost anything in the region of £2500 - £6500 depending on the location of the underground supply. Clerk to request accurate costings so an informed decision could be made. Following a letter regarding poor street lighting in Hesket Newmarket an inspection by Councillors found three inoperative lights which have been reported for repair to Better Highways (Oak View, ref LW/1428278. Caldew House, ref LW/1428329. Smithy Cottage, ref LW/1428326).
 - g) Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance noted were a new drain cover is required near to Burblethwaite Beck Bridge on the Branthwaite side, on Hesket Lonning opposite the Cricket Club entrance there is a huge pot hole between the BT manhole cover and the verge, forcing vehicles into the centre of the road. It is also hazardous to cyclists. The whole of Hesket Lonning requires attention as previous repairs carried out over the last 2 - 3 years were very poor and only a temporary measure – clerk to arrange a site meeting with a Highways representative and parish councillors to point out the defects. The road surface on the left-hand side of the t-junction at Newlands Lane is in an appalling state and needs repairing. The Howbeck junction from the Millhouse side is eroded at the junction. The top of Hesket Newmarket, Hesket Hall side, the road has sunk in areas where utilities have previously dug up the road. At Upton, Caldbeck the road remains in a poor state and requires repairing. At Newlands Bridge, trees and debris have been washed down and are in danger of causing flooding – clerk to advise the Environmental Agency.

27/02-106 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) The standing orders including financial regulations were considered and **approved**.
- b) The Risk Assessment Document was considered and **approved**.
- c) The Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was considered and **approved**.
- d) The Asset Register was considered and **approved**.
- e) The Fidelity Guarantee (for £250,000) was considered & **approved**. The insurance to be considered when the new policy is received.
- f) It was **resolved** to approve the council's budget review for 2016/17.
- g) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: No receipts received.
Payments: ICO – Data Protection Annual Fee (dd) - £35.00, Burnetts Solicitors, R Brough - £700.00, Ian Gibson Associates, Timber Treatment Market Cross - £948.00
- h) The council was notified on the current financial position.
 HSBC Current A/C 8th Feb 2017: £9963.46
 HSBC Deposit A/C 8th Feb 2017: £107,953.10 (inc £98627.80 for path project) Interest 8th Feb: £5.50.

27/02-107 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

- a) Cumbria County Council – Funding Available in your area (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- b) Young Cumbria – Volunteering Opportunities in Cumbria (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- c) Community Messaging – Smoke Alarms (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- d) NALC – Community Housing Fund (emailed Cllrs 21/1)
- e) Allerdale Borough Council - Final Tax Base Figures 2017/18 (emailed Cllrs 22/1)
- f) GNA – Newsletter Issue 12 (emailed Cllrs 22/1)
- g) Stage 4 Flood Forum – Dates (emailed Cllrs 28/1)
- h) CALC – Moorside Presentation & Questionnaire (emailed Cllrs 28/1)
- i) UKCE Forest of Bowland Sportive – Pre-Event Notification (emailed Cllrs 28/1)
- j) Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) – Preferred Options Consultation (emailed Cllrs 28/1)
- k) CALC – Training Dates (emailed Cllrs 28/1)
- l) Mr Ryan – Letter Regarding Hesket Newmarket Village Green (emailed Cllrs 28/1)
- m) CALC – Pre-election Guidance (emailed Cllrs 3/2)

- n) Watchtree – Spring 2017 Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- o) CALC – LDNPA Parish Forum Agenda Items (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- p) Allerdale Borough Council – Parish Locality Meetings Local Plan Part 2 (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- q) Cumbria Community Messaging – Council Tax Increase (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- r) LDNPA – January Report (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- s) Cumbria County Council – Launch of Cumbria No Cold Calling Zone Toolkit (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- t) David Bryden (ABC) – Lights in Hesket Newmarket (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- u) Mr Goldsmith – Lights in Hesket Newmarket (emailed Cllrs 3/2)
- v) CALC – February Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 7/2)
- w) Cumbria Community Messaging – Police & Crime Commissioner urge to apply for funding (emailed Cllrs 14/2)
- x) Cumbria Community Messaging – Tractors going through Wigton (emailed Cllrs 14/2)
- y) Allerdale Borough Council – Electoral Review of Allerdale: Draft Recommendation (emailed Cllrs 14/2)
- z) Transport Services – Stagecoach Summer Timetable (emailed Cllrs 14/2)
- aa) CALC – Minutes for Three Tier Meeting on the 19/1/17 (emailed Cllrs 14/2)
- bb) LDNP – Parish Forum Info (emailed Cllrs 14/2)
- cc) GNAA – February Newsletter (emailed Cllrs 19/2)
- dd) Allerdale Borough Council – Community Led Housing Fund (emailed Cllrs 19/2)

27/02-108 MEETING DATE

- a) It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday 27th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.