

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 23 July 2018 at 7:30pm.

Cllrs Present: Tim Cartmell (Chairman), Norman Atkinson, Ian Shaw, Richard Hellon, Paul Doherty, Angela Glendinning, Alistair MacFadzean, Colin Smithson, Alan Tyson.

Also Present: Simon Smith (Clerk);

David Whitson, Hannah Whitson, Robert Whitson and Rosie Porter for Items 4 and 5.

18.7.23 - 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Christina Coulthard (work commitments).

Cllr Duncan Fairbairn (County & Borough Councillor) also sent his apologies.

18.7.23 - 2. **Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 June 2018 as a true record.

18.7.23 - 3. **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

18.7.23 - 4. **Public Participation**

The Chairman invited David Whitson to present his outline planning application for a family house and workshop at Howburn, Greenhead. David Whitson highlighted the family's local connections, the agricultural business and repair work undertaken following the closure of the garage, Hannah Whitson's work at the nursery, and the children's school attendance. Following discussion the Parish Council agreed to support the outline planning application to help sustain the local community through encouragement of local businesses and younger families with children attending Fellview School.

The Chairman then invited Rosie Porter to present the Hesket Newmarket Allotment Association's request to the National Park to consider issuing a Tree Preservation Order, the letter having been circulated to the Parish Council. Rosie Porter explained that the Allotment Association was concerned that tree felling could take place without a requirement for approval for those trees outside the Conservation Area. When planning approval was granted no consideration had been given to extending the Conservation Area or other measures to protect the trees. The trees were an important feature of the local landscape and provided a rich wildlife habitat and screening for the allotments. During discussions the Parish Council agreed the trees were important and expressed sympathy for the predicament the Allotment Association faced. However, there was concern that having supported the planning application the Parish Council did not want to act in a way which might obstruct the approved plans. The point was made that it might have been useful to have spoken to the owners to ascertain their intentions although it was recognised that the plot is on the market and new owners would have their own views. The Parish Council decided it would not at this point write in support of the Allotment Association's request and would await a decision from the National Park.

18.7.23 - 5. **Planning applications and decisions**

a) **Applications**

- i) **7/2018/2171 - Howburn, Green Head, Caldbeck CA7 8HD.** Erection of 4 bedroomed dwelling. The Parish Council agreed to **support** the application - see item 4.
- ii) **7/2018/2167 - Midtown Farm, Caldbeck CA7 8EL.** Alterations to existing road. A new application logged on the day of the meeting was noted. The Clerk was asked to seek confirmation that the work proposed was highlighted in red on the plans in which case the Parish Council had no objections.

b) Decisions notified by Lake District National Park

- i) **T/2018/0056 - Caldbeck Village Green, Caldbeck.** Crown raising on 16 designated trees. It was reported at the June meeting that the application had been **approved** but papers had not been posted on the website. The Clerk reported he had discussed the case and the general processes for tree applications with Sam Lumb, National Park, and had circulated Sam Lumb's report which made clear the Parish Council's objections and the National Park's decision not to object to the work.
- ii) **2/2018/0190 - Friar Row, Caldbeck, Wigton CA7 8DS.** Erection of detached 4 bedroom family house. Remains **pending**. Cllr Atkinson reported on the delays and that Jonny Coulthard had asked if a Parish Councillor might attend the decision meeting. It was agreed that either Cllr Atkinson or the Chairman would attend.

18.7.23 - 6. Heskett Lonning Footpath

The Chairman reported that the working group had reviewed the County Council's response to the Freedom of Information request and had taken advice from the Office of the Information Commissioner. It was agreed to write to the County Council asking for the independent reviewer's report 21 February and should this not be released to refer the case to the Information Commissioner for review. The Parish Council would also ask for a meeting with the County Council's Leader, Portfolio Holders and Chief Executive, Rory Stewart MP and Sue Hayman MP having agreed to attend that meeting. The Chairman reported on a meeting with Allerdale Borough Council's Leader and Mayor and correspondence with Allerdale Local Committee's Chair and Vice Chair. The Clerk would follow up these items.

18.7.23 - 7. Community Led Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported on the difficulties in seeking a joint meeting with the National Park and other parties to discuss proposals for affordable housing. It was recognised that at this point parties needed to develop their own proposals and, as set out in its response to the National Park's consultation on the Local Plan, the Parish Council would continue to make the general case for flexibility in terms of possible sites, the balance of open market and affordable housing, the range of ownership models for affordable housing (owned, shared ownership or rented), and for construction options (by a housing developer or self build). It was hoped that following further work by all parties, it would prove possible to find common ground in developing proposals for affordable housing in Caldbeck.

18.7.23 - 8. Lake District National Park land disposals

The Chairman reported that advice had been received from PFK and a draft report had been circulated. It was agreed the Parish Council should seek to negotiate the sale of the National Park land and that PFK should be asked to lead the negotiations.

18.7.23 - 9. Parish Maintenance

The update report from the June meeting was discussed. The County Council is working through problems highlighted by the Parish Council. An Allerdale patching team is undertaking a programme of works eliminating potholes.

a) Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council Highways

- i) Warning signs at Wath and Faulds Brow - for 2018-19.
- ii) Heskett Newmarket to Newlands Road including Heskett Bridge - the County Council is still considering options.
- iii) Heskett Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall - work scheduled for week 23 July
- iv) Lanes at Upton and Caldbeck Green - to be assessed.
- v) Drain between Bumblethwaite and Bonners Farm - for 2018-19.
- vi) A blocked drain near the Woodhall Road/The Street junction - detailed coordinates passed to Highways.
- vii) Deer Park drainage - work undertaken week 16 July.

- viii) Repairs to road signs at Hesket Newmarket and Caldbeck - passed to Highways traffic team.
 - ix) State of fell road from Calebreck cattle grid to the Hesket Newmarket/Mungrisdale road - some pot holes repaired.
 - x) State of road from Lonning Head towards High Row and Linewath Farm - work undertaken week 16 July.
- b) Other issues
- xi) Concerns about road safety at the Woodhall Road/The Street junction for traffic emerging from Woodhall Road - Cllr Shaw to report to the September meeting.
 - xii) Bridge tree and debris clearing, including request for further tree felling - the Chairman to report to the September meeting.
 - xiii) Reporting via HIMS - Cllr Doherty reported the system was working correctly but was concerned that information on what had been done was not accessible.
 - xiv) Caldbeck Pond - Cllr Hellon reported that the pond was recovering and looked in better condition. It was agreed to wait until next year to see if there was a requirement for further work.
 - xv) Winter Gritting - liaising with Castle Sowerby to seek an extension of gritting from Caldbeck to Millhouse and B5305. The Clerk to report to the September meeting.
 - xvi) BT manhole cover on approach to Caldbeck from the north. It was reported the work had not been done. The Clerk was asked to follow this up as Open Reach had been expected to complete the repair around the time of the June meeting.

Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance were considered:

- xvii) Cllr Glendinning reported a pothole near Stadle Dykes - the Clerk to pass on the information to Highways.
- xviii) Cllr Atkinson expressed concern about Highways' continued use of common land for large gravel stocks. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways for information on intentions and assurances as to the removal of stock.
- xix) The Chairman highlighted the work done by Robin Oatridge in weeding the cobbled area by the car park next to the Oddfellows. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

18.7.23 - 10. **Street Lighting**

The Clerk reported further work was underway to secure firm estimates and a report would be made to the September meeting.

18.7.23 - 11. **Sign Post Renovations**

Cllr Smithson reported the two Hesket Newmarket sign posts would be taken down for renovations work in August. Cllr Hellon agreed similar arrangements for painting would be put in place and more volunteers would be welcomed.

18.7.23 -12. **Rural Fuel Rebate**

The letter sent to Rory Stewart MP was noted.

18.7.23 - 13. **Lake District National Park Local Plan**

The Parish Council's response to the Lake District National Park's Local Plan consultation was noted.

18.7.23 - 14. **Footpath on north side of Cald Beck (Sebergham Parish Council)**

The Chairman reported on the footpath problems on the north side of the Cald Beck which was used frequently by people walking from Caldbeck. It was agreed there should be discussions with Sebergham Parish Council and Michael Bell, who may be in a position to undertake the work, and then the Forestry Commission. The Clerk was asked to check the appropriateness of supporting work in another parish for the benefit of Caldbeck parishioners before taking action.

18.7.23 - 15. **Monthly Accounts 2018-19**

The receipts and payments since the last meeting were approved and bank reconciliation and banking operations and budget monitoring report noted. The Clerk referred to the additional expenditure on grass cutting at Fellview School and for advice in relation to National Park land disposals. It was agreed to review the budget monitoring report in more detail in September in light of these costs and possible developments relating to the National Park land disposals.

a) Receipts

i) Interest July £9.77

b) Payments

i) HMRC April to June £198.00

ii) Clerk's Salary & Expenses S. Smith £936.13

c) Bank Balances

i) Current Account £10,383.53

ii) Deposit account £108,076.93 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath

d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 13 July 2018.

18.7.23 - 16. **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted:

i) CALC: July Newsletter

ii) National Park Geoff Davies: June Report

iii) National Park Partnership - notes of June meeting

iv) Early notice of Fell Beast cycling event 23 September 2018

v) History of Low Brownrigg and Caldbeck - book preparations Tony Vaux. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council was not in a position to offer financial support and that support for the book would instead be provided by the Chairman offering to write a foreword.

vi) ACTION with Communities in Cumbria - community resilience in emergencies

18.7.23 - 17. **Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting 3 September 2018

Meetings in 2018

15 October 2018

3 December 2018

14 January 2019

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.