

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 18 June 2018 at 7:30pm.

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

Also Present: Simon Smith (Clerk), Jonny Coulthard for Items 4 and 5.

18.6.18 - 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Richard Hellon (work commitments).

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

18.6.18 - 2. **Minutes**

The Parish Council noted the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and provisionally approved them. The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2018 as a true record.

18.6.18 - 3. **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

18.6.18 - 4. **Public Participation**

The Chairman invited Jonny Coulthard to present his planning application who outlined his connections with the village and desire for his family to settle in the village. The proposed new build would enhance the environment with a replanting scheme to offset the loss of a large beech tree. The metal slurry tank would be removed. The site was infill and the construction would be sympathetic to the immediate surroundings. Neighbours had written with supportive comments. In reply to questions from Cllr Shaw, Mr Coulthard confirmed that the materials used would be red sandstone coloured.

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

a) **Applications**

- i) **2/2018/0190 - Friar Row, Caldbeck, Wigton CA7 8DS.** Erection of detached 4 bedroom family house. Following Mr Coulthard's presentation, the Parish Council agreed to **support** the application, highlighting the need to attract young families to the village, the sympathetic and unobtrusive design on an infill site, the overall benefits to the environment, and note the supportive comments from residents.

b) **Decisions notified by Lake District National Park**

- i) **7/2018/2072 - Lonning Head, Hesketh Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JU.** Extension of existing shed by addition of lean to - **Approved**
- ii) **T/2018/0056 - Caldbeck Village Green, Caldbeck.** Crown raising on 16 designated trees. The Clerk reported that the application had been **approved** on 12 June but papers were not yet on the website. He would follow this up as a matter of urgency.

18.6.18 - 6. **Hesketh Lonning Footpath**

The Chairman gave an update on progress. The Parish Council had requested key documents from the County Council under Freedom of Information, with 27 June the statutory response deadline. Letters had been sent to the three Allerdale MPs and the Police and Crime Commissioner, all of whom had written in support to the Chief Executive in December 2017. Letters had also been sent to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Allerdale Local Committee and the Leader and Mayor of Allerdale Borough Council. The July Magazine will include an update for all parishioners. Enquiries were being made regarding a road safety survey and the Clerk had requested a copy of the County Council road survey undertaken in early 2015.

18.6.18 - 7. **Community Led Affordable Housing**

The Clerk reported that a further meeting was to be arranged with Hugh Hodgson, Paul Taylor (Allerdale Borough Council), Kevin Richards (National Park) and himself. The intention was to discuss the National Park's response to small scale development, including a mix of affordable and market housing and a range of possible sites. The Parish Council had an opportunity to respond to the the National Park's local plan consultation and make the case for flexibility when considering affordable housing (Item 15).

18.6.18 - 8. **Lake District National Park land disposals**

The Chairman provided an update on progress. The National Park was not prepared to provide copies of its valuations of £10,000 for Caldbeck sites and £15,000 for Heskett Newmarket sites. It had said the voluntary contributions from the Caldbeck car park were not a factor in its valuation. It had also indicated that it would be prepared to look at disposing of parcels of land. The National Park had not appreciated that the Parish Council was paying £1,000 a year to maintain National Park land for the benefit of the community. It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek land agency advice in order to see if a sale could be negotiated. The Clerk would obtain quotes for such advice and approval was given to commission the work if less than £700.00.

18.6.18 - 9. **Parish Maintenance**

Updates from the May meeting

a) Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council Highways

i) Warning signs at Wath and Faulds Brow

ii) Heskett Newmarket to Newlands Road including Heskett Bridge

iii) Heskett Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall, Church Bridge

iv) Knocker Lane junction with B5299

v) Lanes at Upton and Caldbeck Green

vi) Drain between Burplethwaite and Bonners Farm

vii) A blocked drain near the Woodhall Road/The Street junction

viii) Potholes approaching Hudscates Farm from Heskett Newmarket near Street Head

ix) Deer Park drainage

x) Repairs to road signs at Heskett Newmarket and Caldbeck reported last meeting

xi) State of fell road from Calebreck cattle grid to the Heskett Newmarket/Mungrisdale road

An update had been provided by Matt Bish. Actions were limited awaiting decisions on the distribution of the County Council Highways pothole/surface dressing budget. It was agreed

issues iv) Knocker Lane gully cleaning and viii) Potholes approaching Hudscates Farm were

addressed and should come off the agenda. A 17 July start date for the drainage work at Deer

Park has been set. The Clerk would amend the schedule and add other details on location and

when issues were first reported and place a copy of the updated schedule on the website.

b) Other issues

xii) Concerns about road safety at the Woodhall Road/The Street junction for traffic emerging from Woodhall Road - Cllr Shaw circulated photographs and undertook to discuss options with property owners given the modest sums involved in purchasing a mirror.

xiii) Bridge tree and debris clearing, including request for further tree felling - the Chairman reported Natural England had given consent and would check on progress with Paul Graham.

xiv) Reporting via HIMS - Cllr Paul Doherty reported the website was working properly but there remained concerns as to the accuracy of information.

xv) Volunteer group to help tidy the villages - the Chairman reported that individuals were very active including dealing with grass clippings on the Heskett Newmarket green. It was agreed to include appreciation for all the work in the August magazine and that the item should come off the agenda.

xvi) Caldbeck Pond - the Clerk would ask Cllr Hellon for an update.

xvii) Winter Gritting - the Clerk is liaising with Castle Sowerby to seek an extension of gritting from Caldbeck to Millhouse and B5305 and will report to the next meeting

xviii) BT manhole cover on approach to Caldbeck from the north - Cllr Shaw had seen the problem on Monday and the Clerk reported that Open Reach had been in touch and were expecting to undertake repairs by 20 June.

One urgent matter regarding parish maintenance was identified. Cllr Glendinning reported on the state of the road Lonning Head towards High Row and Linewath Farm. The Clerk would add this to Highways issues for the County Council.

18.6.18 - 10. Tree Felling - Building Plot Heskett Newmarket

The Clerk reported he had not received a response to his letter sent after the May Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to take the item off the agenda unless a reply is received.

18.6.18 - 11. Street Lighting

The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the erection of one new footway lighting near the bench on the south side of the B5299 approaching the village from Park View. The Clerk would arrange for firm quotations.

18.6.18 - 12. Sign Post Renovations

Cllr Tyson reported that four signposts were in need of renovation. It was agreed the two Heskett Newmarket signposts should be repaired/repainted as one project and the work undertaken this summer. The Fellside and Caldbeck signpost by the pond would follow later.

18.6.18 - 13. Rural Fuel Rebate

The Clerk reported on the absence of an application process for extending the scheme to other areas and the uncertainty of the scheme post Brexit. It was agreed the Parish Council should write to Rory Stewart MP and ask if he would press for an extension of the scheme to Caldbeck.

18.6.18 - 14. Grass cutting Fellview School

The Clerk reported he had asked Mark Binney to contact Gillian McElvogue regarding grass cutting at Fellview School in light of the recent three year contract. For this summer it was agreed to make a £200 contribution towards grass cutting for the benefit of the community as was done in 2017.

18.6.18 - 15. Lake District National Park Local Plan

The Clerk reported on the National Park's consultation documentation, including proposals for affordable housing. The suggested site is the land west of Hodden Court but there are a number of problems - the listed barn, footpath, visibility and topology. There are two excluded sites where the National Park would not wish to see development. Site 51 is north of the B5299 at the west of the village. Site 52 is south of the B5299 and includes the land behind the Parish Hall. A number of other possible sites were considered and it was agreed these should be included in a response to maximise flexibility. It was agreed the Parish Council should highlight:

- a) Strong support for appropriate affordable housing in Caldbeck and the parish.
- b) A need for flexibility as regards where development might be located (for example considering part of site 52 closest to the village/Parish Hall rather than the whole of it).
- c) A need to consider a mix of market housing and social/affordable housing which is more likely to generate proposals.
- d) As the northern area is looking at 20 affordable houses a year, to suggest Caldbeck should be looking at fairly modest projects - perhaps 4 or 6 units every 3 to 5 years.

18.6.18 - 16. 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.

- a) Receipts
 - i) VAT recovery £259.29
 - ii) Interest June £10.10
- b) Payments
 - i) Mrs E Benson Cleaning disabled toilet February to April £100.00 (not cleared)
 - ii) Mark Binney Grasscutting £1,140.00
 - iii) Snow clearance - awaiting invoice
- c) Bank Balances
 - i) Current Account £11,617.66
 - ii) Deposit account £108,067.16 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath
- d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 11 June 2018.

18.6.18 - 17. **Correspondence**

The CALC: June Newsletter was noted together with information from Diane Rushworth on Historic Buildings Restoration Grant arrangements for restoring rural buildings.

18.6.18 - 18. **Meeting Date**

It was agreed to change the date of next meeting to 23 July 2018

Meetings in 2018

3 September 2018

15 October 2018

3 December 2018

14 January 2019

The meeting ended at 8:55pm.