

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 10 February 2020 at 7:30pm.

Cllrs Present: Tim Cartmell (Chairman), Norman Atkinson, Alison Young Poole, Paul Graham, Ian Shaw, Alastair MacFadzean, Angela Glendinning, Alan Tyson, John Brown, Paul Doherty (from Item 8).

Also Present: Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Councillor, Simon Smith (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Johnson, Cumbria County Councillor.

2. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 January 2020.

3. Declaration of Interest

Paul Graham registered a declaration of interest in respect of Item 5a)iii) planning application.

4. Public Participation

Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Council, said he would contribute throughout the meeting, rather than make a report. No members of the public attended.

5. Planning applications and decisions

a) Applications

- i) [7/2020/2028](#) Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development **Land to the East of the children's playground, Heskett Newmarket** Erection of dwellinghouse in accordance with planning permission reference 7/2016/2092 **Note - there is no provision for consultation for this type of application.** Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed it would not submit any comments.
- ii) [7/2020/2025](#) **Fellview Primary School, Caldbeck, CA7 8HF** Outdoor shelter for children to use at playtime and for learning. The Parish Council agreed to **support** the application as it provided an essential facility for the school's activities.
- iii) **Late application - comments requested by 6 March** [7/2020/2040](#) **Quarry Barn, Heskett Newmarket, CA7 8JG** Timber garage/workshop. **No objection.**

b) Decisions notified

- i) [7/2019/2329](#) **Woodlea, Heskett Newmarket, CA7 8HR** Change of use of garage space to form two bedrooms and small extension to rear of dwelling **Planning permission granted**
- ii) [7/2019/2271](#) **Askewmire, Branthwaite, Caldbeck, CA7 8HB** Listed Building Consent application Internal and external alterations including alterations to windows and doors, additional windows and roof lights, new and altered internal walls. Demolition of modern gable byre and reinstatement of stone gable **Listed Building Consent granted**
- iii) [7/2019/2331](#) **Bonnars Farm, Caldbeck, CA7 8HB** Extend dwelling into barn and extension to gable end of dwelling. New timber clad outbuilding. New drive. Improvements to courtyard. **Decision pending**
- iv) **Late notification** [7/2020/2002](#) **Crest Hills, Heskett Newmarket, CA7 8JG** Proposed formation of new door openings and modification of existing window openings. **Permission granted**

c) Ongoing applications

- i) **Old Map Shop** - Appeal to Secretary of State. The Parish Council had submitted its response and was awaiting the outcome.
- ii) **Heskett Newmarket Play Area** - Paul Graham reported after the meeting that work had been completed and the National Park was content.

- iii) **Midtown Cottage, Camping Barn** - the Clerk reported he had advised Kevin Richards of concerns about possible work but was not aware if Kevin Richards had visited when in Caldbeck.

6. Heskett Lonning Footpath

The Chairman reported that he had exchanged emails with Stewart Young, Leader County Council. The County Council was not at this stage prepared to change its mind and support the footpath and was still refusing requests for a meeting. It has, however, clarified that if the National Park wished to issue a Footpath Creation Order, it would 'raise no objection'. The National Park confirmed that it needed positive support from the County Council as Highways Authority. The Parish Council would continue to press the County Council to give the explicit support needed so that the National Park could pursue a Footpath Creation Order. The Parish Council would also ask the County Council for a significant contribution towards potential legal costs. The Parish Council would discuss with Mike Johnson when he would put a motion to full County Council to underline the need for financial support.

The Clerk reported there had been some press coverage following publication of the press notice and Radio Cumbria is to broadcast a feature, including interviews with the Chairman and Norman Atkinson.

7. Community Led Affordable Housing

Alan Tyson reported that he had been in touch with the Coulthards and they have requested a site meeting with Stuart Woodall, the architect consultant, which the Clerk is arranging. The Parish Council is still expecting to submit a proposal for pre planning advice for an affordable housing project funded by the grant from Allerdale.

8. Lake District National Park land disposals

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Simon Dimmer, National Park. Progress remains slow with the National Park needing to deal with legal and other issues raised during its consultation. Simon Dimmer recommended that the Parish Council prepared a draft management plan for the surplus National Park land which would help address consultation issues. The Chairman had prepared a draft in consultation with those who met Simon Dimmer. Following discussion, the Parish Council approved the draft management plan.

9. Waste management arrangements

The Clerk reported that an Allerdale officer would visit Caldbeck and agree on the siting of additional waste bins and notices, including the outlying hamlets where there had been reports of dog waste close to where cars park. The opportunity would be taken to visit Nether Row and see if some recycling facilities might be provided in response to a request from parishioners.

10. Parish Maintenance

Updates from the previous meeting:

- a) Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council Highways

These are detailed below

- i) Caldbeck Green - pot holes
- ii) B5299 Ratten Row, Caldbeck - surface water across road & Caldbeck Boundary Sign
- iii) Whelpo Bridge to Faulds Brow - pot holes
- iv) Drain between Burblethwaite, Fellside and Bonners Farm - drain located and marked up
- v) Pot holes Branthwaite Bridge, Fellside
- vi) Upton, Caldbeck - road surface
- vii) Pot holes between Upton and the Wath
- viii) Pot holes between Woodall and Pasture Lane, Heskett Newmarket
- ix) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Calebreck
- x) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Howbeck

- xi) Howbeck to Hesket Newmarket – dips in road where services have been laid
- xii) Uneven road between Howbeck and Hesket Newmarket (previously marked for repair)
- xiii) Hesket Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall
- xiv) Riverside Caldbeck (opposite pub) – collapsed drain on pavement
- xv) Culvert between Wath and Upton
- xvi) Potholes/road surface Fellside
- xvii) Pothole near Keeper's Cottage
- xviii) Pothole Stadle Dyke
- xix) Potholes Pasture Lane to Lonning Head
- xx) Potholes Friar Row

The Clerk reported that he was concerned that the present reporting arrangements were not proving effective. He had received a number of notifications from County Council Highways (via HIMS) that defects had been fixed but these did not readily tie with the narrative reports. Only six defects were currently reported on HIMS, 2 for Caldbeck and 4 for Hesket Newmarket. Following discussion it was agreed that HIMS should be used for reporting defects and that larger issues should continue to be flagged to Matt Bish, Highways. Parish Councillors agreed to take particular stretches of the highway and count/record the numbers of defects. Paul Doherty agreed to help with the reporting of defects on HIMS.

b) Other issues

- i) Hesket Newmarket surface water/flood mitigation including work around the Green and development site - Alison Young Poole reported that a site meeting had been held on 7 February attended by County Council Highways and Flood Management officers, the National Park planner, landowners and residents, and four Parish Councillors. The meeting had been followed by Storm Ciara which had led to flooding in the village although it appeared that no properties had experienced flood damage. Paul Graham showed a short video of the flooding at the weekend. Alison Young Poole was finalising a note of the meeting which would be published on the website along with photographs. That note would include a number of actions to develop a flood defence plan for Hesket Newmarket in the light of both the site meeting and weekend flooding.
- ii) Warning signs at Faulds Brow and Wath Brow - the Clerk reported that Highways officers were picking up issues raised with Philip Groom who was on long term sick leave and that he would follow up what was happening as there had been no action.
- iii) Street lighting issues - reinstatement of light near Calva - the Clerk reported that he had asked the Marsters for their proposals regarding reinstatement of the street light and that progress needed to be reported to 23 March meeting.
- iv) National Park signage at Millhouse - the Clerk was asked to contact the National Park about the desirability of Lake District National Park sign at Millhouse.

Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance

Alison Young Poole reported that there appeared to be damage to Hesket Bridge with some stonework missing. The Clerk said he would report this to Matt Bish, County Council Highways and on HIMS. Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance.

Paul Doherty agreed to report a pothole on the Caldbeck Green lane.

11. Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that Allerdale is removing street light number 5 at Hesket Newmarket, Back Green. The Parish Council agreed to undertake the survey of street lights in Caldbeck (Ian Shaw and Alastair Macfadzean) and Hesket Newmarket (Alison Young Poole and John Brown) before the next meeting on 23 March.

12. Community Payback

The Clerk reported that he was arranging a meeting with the Community Payback Carlisle manager and that a number of projects would be discussed.

13. Proposals for sharing Parish Council responsibilities

Following discussion, Parish Councillors volunteered to take the lead on a number of Parish Council functions and responsibilities. The Clerk agreed to circulate an updated table.

14. Monthly Accounts 2019-20

The Parish Council approved the following receipts and payments and noted the bank balances. The Clerk highlighted the zero spend to date on contingencies and the Allerdale affordable housing grant. At the March meeting the Parish Council would be able to decide on earmarking reserves, including the full Allerdale grant as this will be drawn down on the project and the balance returned to Allerdale.

- i) Receipts and payments since the last meeting and note bank balances.
- a) Receipts
 - i) Interest February - to be reported at meeting
- b) Payments
 - i) Mrs E Benson cleaning disabled toilet facilities November to January £100.00
 - ii) Data Protection Fee - £35.00
- c) Bank Balances
 - i) Current Account £14,408.51
 - ii) Deposit account £108,446.87 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath
- d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 4 February 2020, to be updated at meeting.
- ii) Budget monitoring report for 2019-20.

15. Correspondence

The Parish Council noted the following items of correspondence:

- i) CALC: Police Commissioner consultation
- ii) Lake District National Park: Geoff Davies January report expected
- iii) Cumbria County Council 'Working Together'
- iv) Rural Services Network bulletin
- v) Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary
- vi) Fair World Shop - Norman Atkinson agreed to contact Elspeth Mackenzie to examine the possible roof leak
- vii) Parish Council Websites - Paul Doherty thought there were some good features in the Wanstrow Parish Council website and the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should discuss a refresh of the website with Andrew Ward when available.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is 23 March 2020

The meeting ended at 9:15pm.