

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7:30pm.

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

Also Present: Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Council, John Brown, Simon Smith (Clerk)

14.1.19 - 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Christina Couthard and accepted by all attending.

14.1.19 - 2. **Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 December 2018 as a true record

14.1.19 - 3. **Declaration of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made: Cllr Cartmell and Cllr Shaw in respect of Item 13 budget provision for payments to the Northern Fells Group and St Kentigern's; and Cllr Smithson in respect of Item 14(b)(v) payment for signpost restoration work.

14.1.19 - 4. **Public Participation**

Cllr Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Council, explained that following Cllr Duncan Fairbairn's death, he was 'minding' Caldbeck Parish Council and Cllr Fairbairn's other parishes on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council pending the May election. He would be happy to help Caldbeck in any way he could and would respond urgently to any questions or requests for support. Living in Thursby for many years he knew the local area well, including Caldbeck. He explained that a by-election would be held for the County Council's Thursby Division as soon as possible. He had put his name forward for selection and he and other candidates were being interviewed on 19 January.

No questions were asked at this point by a member of the public attending.

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

a) **Applications**

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

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

- i) 7/2018/2309. Old Map Shop, Caldbeck Village, Caldbeck, Cumbria, CA7 8HF
Change of use to a dwellinghouse without complying with conditions attached to planning permission reference 7/2015/2229 (removal of local occupancy condition).
Withdrawn. It was noted that within the last week works had been carried out to the water/sewer services to the building across the surrounding common land.
- ii) T/2018/0156. The Old Rectory, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8DP. Fell 1 laburnum.
Approval to carry out the works planned
- iii) 7/2018/2300. High Greenrigg House, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HD. Reinstate ensuite bathroom including installation of an external soil pipe. Repointing western gable end wall. **Listed Building Consent granted subject to conditions**

- iv) 7/2018/2280. Stott Ghyll, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JY. Extension and redevelopment of existing dwellinghouse including detached garage. **Planning Permission granted subject to conditions**
- v) 7/2018/2321. Throstle Hall Farm, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HE. Proposed demolition of a single storey outhouse & store and the erection of a sunroom in lieu. **Planning Permission granted subject to conditions**
- vi) 7/2018/2318. Wood Hall, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 8JY. Variation to conditions - Plans, Energy Supply, Windows & Doors, Materials. **Planning permission granted subject to conditions**

14.1.19 - 6. **Hesket Lonning Footpath**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had written to the two landowners and received a favourable response from one to take part in discussions. Angela Jones, the County Council's proposed mediator, had recently been promoted Acting Corporate Director Environment and Economy and was still offering to act as informal mediator.

The Clerk reported that the Information Commissioner had appointed a case officer to investigate the Parish Council's request for the Information Commissioner to order the County Council to release Dan Barton's report produced in February 2018. The Clerk had updated the case officer about the County Council's offer of mediation but emphasised that the Parish Council would like him to press ahead with his investigation as release of the report might help persuade the County Council to be prepared to use its powers.

The Chairman reported that there was a prospect of some land being offered for sale which included part of the proposed footpath. The Parish Council would monitor the position and seek discussions with any new owners.

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

The Clerk reported a meeting had taken place in that morning with Kevin Richards, National Park, Paul Taylor, Allerdale Borough Council and the Chairman. The National Park had responded positively to an Affordable Housing project for self-build houses, some with attached workshops, across a number of sites and Allerdale Borough Council has funds available for set up costs, with further more significant funding potentially available. It was agreed that next steps were to discuss proposals with landowners and those interested in the project, apply for grant funding, draw up outline plans and obtain Pre Application Advice from the National Park. In response to a question from the public, it was confirmed that matters would be progressed as quickly as possible.

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

The Chairman reported that news was awaited from the National Park following internal consultation. Jo Edwards, the Parish Council's PFK adviser, was chasing a response.

14.1.19 - 9. **Parish Maintenance**

Updates from the December meeting - items listed in Site Visit 8 December report order:

- a) Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council Highways
 - i) Caldbeck Green - pot holes
 - ii) B5299 Ratten Row, Caldbeck - Surface water across road & Caldbeck Boundary Sign
 - iii) Chippings stocks held on Common Land Blue Gate Crossroads
 - iv) Warning signs at Faulds Brow
 - v) Warning signs and Wath Brow
 - vi) Upton, Caldbeck - Road surface
 - vii) School Green, Caldbeck - Pot holes

- viii) Drumalis, Caldbeck - Blocked drain opposite Church
- ix) Hesketh Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall
- x) Hesketh Newmarket - 30 MPH sign opposite near Hesketh Hall
- xi) Hesketh Newmarket/Newlands - Step protruding on road towards bridge
- xii) Hesketh Newmarket, Howbeck - Surface water across road
- xiii) Hesketh Newmarket, Street Head/Woodhall Junction - Surface water drainage/road markings
- xiv) Hesketh Newmarket, Street Head/Hudscales - Pot holes
- xv) Drain between Bumblethwaite and Bonners Farm
- xvi) Bumblethwaite historic signpost
- xvii) Hesketh Newmarket to Newlands Road including Hesketh Bridge

The Parish Council noted the updated report and expressed its satisfaction with the meeting held with Highways in December and the extent of the actions taken to date. The Clerk was asked to press for updates on a number of items - Caldbeck Green, Smithy Lane and through Upton, Street Head to Hudscales, and the protruding step at Evening Hill. Much remained to be done, however, and the Parish Council was disappointed that Caldbeck was not befitting from the Government's recently announced extra funding for pot holes and Caldbeck was not included in the surface dressing programme to March 2020. It was concerning that decisions were taken when Caldbeck was without a County Councillor and Cllr Annison's offer to raise the issue was welcomed, particularly in relation to Hesketh Lonning, given its poor state of repair and critical importance for the Parish.

b) Other issues

xviii) Street lighting issues - lights out and reinstallation of light near Calva. Reported lights out had been repaired. A flickering light was noted. As regards the missing light near Calva, it was agreed the Clerk should write to the National Park drawing attention to the need for the light to be reinstated and that this was a condition of the planning application. The Clerk would first contact the owners and set out the Parish Council's understanding of responsibilities and what the Parish Council intended to do and ask for the owners' assurances that the street light would be reinstated.

One urgent matter was raised regarding the state of the lane from Whelpo Bridge up the hill to Faulds Brow top. The Clerk would add this to the Highways issues.

14.1.19 - 10. Street Lighting

Cllr Doherty reported he had received information from four Cumbria based firms. There was concern about the maintenance costs, particularly for batteries, and further infiriation was required before a decision could be taken.

14.1.19 - 11. Sign Post Renovations

Cllr Smithson reported the two Hesketh Newmarket sign posts were now back in position having been repaired and repainted. The Parish Council expressed its thanks and the Clerk would add the news and photos to the website.

14.1.19 - 12. Publication of Agendas

Following discussion it was agreed the full agenda would continue to be posted on the two notice boards in Caldbeck and the one in Hesketh Newmarket. At Fellside an A4 Notice would be displayed giving meeting dates/venues, Parish Councillors, contacts, website address and explaining that the agendas are displayed on other notice boards in the Parish and are published on the web.

14.1.19 - 13. **Parish Council Plan and Budget for 2019-20**

The Clerk highlighted amendments to the Parish Council Plan and it was agreed to consider the scope for supporting disabled toilet facilities in Hesket Newmarket, update for arrangements for publishing the agenda, explore how Parish Council news might be brought to attention through alerts or social media, and include the additional street lighting objective, given Allerdale Borough Council's decision to end the service. With these amendments and edits, the Parish Council approved the Council Plan update.

The Clerk set out the main changes in the budget which would provide sufficient funds to meet the estimated costs of street lighting following the Allerdale decision. This required a 4% increase in the Precept for 2019-20 and a further 4% increase for the next two years. Cllr Annison thought there was some uncertainty as to the timetable for the transfer of the service and would seek urgent clarification. Given the information available, the Parish Council approved the draft budget for 2019-20 and the £12,330 Precept.

14.1.19 - 14. **Monthly Accounts 2018-19**

The receipts and payments since the last meeting were approved, bank reconciliation and banking operations and the budget monitoring report noted.

a) Receipts

i) Interest December 2018 £21.33, January 2019 £22.05

b) Payments, including two late payments not incorporated in the accounts:

i) HMRC £198.00

ii) S Smith, salary October to December 2018 and expenses £892.90

iii) Pearson Sand Blasting Services £200.00

iv) Data Protection fee £35.00

v) Colin Smithson, sign post restoration work £185.00

vi) Mike Asbridge M & A Metalcrafts, welding etc for sign post restoration £93.00

vii) Mike Bell, R G Bell & Sons, snow clearance Fellside 3 March 2018 £301.59

c) Bank Balances

i) Current Account £9,842.45

ii) Deposit account £108,186.95 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath

d) On line banking operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 8 January 2019.

14.1.19 - 15. **Correspondence**

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

i) National Park Geoff Davies: December Report

ii) CALC: December Newsletter; United Utilities Presentation at Autumn 3 Tier Meeting; 8

iii) Budget consultation documents: Allerdale Borough Council; Police & Crime

Commissioner. Note the County Council's budget consultation ended 7 January.

iv) Amy's Care: Request for funding. Whilst strongly supportive of Amy's Care, the Parish Council considered the Northern Fells Group should be the focus for community funds.

v) Risks concerning children's 'den' on private land, Hesket Newmarket. The Parish Council was grateful for the prompt response from Simon Gray and actions taken.

vi) Cumbria Constabulary report

vii) Bench in Caldbeck car park. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Audrey Noble and agreed to take ownership, adding the bench to its asset register.

viii) Wigton Baths: request for funding. As in previous years, the Parish Council considered it should support more local groups with its limited funds.

14.1.19 - 16. **Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting 25 February 2019

The meeting ended at 9:15pm