

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 15 October 2018 at 7:30pm.

Cllrs Present: Tim Cartmell (Chairman), Norman Atkinson, Ian Shaw, Colin Smithson, Alistair MacFadzean, Alan Tyson.

Also Present: Simon Smith (Clerk)

18.10.15 - 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Paul Doherty, Richard Hellon, Christina Couthard and Angela Glendinning and accepted by all attending.

The Chairman began the meeting by expressing the Parish Council's condolences following the news of Duncan Fairbairn's death and great thanks for Duncan's unstinting support for Caldbeck as County Councillor and District Councillor for over 20 years. The Parish Magazine will include a tribute to Duncan from the Chairman. It was noted when Duncan could no longer attend meetings, he remained keenly interested in Caldbeck activities and continued to lobby for Caldbeck through emails and telephone calls.

18.10.15 - 2. **Minutes**

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

18.10.15 - 3. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Shaw and Cllr Cartmell declared interest in respect of grants paid to St Kentigern's and the Northern Fells Group respectively (item 14f).

18.10.15 - 4. **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended.

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

a) **Applications**

- i) 7/2018/2260 - **Evening Hill, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JG**. Change of use of detached annexe from office/store to dwelling. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would **not object** to the application but would express its concerns that local needs should be considered where a change of use to a dwelling is proposed and that a local occupancy clause should be applied.
- ii) 7/2018/2255 - **Bonnars Farm, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HB**. Replacement shed for storage and livestock associated with small holding. **No objection.**

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

- i) **7/2018/2180 - Stott Ghyll, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JY**. Proposed refurbishment and extension to existing house, demolition of dilapidated former barn and construction of garage/car port building with accommodation over. **Withdrawn.**
- ii) **7/2018/2210 - Street Head, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JZ**. Portal framed livestock building with concrete access area. **Refused** - "Based on the information provided the proposed agricultural store is likely to result in landscape harm due to its prominent location in relation to the public right of way to the east. Without elevational and sectional details it is not possible to assess the true landscape impact in this rural landscape."

iii) **7/2018/2171 Howburn, Green Head, Caldbeck CA7 8HD.** Erection of a dwelling for a rural worker (outline). **Outline planning permission approved.**

c) **Decisions by Allerdale Borough Council**

i) **2/2018/0190 - Friar Row, Caldbeck, Wigton CA7 8DS.** Erection of detached 4 bedroom family house. **Pending - decision expected 16 October**

18.10.15 - 6. **Hesket Lonning Footpath**

The Chairman referred to briefing circulated in advance of the meeting. Following intervention from Rory Stewart MP, the County Council appeared more willing to be involved. It had agreed to act as an informal mediator and the Footpath Working Group is to meet Angela Jones to discuss how best to proceed. The County Council is undertaking a safety audit to help inform what arrangements might be required if a part footpath could be established as an interim measure.

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

The Clerk reported that an initial meeting was held for those expressing interest in self build/affordable housing with Paul Taylor (Allerdale Borough Council). A project is emerging for self build/affordable family homes, most with attached workshops/business premises, across a number of sites, potentially including current planning applications. The National Park has shown some flexibility in looking at illustrative sites and Cllr Tyson agreed to sound out possible landowners to see if they may be interested. The intention was then to discuss proposals with the National Park and its position in more detail before holding a second meeting for interested parties.

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

The Clerk reported that Jo Edwards, the Parish Council's PFK advisor, had asked the National Park for an update or when a response might be ready but there was as yet no news.

18.10.15 - 9. **Parish Maintenance**

Updates from the September meeting:

a) Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council Highways

i) Warning signs at Wath and Faulds Brow

Just before the meeting the County Council had asked for further information on where signage was required. It was thought a site meeting might be the best way forward and Cllr Atkinson agreed to attend.

ii) Hesket Newmarket to Newlands Road including Hesket Bridge

Concern was expressed as to the delays that have occurred and the drainage problems that need addressing urgently before the onset of Winter. It was agreed the Clerk should request plans for the drainage work and ascertain what work had recently been completed on Hesket Bridge.

iii) Hesket Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall

The Parish Council was disturbed to see that Hesket Lonning is not included in the County Council's surface dressing programme over the next two years and the earliest surface dressing might be provided is 2020-21. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Corporate Director with Highways responsibility and set out the Parish Council's concerns.

iv) Lanes at Upton and Caldbeck Green

Cllr Shaw reported on problems at Upton and it was agreed Upton should also be included in the Clerk's letter to the Corporate Director (iii above)

v) Drain between Burplethwaite and Bonners Farm

Awaiting work scheduled for 2018-19.

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

Cllr Shaw reported on significant drainage problems along The Street. Cllr Atkinson referred to the County Council's drainage budget having greater potential for funding improvements and it was agreed that a site meeting with Matt Bish would be sensible.

vii) Repairs to road signs at Hesket Newmarket and Caldbeck

Awaiting update.

viii) Chippings stocks held on Common Land near Priest's Brow

Cllr Atkinson reported that there had been little reduction in stock piles and the position would be reviewed at the end of October.

ix) Pothole near Staddle Dykes

The pothole was awaiting repair and Cllr Tyson reported damage to telephone wires near the pothole.

x) Street light Caldbeck

The County Council had inspected the street lights and had declared them safe but had advised they were Allerdale Borough Council's responsibility. The Clerk had contacted Allerdale that morning and Cllr Atkinson reported some of the lights were now working.

xi) Concerns about road safety at the Woodhall Road/The Street junction for traffic emerging from Woodhall Road

The County Council had advised that road markings would be refreshed. Cllr Macfadzean reported that the mirror had been purchased and would be erected shortly.

b) Other issues

xii) Bridge tree and debris clearing, including request for further tree felling

The Chairman reported the work had been completed.

xiii) Reporting via HIMS

The Clerk reported he had found HIMS working reasonably and much easier to use than Allerdale's reporting system.

xiv) BT manhole cover on approach to Caldbeck from the north

The repair work is scheduled for 22 October.

Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance

xv) Missing footpath sign to Sharp House near Hudscapes

Cllr Atkinson reported the missing footpath sign and the Clerk would advise the National Park.

xvi) Gully outside Drumails

Cllr Atkinson and the Chairman reported on the gushing drain near The Old Rectory and the Clerk would advise the County Council.

xvii) 4x4 car in Caldbeck Carpark

Cllr Atkinson reported the 4x4 off road car had now gone from Caldbeck carpark.

xviii) Potholes by Old Map Shop

Cllr Shaw reported a number of potholes around the carpark by the Old Map Shop and the Clerk would advise the County Council.

In light of the numerous issues raised, it was agreed the Clerk should ask Matt Bish, County Council Highways, if he would attend a Caldbeck site visit.

18.10.15 - 10. **Street Lighting**

The Clerk reported he was expecting to hear from Neil Buck, Eden District Council, who was thought to have some experience of solar footway lighting in Cumbria.

18.10.15 - 11. **Signpost Renovations**

Cllr Macfadzean and Cllr Smithson reported that work on the Hesket Newmarket signposts was expected to commence in the next week or two. The work should not take too long and it was agreed the Parish Magazine News should include a brief note.

18.10.15 - 12. **Footpath on north side of Cald Beck (Sebergham Parish Council)**

The Chairman noted that Sebergham Parish Council had reported the footpath problems to the County Council and had not at this point taken up Caldbeck Parish Council's offer of assistance.

18.10.15 - 13. **Arrangements for 2019 Parish Council elections**

The Chairman drew attention to the need for a new Parish Council in May 2019 and asked Parish Councillors to consider what they wanted to do, so that information on numbers offering to stand again would be available when publicising elections.

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

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

a) Receipts

- i) Interest September £13.18 & October £21.32
- ii) Precept £5,950.00

b) Payments

- i) Clerk's salary and expenses July to September £911.08
- ii) HMRC July to September £198.00
- iii) Colin Smithson, Riverside Rails work £254.00
- iv) Alastair Macfadzean, petrol contribution for Caldbeck maintenance £100.00
- v) Payments to Mark Binney for grass cutting £1,036.00 6 September & £255.75 15 October

c) Bank Balances

- i) Current Account £12,727.35
- ii) Deposit account £108,121.53 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath

d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 15 October 2018.

e) The Parish Council approved the grant payments included in the 2018-19 budget:

- Northern Fells Group £300.00;
- Citizens Advice Bureau Allerdale £50.00;
- Great North Air Ambulance £200.00;
- First Responders £70.00
- Payment to St Kentigern's for upkeep of churchyard £750.00

18.10.15 - 15. **Correspondence**

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

i) National Park Geoff Davies: September Report

It was agreed the Clerk should write to Geoff Davies updating him on Caldbeck's interest in self build/affordable housing and the National Park's more flexible approach to such projects.

ii) Allerdale draft Local Plan and Site Allocations

iii) Allerdale 3 Tier meeting - 20 September 2018

iv) LDNP Parish Forum - 10 October 2018

v) Lakes in a Day event - 13 October 2018

vi) Allerdale Self Build Custom Build seminar - 1 November 2018

vii) CALC AGM - 10 November 2018

18.10.15 - 16. **Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting 3 December 2018

Suggested dates for 2019

14 January 2019 (published)

25 February 2019

25 March 2019 (Easter Monday is 22 April)

13 May 2019 (early May bank holiday is 6 May)

17 June 2019

29 July 2019

2 September 2019

14 October 2019

2 December 2019

13 January 2020

The meeting ended at 9:00pm