

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 31 July 2017 at 7:30pm.

Cllrs Present: Richard Hellon (Vice Chairman), Ian Shaw, Paul Doherty, Christina Coulthard, Angela Glendinning, Colin Smithson, Alastair MacFadzean, Alan Tyson & Tim Cartmell.

Also Present: Cllr Duncan Fairbairn (County & Borough Councillor), PCSO 5326 Kerry Harris, Simon Smith (Clerk). One member of the public.

31/07-1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Norman Atkinson (Chairman) who was on holiday.

31/07-2 Minutes

The Vice Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19 June 2017 as a true record.

31/07-3 Declaration of Interest

- a) Cllr Shaw declared an interest in respect of agenda item 13 as he is Treasurer for Caldbeck PCC.
- b) Cllr Cartmell declared an interest in respect of agenda item 13 as he is a Trustee of the Northern Fells Group

31/07-4. Appointment of Clerk

The Vice Chairman reported that interviews for a clerk had taken place and the appointment of Simon Smith as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer was confirmed.

31/07-5. Public Participation

- a) PCSO 5326 Kerry Harris provided local detail to complement the general report circulated. On 7 July in Welton power tools had been stolen and there have been a number of thefts of quad bikes in the Wigton area which are currently being investigated with arrests made. PCSO Harris emphasised the importance of securing such items and the effectiveness of Farmwatch. The local Crime Prevention Officer had noted only one incident at a farm under the Farmwatch scheme. PCSO Harris also reported off road vehicles at Fellside which are being investigated. The Chairman thanked PCSO Harris for her report and she left the meeting at this point (8.05pm).
- b) Cllr Fairbairn reported that highways repairs and resurfacing and stone work on bridges would continue, with a need for road closures and diversions. He highlighted the quality of finish on the B5305. In discussions Cllr Tyson drew attention to the distances some maintenance teams were travelling, for example Bethal, and asked whether they provided value for money. Cllr Fairbairn welcomed the local feedback and agreed to raise issues with Highways, although he cautioned that some work may be undertaken by agencies other than the County Council Highways. Cllr Fairbairn also reported on the extension of the Allerdale three bin waste collection arrangements to more isolated dwellings but that not all dwellings could be accessed as lorries needed turning space. In these cases recycling bags could be provided for individuals to take to recycling points.

31/07-6. Planning decisions and applications

a) Applications

- i) **7/2017/2158** - Proposed replacement porch, Claybottom Farm, Nether Row, Hesket Newmarket. **No objection** (devolved decision by Clerk in consultation with Chairman).
- ii) **7/2017/2161** - Proposed construction of one dwelling and proposed amendment to local occupancy conditions Caldbeck Garage, Upton, Caldbeck.

Following discussion it was agreed to:

Support the inclusion of the Parish of Mungrisdale in the definition of Locality as this reflects the reality of the geography and sense of place of the wider community neighbouring. Without a detailed proposal for a single dwelling, the Parish Council restated its support for the earlier application for two semi detached dwelling units (7/2015/2191) and would expect to consider any detailed proposal for a single dwelling in light of the earlier application and how any detailed proposal addresses local housing needs.

- iii) **7/2017/2100** - Proposed machinery store, Caldbeck Bowling Club, Caldbeck. **No objection.**
- iv) **7/2017/2166** - Proposed enclosure of existing storage yard and erection of cattle building, Branthwaite Farm, Caldbeck. **No objection.**
- b) **Decisions notified by Lake District National Park**
 - i) **7/2016/2132, 2133 and 2134** - Retention of unauthorised works to a listed building and retrospective application for installation of biomass boiler, Lonning Head, Heskett Newmarket. **Listed building consent granted, planning permission granted.**
 - ii) **7/2016/2327** - Reserved matters application for the construction of an agricultural worker's dwelling, Wood Hall, Heskett Newmarket. **Approval granted.**
 - iii) **7/2017/2052** - Proposed roof to cover existing feeding area and extension of shed, Midtown Farm Cottage, Caldbeck. **Planning permission granted.**
- c) **Decision notified by Cumbria County Council**
 - i) **2/17/9005** - Extension of permission for quarry to 31 May 2022, Snowhill Quarry No 1, Snowhill Farm, Caldbeck. **Planning application granted subject to conditions.**

31/07-7. **Heskett Lonning Footpath**

Cllr Cartmell provided an update, culminating in the Chairman's recent invitation to Cllr Celia Tibble and Cllr Stewart Young to visit Caldbeck to discuss the project. Cllr Fairbairn reported how the Hayton Woods footpaths dispute was engaging the attention of the County Council. Following discussion on the significant differences between Hayton Woods and the Heskett Lonning project, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council and the Lake District National Park to press for a meeting.

31/07-8. **Allotments**

The Clerk reported that he had visited the allotments with Sue Braithwaite. One allotment was vacant and in need of attention. Rents for 2017/18 would be requested shortly. The allotment agreement required amendments to take account of the wider qualifying area and the opportunity would be taken to include a requirement to keep an allotment in good order prior to its vacation. Sue Braithwaite had asked if marker posts for the allotments could be tidied and the numbers repainted. Cllr Tyson and Cllr MacFadzean reported that they had carried out an inspection earlier in the year and agreed that the allotments were largely in good shape. They would contact Sue Braithwaite and renovate the marker posts.

31/07-9. **Parish Maintenance**

The following updates were received:

- i) Restoration of sign at Brewery Lane - Cllr Hellon reported that work would now be undertaken with volunteers needed to take down the signpost for the welding repairs. He would arrange a time with the volunteers.
- ii) Newlands Bridge tree and debris clearing - Cllr Cartmel reported that the main work had been completed. Some further debris would be cleared with Cllr Shaw volunteering to assist. The Clerk would write a letter of thanks to Paul Graham on behalf of the Parish Council.
- iii) Warning signs at Wath and Faulds Brow, Highway drainage at Commercial Row/B5299, Highway drainage Heskett Newmarket to Newlands Road, and Heskett Lonning road near Throstle Hall - Cllr Tyson reported that he was awaiting responses from County Council Highways. Cllr Fairbairn said he would chase these responses.

- iv) Reporting via HIMS - Cllr Doherty reported on the use of HIMS and stressed the importance of taking photographs. There was some concern that HIMS may show a reported problem as having been dealt with when action was still required, the gully at Bridge House being an example.
 - v) Possible cost of grass cutting Fellview School - Cllr Macfadzean agreed to contact Mark Binney for a quotation. Mike Steadman has also volunteered his services for the cost of fuel. The Clerk was expecting to hear from Fellside School about longer term arrangements.
 - vi) Red arrows on local roads following recent cycling event - it was agreed that the arrows seem to be fading and no action was required at this time.
 - vii) Cllr Shaw raised concerns about the state of Caldbeck car park. Cllr Tyson offered to see what immediate repair work could be undertaken.
 - viii) Following concern about possible disturbance to a bench by Caldbeck pond, Cllr Smithson agreed to investigate.
 - ix) The state of Church Bridge was raised. Cllr Doherty agreed to photograph the damage and report on HIMS.
 - x) Following discussion about the extent of weeds and the lack of early spraying, it was considered that a volunteer group would ideally tackle such problems. Cllr Cartmell agreed to contact the Northern Fells Group to see what interest might be forthcoming.
- Cllr Fairbairn left after this item (8:50pm).

31/07-10. **Wigton Rotary Club 'End Polio Now'**

The invitation to participate in the 'End Polio Now' campaign was welcomed and possible sites for crocuses identified - School Hill, the car parks and greens. Cllr Hellon agreed to liaise with Don Cooper.

31/07-11. **Update Report from Lake District National Park Representative**

Apologies had been received from Cath Johnson. The Clerk would liaise with National Park officers and a report prepared for the next meeting.

31/07-12. **Review of spending and Parish Council policy in relation to grants**

Cllr Hellon presented his report. More meaningful categorisation allowed the Parish Council to see what was being spent on administration and parish maintenance. There was strong support for ensuring that grants were used to fund activities of direct benefit to the Caldbeck community. The principles set out in the paper were welcomed and would be highlighted when preparing budgets and future plans. There was some discussion about the disabled toilets at the Chapel and whether the Church facilities might be an alternative. Cllr Shaw agreed to discuss with the PCC and Mrs Benson.

31/07-13. **Monthly Accounts**

The monthly receipts and payments and the Council's financial position were **approved**.

a) **Receipts**

- i) HMRC recovery of VAT £454.93
- ii) Interest on deposit account £5.32

b) **Payments**

- i) Cumbria County Council in relation to summer grass cutting at Fellview School £200.00
- ii) Andrea McCallum, locum clerk salary and expenses for May and June £387.00
- iii) Mrs E Benson, monitoring and cleaning disabled toilet at Chapel, May, June and July 2017 £100.00

c) **Bank Balances**

- i) Current Account £8,388.18, excluding payments above
- ii) Deposit account £107,979.71 including £98,627.80 for Hesketh Lonning footpath

31/07-14. **Correspondence**

Items of correspondence received were noted:

- i) Lake District National Park World Heritage campaign - We Are The Lakes
- ii) Lake District National Park volunteers are to undertake the work on Hesket Newmarket pond by the end of October
- iii) Allerdale 3 tier meeting in September - Chairman and Clerk to attend
- iv) Grand Tour of Skiddaw trail running event 2 September
- v) UK Fell Beast cycling event 3 September
- vi) Cumbria Way Ultra trail running event 16 September
- vii) Legal Topic Note 54 Protection of Ownerless Common Land and Village Greens issued. Cllr Cartmell explained that as virtually all common land was owned, save for Nether Row, the Notice was not greatly relevant for Caldbeck.
- viii) Environment Agency survey work of street lighting, Millhouse included in survey - nil return for Caldbeck Parish Council
- ix) ACTION with communities in Cumbria Household Emergency Planning
- x) Local Government Boundary Commission final recommendations for Allerdale
- xi) Community Led Housing Fund, update from Allerdale. It was agreed to invite Paul Taylor, Allerdale Borough Council, to the next meeting to discuss possible grant funding of projects for Caldbeck.
- xii) NHS news, £65m capital funding for Cumbria health and care services
- xiii) Ending of success regime programme for NHS Cumbria
- xiv) Cumbria Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust Governors Council Election

31/07-15. **Other Business**

It was suggested that the possibility for better signage welcoming visitors to Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket should be included as an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

31/07-16. **Meeting Date and draft dates for 2018**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 4 September 2017, 7:30pm. Cllr MacFadzean and Cllr Tyson gave their apologies as they would be on holiday.

The draft schedule of meeting dates for 2018 was also noted:

- 15 January 2018 (already set)
- 26 February 2018
- 26 March 2018 (Easter Monday is 2 April)
- 14 May 2018 (early May bank holiday is 7 May)
- 18 June 2018
- 30 July 2018
- 3 September 2018
- 15 October 2018
- 3 December 2018
- 14 January 2019

The meeting ended at 9:20pm.