

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 2 December 2019 at 7:30pm.

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Brown and Mike Johnson, Cumbria County Councillor.

2. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council for 16 October 2019.

3. Declaration of Interest

Tim Cartmell, Chairman, and Ian Shaw both declared an interest in item 16 - grant payments to Northern Fells and St Kentigern's Church.

4. Public Participation

Cllr Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Council, reported on his work with Scrutiny and concerns about Climate Change. Other matters were discussed during the Agenda.

Concern was expressed by Parish Councillors about speeding traffic in Heskett Newmarket and Caldbeck. It was agreed the Clerk should contact the Safety Camera Partnership to request the service visits the village and also contact the Police to see if speed displays might be provided.

Further concerns were raised about dog fouling. The Clerk would liaise with Allerdale street scene officers and see if further bins were now in stock and could be made available.

5. Planning applications and decisions

a) Applications

- i) [7/2019/2256](#) **Matthew Ridding, Heskett Newmarket, CA7 8LD** Change of use from commercial catering business to holiday let with associated works. **Now approved subject to conditions**
- 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. **Withdrawn and will be resubmitted**
- iii) [7/2019/2191](#) **Cumbria Outdoors, Fellside Centre, Wigton, CA7 8HA** Change of use from a residential activity centre to 3 no. dwellings. The Parish Council had submitted an application to Allerdale Borough Council for registration of the Fellside Centre as a community asset submitted. **Withdrawn prior to the National Park's decision to reject the application**

b) Decisions notified

- i) [7/2019/2233](#) **John Peel Farm Barn, Caldbeck CA7 8HJ** Application for a Certificate of Lawful Use **Certificate of lawful use granted**. The Clerk reported that further documentation was added to the National Park's website although it remained unclear what evidence was drawn upon to support the decision.
- ii) [7/2019/2087](#) **Land to the East of the Children's Play Area, Heskett Newmarket**. Flood Risk and Surface Water measures. **Approved**.

Parish Councillors noted that work on Midtown Cottages appeared to be halted. Concern was expressed that permissions should have been obtained from Highways prior to any drainage work being undertaken.

6. Heskett Lonning Footpath

The Clerk reported that attention has focused on the consultation underway, the results of which will be presented to the extraordinary meeting on 16 December. Following consideration of the consultation responses, there is time to prepare material, brief County Councillors and the media, and submit the question for the County Council meeting on 9 January 2020.

7. Community Led Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Coulthards and Stuart Woodhall, the appointed architect/consultant. A response was expected from the Coulthards. Stuart Woodhall was pleased to note the National Park's encouragement for developing a proposal for a site previously considered problematic. The Clerk had kept Allerdale Borough Council apprised of the position.

8. Lake District National Park land disposals

The Chairman reported that the National Park is undertaking its consultation of those affected including residents near the car parks and other land. The Clerk had provided Simon Dimmer, National Park, with information on the Parish Council's reasoning to offer to purchase the land and future management intentions drawing on the Consultation paper and Parish Plan update.

9. Repair of Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket benches

The Chairman reported that a response was awaited from Men in Sheds as regards when work would be undertaken.

10. Waste management arrangements

Tony Annison reported that Allerdale Borough Council's waste collection arrangements will be brought back in house from April 2020. The contractor had expressed concern about the data provided prior to the new contract. Allerdale was also considering introducing separate charges for garden waste.

11. Parish Maintenance

Updates from the previous meeting were discussed:

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
- 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 Hudscals and Street Head - agreed work has been undertaken (item to be removed).
- ix) Pot holes between Street Head and Hesket Newmarket - agreed work had been undertaken (item to be removed).
- x) Hesket Newmarket, Street Head/Woodhall Junction - surface water drainage problems. During discussions it was noted that Highways activity has focused on addressing serious drainage problems at Hesket Newmarket with the installation of the 9" pipe. It was thought some additional work had been expected - an extra grid above Beech Cottages and building up the sides of the open concrete box to collect as much surface water as possible. It was agreed that Alison Young Poole would check progress against what had been discussed in earlier site visits and the Clerk would then contact Matt Bush with any outstanding issues. Drainage work had also been undertaken by the Todhunters which was welcomed. The general view was that Highways had undertaken a significant amount of work which would hopefully address serious flooding issues in Hesket Newmarket. The work has benefitted from site visits where Parish Councillors have had the opportunity to discuss solutions with Highways teams.
- xi) Pot holes between Woodall and Pasture Lane, Hesket Newmarket
- xii) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Calebreck
- xiii) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Howbeck
- xiv) Howbeck to Hesket Newmarket – dips in road where services have been laid
- xv) Uneven road between Howbeck and Hesket Newmarket (previously marked for repair)
- xvi) Hesket Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall
- xvii) Riverside Caldbeck (opposite pub) – collapsed drain on pavement
- xviii) Warning signs at Faulds Brow and Wath Brow - issues raised with Philip Groom
- xix) Culvert between Wath and Upton
- xx) Gritting Howbeck to B5035. The Clerk reported that Phil Greenup, Assistant Director, Cumbria County Council, responsible for Highways, had confirmed that gritting would be undertaken for this winter. However, all gritting routes would be reviewed in 2020 and the Parish Council would need to lobby to ensure gritting continued next winter and beyond.
- xxi) Fellside - pot holes and deterioration of road surface
- xxii) Hesket Newmarket - work around the green, including the need for 'no through way' road sign. Highways had recognised that further work was needed around the green. It was agreed that Paul Graham and Alison Young Poole would draw up a protocol for Hesket Newmarket residents

regarding the communal action to be taken in the event of serious surface water/flooding, covering the deployment of hydrosacks. The Clerk would check with Allerdale and Liz Woodham, who has kindly agreed to store the hydrosacks as a temporary measure, whether hydrosacks had been delivered. The Parish Council would purchase plastic bins for the longer term storage of hydrosacks. The Clerk would also chase up the requested 'no through road' sign which is required to warn motorists of the posts by the play area and the impossibility of through traffic.

Whilst Highways had focused its efforts on Heskett Newmarket, there was concern that many of the roads in the Parish were in a very poor state. Heskett Lonning, Wath to Caldbeck via Upton, the back lane by Caldbeck Green, lanes to Fellside, The Street, Pasture Lane, Woodhall Lane, Heskett Newmarket to Howbeck and Millhouse were all in need of investment. Individual pot holes might be filled but new potholes quickly emerged. Without significant investment in good surfacing, as has happened on other roads, problems would continue and the infrastructure would deteriorate further. It was agreed that the Parish Council should work with Mike Johnson to lobby for additional funds.

b) Other issues

i) Street lighting issues - reinstatement of light near Calva

The Clerk reported he had written to the owners and included the cost estimates for reinstating the street light on the other side of the lane (£8,525 including £1,171 VAT). He was awaiting a reply.

To consider any other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance

Parish Councillors identified the following issues which the Clerk was asked to report to Highways: Pot holes near Keeper's Cottage, Staddle Dyke, Pasture Lane to Lonning Head, and Friar Row by Church Bridge and near the Surgery. Street light number 21 in Caldbeck was also out and the Clerk would report the light out to Allerdale.

12. **Geocaching activities in Heskett Newmarket and Caldbeck**

Concern was expressed about damage to the Market Cross stones where geocaching activities have taken place. Following discussion it was agreed that Alison Young Poole would remove the geocache and the Parish Council would put up a notice stating that geocaching activities were not allowed in the Market Cross. The Clerk would try to contact the organiser to advise what steps the Parish Council was taking to prevent further damage.

13. **Street Lighting**

Paul Doherty reported he had erected the solar bollard. He wanted to reposition it, moving it to the other side of the bench and much nearer the edge of the grass. He was also exploring whether a double battery might improve the illumination provided. It was agreed that these further steps should be taken to assess whether solar bollards might provide a cheaper, effective means of street lighting.

Tony Annison reported Allerdale Borough Council had agreed that town and parish councils would be charged for electricity for street lighting from April 2021.

14. **Street Cleaning**

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Lancashire/Cumbria Community Payback team whether a Caldbeck project would be of interest, recognising it might be ruled out simply on geography and was awaiting a reply. Alison Young Poole reported that the Community Payback team had been operating in Mosedale so geography should not be an issue.

15. **Parish Plan and arrangements for consulting parishioners**

The Clerk reported that consultation responses were coming in, some 100 responses having been received to date, and that arrangements seemed reasonable. The one question that posed possible problems regarding analysis concerned Caldbeck Green where there were a significant number of responses which expressed both satisfaction with current arrangements and also supported encouragement of biodiversity in a limited number of areas.

16. Monthly Accounts 2019-20

The Parish Council approved the following receipts and payments and budget monitoring report. It agreed to defer change of signatories for the Cumberland Building Society to a later meeting.

a) Receipts

- i) Interest November £22.09

b) Payments

- i) Mrs E Benson, cleaning disabled facilities August to October £100.00
- ii) Payments of contributions and grants:
 - St Kentigern's as contribution to grounds maintenance £750
 - Fellview School as contribution to summer grass cutting £200
 - Northern Fells Group Minibus £300.00
 - Great North Air Ambulance £200.00
 - First Responders £70.00
 - CAB Allerdale £50.00

c) Bank Balances

- i) Current Account £16,692.55
- ii) Deposit account £108,403.39 including £98,627.80 for Hesketh Lonning footpath

d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 24 November 2019.

17. Correspondence

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

- i) CALC: Newsletter; Planning Training courses; ACTion Gazette; Annual Report; Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements; Keswick Town Council National Park 'no confidence' letter.
- ii) Lake District National Park: Geoff Davies October report
- iii) Rural Services Network bulletin

18. Meeting Dates

Date of **extraordinary meeting to discuss results of consultation 16 December 2019**

Dates for 2020

13 January 2020

17 February 2020

23 March 2020 (Easter Monday is 13 April)

18 May 2020 (early May bank holiday is Friday 8 May - VE 75th Anniversary)

15 June 2020

27 July 2020

7 September 2020

19 October 2020

7 December 2020

11 January 2021

The meeting ended at 8:50pm