

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 17 June 2019 at 7:30pm.

Cllrs Present: Tim Cartmell (Chairman), Paul Doherty, Angela Glendinning, Norman Atkinson, Alastair MacFadzean, John Brown, Alan Tyson;
Alison Young Poole, Paul Graham after item 4

Also Present: Julia and Chris Jordan, Kayleigh Lancaster PFK for item 5, Simon Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Shaw, Mike Johnson (County Councillor) and Tony Annison (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

2. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2019 as a true record. The Parish Council noted the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and that they would be approved at the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of the meeting, all Parish Councillors having completed their acceptance of office and declarations of interest forms.

4. Co-option of two Parish Councillors

The Parish Council unanimously appointed Alison Young Poole and Paul Graham as co-opted Parish Councillors.

5. Public Participation

Kayleigh Lancaster set out the reasons for the latest planning application in relation to the Old Map Shop on behalf of the owners. There had been no interest in a sale of the property for either residential use or for a commercial let/sale. National Park officers considered that a holiday let may be appropriate and would at least ensure the building was maintained in a good state but National Park members ruled against the proposals and the Parish Council had also objected. The owners wished to know whether the Parish Council had any proposals in mind which may enable the property to be sold. The Chairman referred to the Parish Council's objections to recent planning applications and its clearly stated preference for a commercial use. The property was simply too small for residential use and was surrounded by common land, with no private land. The Parish Council would consider any planning applications that came forward but was not in a position to advise on what these proposals might be.

Paul Doherty reported that Northern Fells Broadband is to be disbanded.

6. Planning applications and decisions

a) Applications

- i) [T/2019/0083](#) **Greensyke, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8ER** Tree Work in Conservation Area Fell two Norway spruce - **no objection**.
- ii) [HOU/2019/0051](#) **Archway Cottage, Friar Row, Caldbeck, Wigton** Removal of existing flat roof dormer extension to the front and erection of first floor lounge extension with balcony - **no objection**.
- iii) [7/2019/2115](#) **High Intack Farm, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HL** Demolition of outbuildings and construction of a new build storage/implement shed - **no objection**.

iv) [7/2019/2136](#) **Howburn, Caldbeck, CA7 8HD** Proposed dwellinghouse (approved outline application 7/2018/2171). The planning application had been received after the agenda was circulated. Given a 12 July reply date the Parish Council agreed to discuss the application. It was agreed the Clerk would circulate a draft reply **supporting the application**.

b) **Decisions notified**

- i) [7/2019/2036](#) **Catcrag, Upton, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8EU** Steel framed extension to existing lambing shed **Planning permission granted**
- ii) [7/2019/0065](#) **Clay Dubs, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8ER** Fell Silver Birch Tree - **No Tree Preservation Order so felling to proceed**
- iii) [2/2018/0190](#) **Friar Cottage, Friar Row, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8DS** Erection of a 2 storey detached 4 bedroom family dwelling **Appeal rejected**
- iv) [7/2019/2087](#) **Land to the East of the Children's Play Area, Hesket Newmarket** Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2016/2092: Condition 11 (Schedule for the implementation of flood risk & surface water measures) - Erection of dwellinghouse **Pending**

7. **Hesket Lonning Footpath**

The Chairman reported that Mike Johnson, County Councillor, had spoken to both landowners who remain opposed to the footpath. The Parish Council had written to Katherine Fairclough, Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council, to request a meeting in light of the release of the independent reviewer's original report which supported a Footpath Creation Order and the lack of progress on mediation. The Footpath Working Group considered one final opportunity should be given to the County Council to agree a way forward to establish the footpath and that the County Council must be prepared to pursue a Footpath Creation Order. If the County Council refused to respond positively, the Parish Council's next step would be to take the issue to full County Council in September, engage all County Councillors and brief the media.

The Land Registry had written about the caution registered by the Parish Council against the fields belonging to the Brownrigg family to protect the option agreement the family had kindly granted for the footpath. As the option had expired the caution would be cancelled.

8. **Community Led Affordable Housing**

The Parish Council resolved to agree the Deed for a grant from Allerdale Borough Council for architects fees and pre planning advice. As soon as the documentation is finalised, architects would be commissioned. It was agreed that Alan Tyson, Paul Doherty and Alison Young Poole would form a Working Group to take the project to the next stage.

9. **Lake District National Park land disposals**

The Chairman reported that the National Park is still awaiting approval from the Treasury for the sale of the land.

10. **Repair of Hesket Newmarket benches**

The Chairman reported that repair work was required for a number of benches in Hesket Newmarket. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would ask Ken Graham if 'Men in Sheds' would assess what is needed and undertake the repair work.

11. **Waste management arrangements**

The Parish Council noted that Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Councillor, had reported on contractual difficulties which impacted on the frequency of collections for the recycling bins by the Parish Hall. The Clerk reported he had asked Cath Johnson for the National Park's view on housing recycling facilities at Blue Gate, including the risks of fly tipping.

Following discussion on overflowing bins, it was agreed the Clerk should contact Allerdale Borough Council and ask what options there were for having larger bins.

12. Parish Maintenance

The Clerk reported that Matt Bish, County Council Highways, was on leave and that he would circulate an updated report as soon as possible:

- 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) Warning signs at Faulds Brow
 - iv) Warning signs and Wath Brow
 - v) Upton, Caldbeck - Road surface
 - vi) Heskett Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall
 - vii) Heskett Newmarket/Newlands - Step protruding on road towards bridge
 - viii) Heskett Newmarket, Street Head/Woodhall Junction - Surface water drainage/road markings
 - ix) Drain between Burplethwaite and Bonners Farm
 - x) Whelpo Bridge to Faulds Brow - pot holes
- b) Other issues
 - xi) Street lighting issues - reinstallation of light near Calva and reported lights out. The Clerk reported he had asked Dave Bryden, Allerdale Borough Council, to advise on the feasibility and costs of reinstating a street light. Following receipt of the information, a further meeting will be arranged with the owners.
 - xii) Alastair MacFadzean reported that a larger mirror was required for the Woodhall Lane/The Street junction.

Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance

Norman Atkinson reported on additional potholes between Hudscals and Street Head; Street Head to Heskett New Market; and Woodhall to Pasture Lane. A manhole was in need of attention near the Old Police Station, Cornhill House. The road was disintegrating on the Calebreck Lane. In view of these problems, the Parish Council agreed that it would be useful to invite Matt Bush to a site meeting - the Clerk to action.

Alison Young Poole reported on grass encroaching on the back lane at Heskett Newmarket leading to the play area and that drains had become covered, adding to flooding issues. The lane is a Highways responsibility and the Clerk agreed to report the issue to Matt Bish. It was recognised that this may not be a high priority for Highways and volunteers might clear the area. The Clerk would highlight the problem and ask for volunteers to take action in the August Magazine.

13. Street Lighting

Paul Doherty reported that he had received information about solar powered lighting columns and bollards which he thought might provide a cheaper solution to the need for lighting between the school and the village. He would investigate further and bring proposals to the next meeting.

Following questions at the Parish Annual Meeting, the Clerk reported that Allerdale Borough Council has advised there are 34 lights in Caldbeck (plus 3 County Council lights) and 13 lights in Heskett Newmarket.

14. **Monthly Accounts 2019-20**

The Parish Council approved the following receipts and payments since the last meeting.

a) Receipts

- i) Interest June £22.07
- ii) VAT recovery for 2018-19 £206.38

b) Payments

- i) Mark Binney Grass cutting £231.75
- ii) BHIB Insurance premium £380.11

c) Bank Balances

- i) Current Account £14,287.72
- ii) Deposit account £108,294.40 including £98,627.80 for Heskett Lonning footpath

d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 9 June 2019.

15. **Correspondence**

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

- i) **CALC:** Note of Allerdale 3 Tier Meeting March 2019; Reminder Summer conference 22 June, Penrith

Paul Graham agreed to monitor the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, reported at the Allerdale 3 Tier Meeting, including possible grant funding for affordable housing.

- ii) **Lake District National Park:** May Report from Geoff Davies
- iii) Rural Services Network funding digest
- iv) Citizens Advice
- v) Volunteering at Lowther Castle
- vi) Email representations had been received from Elspeth Mackenzie on behalf of herself and others about the cutting of the Caldbeck Green, in particular the cutting of the ditches and the leaving of the cut grass to mulch. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting when all parishioners interested in the matter could make representations and put forward their proposals. In the meantime the present arrangements for the grass cutting would continue as approved by the Parish Council some years earlier.

16. **Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting 29 July 2019

Dates for 2019

- 2 September 2019
- 14 October 2019
- 2 December 2019
- 13 January 2020

The meeting ended at 9:15pm