

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 13 January 2020 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, John Brown.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Johnson, Cumbria County Councillor.

2. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 December 2019.

3. Declaration of Interest

Tim Cartmell and Ian Shaw registered declarations of interest in relation to grant payments to the Northern Fells Group and St Kentigern's respectively.

4. Public Participation

Tony Annison, Allerdale Borough Council, reported that following the election of Mark Jenkinson as Workington's MP, Mike Johnson has been appointed Deputy Leader for Allerdale Borough Council.

5. Parish Council Plan and Budget 2020-21 and 2021-22

Following discussion about possible increases in grant payments, the Parish Council approved the draft budget and agreed to set a precept of £16,430 (£12,330 in 2019-20). The increase would fund provision of public toilets in Caldbeck and contracting for a lengthsman. The Parish Council agreed it would review grant payments in 2020-21 and consider increasing some payments if funds permitted. The Parish Council approved the Parish Plan update.

6. Monthly Accounts 2019-20

The Parish Council approved the receipts and payments since the last meeting, noted the budget monitoring report, and noted the effective operation of banking arrangements.

a) Receipts

i) Interest December £21.38 and January £22.10

b) Payments

i) St Kentigern's as contribution to grounds maintenance £750

ii) Fellview School as contribution to summer grass cutting £200

iii) Northern Fells Group Minibus £300.00

iv) Great North Air Ambulance £200.00

v) First Responders £70.00

vi) CAB Allerdale £50.00

vii) Hire of Parish Hall £120.00

viii) Materials for solar footway light £7.12

ix) HMRC October to December £207.20

x) S Smith Clerk's salary and expenses October to December £828.64 and £142.22

xi) Consultation printing costs and stationery £98.86

c) Bank Balances

i) Current Account £15,942.55

ii) Deposit account £108,446.87 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath.

7. Planning applications and decisions

The Parish Council noted the following planning applications and decisions.

a) Applications

i) [7/2019/2324](#) **Wood Hall, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JY** Notification of Intention (Agricultural, Q6g) Forestry track. **Note decision now taken, application approved.** The Parish Council had raised concerns about possible increases in heavy vehicles having not been notified of the planning application. The Clerk reported discussion with Kevin Richards, National Park, who had advised that there were a very limited number of matters which could be considered. For the application siting and means of construction were the only relevant matters which the National Park could take into account: impacts on the local highway network could not be considered.

- ii) [7/2019/2329](#) **Woodlea, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8HR** Change of use of garage space to form two bedrooms and small extension to rear of dwelling. **No objection.**
 - iii) [7/2019/2331](#) **Bonnors Farm, Caldbeck, CA7 8HB** Extend dwelling into barn and extension to gable end of dwelling. New timber clad outbuilding. New drive. Improvements to courtyard. **No objection.**
 - iv) [7/2020/2002](#) **Crest Hills, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JG** **Note new application** Proposed formation of new door openings and modification of existing window openings. **No objection.**
- b) **Decisions notified**
- i) [7/2019/2310](#) **Brownrigg Hall, Caldbeck, CA7 8EG** Concreting of existing farmyard. **Prior approval not required - proceed with development.**
 - ii) [7/2019/0226](#) (Tree Work in Conservation Area)T1 - Holly tree, 2 metre crown reduction and cut back branches overhanging neighbouring property. **No Tree Preservation Order to be served so the work can proceed as planned.**
- c) **Ongoing applications**
- i) **Old Map Shop** - Appeal to Secretary of State As agreed at 2 December meeting and following discussions with Ian Shaw, Norman Atkinson responded to the Planning Inspectorate setting out the Parish Council's representations against the application for a holiday let: the property is unsuitable; too small; has no land beyond the buildings; the National Park land surrounding the property is used as a car park. Whilst the Parish Council was sceptical that the property was appropriate for local occupancy believing commercial use was more appropriate, the property had not been marketed with services provided nor with upgrading completed. The Parish Council thanked Norman Atkinson and Ian Shaw for their work.
 - ii) **Fellside Centre** - Allerdale Borough Council decided not to list the centre as a Community Asset.
 - iii) **Hesket Newmarket and the Grays development site.** A number of external organisations have an interest in the development - Highways, United Utilities, National Park planners as well as neighbours potentially affected by works and flooding risk. Highways and United Utilities have visited the site and expressed concerns. Parish Councillors have also visited the site as part of the ongoing Highways works in Hesket Newmarket and have provided photographs as requested by Highways/United Utilities. Given the number of organisations and people with a direct interest, it was agreed the Parish Council would arrange a site meeting for all interested parties.
 - iv) **Hesket Newmarket Play Area** - Kevin Richards, National Park, has questioned if planning permission should have been sought for the renovations. He requested photographs which John Brown supplied and the Clerk forwarded. Paul Graham reported that pre planning advice was sought when the view was taken that planning permissions was not required. Discussions with the contractor are ongoing and further work is required to make the equipment secure. This should result in a reduction in the height of the equipment.
 - v) **Midtown Cottage, Camping Barn** - Norman Atkinson reported that work was on going although no decision had been taken regarding they September 2019 application. The Clerk was asked to advise Kevin Richards.

8. Hesket Lonning Footpath

The Clerk reported that Footpath Working Group had prepared a question for County Council together with a press notice and supporting papers but the County Council had refused the Parish Council's question. Following discussion it was agreed that subject to final checking, the Parish Council would publish its press notice and full set of documents and undertake extensive lobbying.

9. Community Led Affordable Housing

Alan Tyson had not had chance to follow up the Clerk's letter to the landowners and would do so as soon as possible. The Clerk reported that the project should run over two financial years as the end date in the Grant Agreement is 31 July 2020 and that he has kept Allerdale Borough Council apprised of the position.

10. Lake District National Park land disposals

The Clerk reported he was in touch with Simon Dimmer, National Park, who was managing the project, including the National Park's consultation. Simon Dimmer has asked to meet to discuss the Parish Council's proposals for managing the sites which would help answer questions arising from the consultation.

11. Repair of Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket benches

The Chairman reported there had been no progress since the last meeting and no indication of timetable. It was suggested that refurbishment might be a possible project for Community Payback. The Community Payback manager in Carlisle has asked to visit Caldbeck to discuss a number of possible projects and it was agreed to give consideration to renovation of benches.

12. Waste management arrangements

The Chairman reported there had been a request for recycling facilities to be provided at Nether Row. The Clerk would contact Allerdale Borough Council

13. Parish Maintenance

- 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) Whelpo Bridge to Faulds Brow - pot holes
 - iv) Drain between Bumblethwaite, 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) Heskett Newmarket, Street Head/Woodhall Junction - surface water drainage/road
 - ix) Pot holes between Woodall and Pasture Lane, Heskett Newmarket
 - x) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Calebreck
 - xi) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Howbeck
 - xii) Howbeck to Heskett Newmarket – dips in road where services have been laid
 - xiii) Uneven road between Howbeck and Heskett Newmarket (previously marked for repair)
 - xiv) Heskett Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall
 - xv) Riverside Caldbeck (opposite pub) – collapsed drain on pavement
 - xvi) Culvert between Wath and Upton
 - xvii) Potholes/road surface Fellside
 - xviii) Heskett Newmarket - work around the Green
 - xix) Pothole near Keeper's Cottage
 - xx) Pothole Stadle Dykes
 - xxi) Potholes Pasture Lane to Lonning Head
 - xxii) Potholes Friar Row
- b) Other issues
 - i) Warning signs at Faulds Brow and Wath Brow - issues raised with Philip Groom
 - ii) Gritting Howbeck to Millhouse
 - iii) Street lighting issues - reinstallation of light near Calva
 - iv) National Park signage at Millhouse

Given the Christmas break and absence of a detailed update, it was agreed to concentrate on issues where there had been action.

Gritting - the Clerk reported that the County Council had finally actioned gritting the entire route from Caldbeck to the B5305 via Heskett Newmarket, Howbeck and Millhouse. The Parish Council was critical of the County Council's management where assurances had been given but no action had been taken and noted that the Howbeck to Millhouse stretch has been particularly treacherous.

Drainage work in Heskett Newmarket - Parish Councillors noted that the drainage work from Woodhall Lane to the village is proving successful. Further work is expected around the Green where there are concerns about the drainage to the culvert on the development site. Hydrosacks have been delivered to Chapel House and residents are being advised of usage.

Road signage (Heskett Newmarket, Fails Brow and Wath Brow) - the Clerk reported he had been in touch with Highways Traffic Team West. Phil Groom had been away from work for some time and outstanding issues were now being picked up by others.

Reinstatement of street light opposite Calva near Parish Hall - the Clerk reported he had been in touch with the owners to ask for their proposals about reinstatement. He would follow this up before the next meeting.

Two urgent matters were reported:

Large pothole near Summerfield House; and

Parking near the Cricket Club forcing cars into the middle of the lane and potentially in the path of oncoming traffic. The Clerk was asked to pass on the concerns to the police community support officer or the traffic police who were expected to be visiting Caldbeck to monitor traffic speeds. Since the meeting, parking has been largely kept within the space provided and Norman Atkinson has suggested that continued monitoring of parking is appropriate.

14. Geocaching activities in Heskett Newmarket and Caldbeck

The Clerk reported he had contacted Mike Winter and that he has removed Market Cross, Heskett Newmarket from his geocaching locations.

15. Street Lighting

The Clerk reported he had received a response from Dave Bryden, Allerdale Borough Council, including information on bulb types, timers, and offsetting reductions in electricity used. Defective sodium (orange) bulbs are replaced with l.e.d. (white) bulbs where possible, dependent on the age of the fitting. Where a complete lantern needs to be replaced, a l.e.d. (white) lantern is used. Timers can only be fitted in columns due to the space required. The cost of would be £120 per column. The energy saving would be minimal and would be unlikely to justify the cost of installing timers.

16. Street Cleaning

As discussed earlier (item 11), the Parish Council has received a positive response from the Carlisle Community Payback manager. Those engaged in the activity are not permitted to work within 1 metre of the highway which brings into question possible work on ditches/road verges. The Parish Council agreed to consider other activities, including renovation of benches and footpath work similar to that undertaken near Sharpe House, and discuss them with the Carlisle organiser when he visits Caldbeck.

17. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- i) CALC Buckingham Palace Garden Party - the Parish Council was pleased to nominate William Cowx and Norman Atkinson agreed to submit the nomination form;
- ii) Lake District National Park: Geoff Davies December 2019 report;
- iii) Rural Services Network bulletin - Funding Digest January 2020;
- iv) Allerdale Borough Council - Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations; and Consultation on draft Delivery Plan 2020-24;
- v) Rural Crime - Police Ask Rural Communities To Help Tackle Rural Crime

18. Date of Next Meeting and Meeting Dates

The Parish Council agreed change the date of the next meeting to 10 February (from 17 February).

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 9:05 pm.