

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 3 December 2018 at 7:30pm.

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

Also Present: Simon Smith (Clerk)

18.12.03 - 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Richard Hellon and Christina Couthard and accepted by all attending.

18.12.03 - 2. **Minutes**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 October 2018 as a true record.

18.12.03 - 3. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Cartmell declared an interest in respect of Item 5a)iv) - application to fell one tree.

18.12.03 - 4. **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended.

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

a) **Applications**

- i) 7/2018/2321. Throstle Hall Farm, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HE. Proposed demolition of a single storey outhouse & store and the erection of a sunroom in lieu. **No objection**
- ii) 7/2018/2318. Wood Hall, Heskett Newmarket, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 8JY. Variation to condition 1 (plans), 2 (Energy Supply), 3 (Windows & Doors) & 6 (Materials). **No objection**
- iii) 7/2018/2309. Old Map Shop, Caldbeck Village, Caldbeck, Cumbria, CA7 8HF. Change of use to a dwellinghouse without complying with conditions attached to planning permission reference 7/2015/2229 (removal of local occupancy condition). Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should **object** to the removal of the local occupancy conditions restating the arguments made when considering an earlier application on the grounds of local housing needs. It was agreed that the local occupancy area should include all neighbouring parishes. Given the lack of interest in residential occupancy, the Parish Council considered that a proposed commercial let was more appropriate for the building. Responses to the following planning applications had been agreed prior to the meeting in light of planning timetables.
- iv) 7/2018/0156. The Old Rectory, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8DP. Fell 1 laburnum. **No objection**
- v) 7/2018/2300. High Greenrigg House, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HD. Reinstate ensuite bathroom including installation of an external soil pipe. Repointing western gable end wall. **No objection**
- vi) 7/2018/2281. Street Head, Heskett Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JZ. Portal framed livestock building with concrete access area. **No objection**

- vii) 7/2018/2277. Bonners Farm, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HB. Demolition of existing store. New replacement building to be used for storage and housing livestock. **No objection**
 - viii) 7/2018/2280. Stott Ghyll, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JY. Extension and redevelopment of existing dwellinghouse including detached garage. **Support the application reiterating comments made on the previous application.**
- b) **Decisions notified by Lake District National Park**
- i) 7/2018/2281. Street Head, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JZ. Portal framed livestock building with concrete access area. **Prior Approval Not Required**
 - ii) 7/2018/2255. Bonners Farm, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HB. Replacement shed for storage and livestock associated with small holding. **Withdrawn**
 - iii) 7/2018/2260. Evening Hill, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JG Change of use of detached annexe from office/store to dwelling. **Refused**
- c) **Decisions by Allerdale Borough Council**
- i) **2/2018/0190 - Friar Row, Caldbeck, Wigton CA7 8DS**. Erection of detached 4 bedroom family house. **Refused**

18.12.03 - 6. **Hesket Lonning Footpath**

The Clerk reported on discussions with the County Council as it had offered to act as an informal mediator. The Footpath Working Group met Angela Jones on 25 October to discuss how best to proceed. She has since written to the two landowners and was to follow up her letter by telephone. The County Council is also to undertake a safety audit at points on Hesket Lonning. Meantime the Parish Council's request to the Information Commissioner to order the release of the independent reviewer's report dated February 2018 is pending: news is not expected until the new year.

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

The Clerk reported that a meeting is to be arranged with Paul Taylor, Allerdale Borough Council, and Kevin Richards, National Park, to discuss the National Park's stance to a possible project (self build/affordable family homes, most with attached workshops/business premises, across a number of sites) and whether such a project might meet the National Park's 'employment' criterion. There is continuing interest in self build houses and a number of landowners have expressed support. It was agreed further steps should be taken to increase momentum.

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

The Chairman reported that a response from the National Park to the Parish Council's offer is expected shortly. The National Park had needed to take papers to its car parking and parks management teams.

18.12.03 - 9. **Parish Maintenance**

Updates from the October meeting:

- a) *Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council Highways*
- i) Warning signs at Wath and Faulds Brow
 - ii) Hesket Newmarket to Newlands Road including Hesket Bridge
 - iii) Hesket Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall
 - iv) Lanes at Upton and Caldbeck Green
 - v) Drain between Bumblethwaite and Bonners Farm
 - vi) A blocked drain near the Woodhall Road/The Street junction
 - vii) Repairs to road signs at Hesket Newmarket and Caldbeck
 - viii) Chippings stocks held on Common Land near Priest's Brow

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

x) Gully outside Drumails - gushing drain near The Old Rectory.

xi) Potholes by Old Map Shop

xii) Potholes between Street Head and Hudscals

In light of the numerous issues raised with County Council Highways, the Clerk reported he had arranged for Parish Councillors to meet Matt Bish, County Council Highways, and John Smitham, Better Highways Supervisor, on 7 December for a Caldbeck site visit. The intention was to visit the various sites and determine what action should be taken.

Following that meeting the Highways paper would be updated and circulated.

b) *Other issues*

xiii) Reporting via HIMS

Cllr Doherty reported HIMS was operating reasonably although information was limited and only one photograph could be submitted. It was agreed this item should be closed.

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

The Clerk reported Open Reach had dealt with the problem and Cllr Shaw confirmed this was the case.

xv) Missing footpath sign to Sharp House near Hudscals

Cllr Atkinson reported the footpath sign was now in place.

xvi) County Council additional £12m funding for potholes/resurfacing

The Clerk reported Allerdale is to receive £1.7m of the £12m and a number of 2019-20 schemes are being brought forward. These have been agreed with Allerdale Local Committee but no work in Caldbeck is included. Some patching work is to be carried out in Hesket Newmarket after Christmas.

Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance

Cllr Glendinning and Cllr MacFadzean reported street lights were out in Upton (number 6) and in Caldbeck car park. The Clerk was asked to log these on HIMS.

Cllr Shaw expressed concern about the street light that had been removed to facilitate the house building in Upton. He agreed to contact the owners of the new property.

18.12.03 - 10. **Street Lighting**

Cllr Doherty reported on solar/wind powered footway lights and distributed photographs and information from two Carlisle firms. He agreed to ask for quotes from the two firms with a view to making a decision at the next meeting.

18.12.03 - 11. **Sign Post Renovations**

Cllr Smithson reported on progress. The sign posts were being painted and if all went well there was a possibility of having them back in place in the next few weeks.

18.12.03 - 12. **Parish Council Plan and Budget for 2019-20**

12.1 The Clerk highlighted changes to the draft Parish Council Plan Update. The Planning action (12) had been extended to include safeguarding the Parish's environment to record the work underway in relation to purchasing National Park surplus land. A new action (15) was proposed to cover new footway lighting and in time any additional responsibilities for street lighting following Allerdale Borough Council's withdrawal from such activity.

12.2 More use is being made of the website (11) and it could be used for posting the full agenda. The Clerk had taken advice from CALC and Internal Audit on the need to post the full agenda on notice boards. The legal requirement is to display dates/places of meetings, not the full agenda. An option would be to display a laminated A4 notice covering 12 months and listing key contacts/website address and publish the full agenda on the website. Extra meetings etc would be posted on notice boards. It was agreed to consult parishioners through the Parish Magazine and agree practice at the next meeting.

12.3 The Clerk presented the draft budget and set out some areas for discussion. As regards the precept, the Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant ended this financial year so the precept would need to increase by 0.4% to make good the loss of grant. Additional responsibilities for street lighting were expected over the next three years and the budget gave an opportunity to start making arrangements for these costs by considering an additional increase in the precept. Some expenditure items were also highlighted to consider whether budgets were adequate (sign post repair work, external maintenance) or if a budget should be established (Fellview school summer grass cutting). Comments were requested so that the budget could be revised in preparation for the January meeting when the 2019-20 budget has to be formally approved.

18.12.03 - 13. **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 November £22.04

b) Payments

i) Wreath £20.00

ii) Mrs Benson, cleaning disabled toilets £100.00

c) Bank Balances

i) Current Account £11,623.35

ii) Deposit account £108,143.57 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath

d) On line banking arrangements operating satisfactorily. Bank figures as at 27 November 2018.

18.12.03 - 14. **Correspondence**

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

i) National Park Geoff Davies: October Report

ii) CALC: November Newsletter; Model Standing Orders; Allerdale 3 Tier Meeting - Meeting note; Parish Forum draft minutes - 10 October 2018

The Clerk agreed to review the Parish Council's Standing Orders in light of latest advice.

iii) Police & Crime Commissioner's newsletter

18.12.03 - 15. **Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting 14 January 2019

Dates for 2019

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 9:05pm.