

# CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7:30pm.

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

**Also Present:** Simon Smith (Clerk).

## 15.1.18 - 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Hellon (work commitments).

Cllr Duncan Fairbairn (County & Borough Councillor) also sent his apologies.

## 15.1.18 - 2. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4 December 2017 as a true record.

## 15.1.18 - 3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Shaw and Cllr Cartmell declared interest in respect of grants paid to St Kentigern's and the Northern Fells Group (item 12).

## 15.1.18 - 4. Public Participation

In light of apologies received there was no discussion of County Council and Allerdale Borough Council matters.

Cllr Doherty provided an update on provision of broadband. New services are expected to be announced in the next few days which may well be of benefit to new and existing customers. Information would be published in the Northern Fells Magazine.

## 15.1.18 - 5. Planning decisions and applications

### a) Applications

i) **7/2017/2345 - Chapel, Hesketh Newmarket, CA7 8JG.** Remove existing window and masonry and replace with door to form fire escape. **No objection.**

ii) **T/2017/0214 - Removal of alder trees near St Kentigern's, Caldbeck.** The Parish Council's application following the meeting 4 December 2017 was **noted.**

### b) Decisions notified by Lake District National Park

i) **7/2017/2203 - Croft Head, Caldbeck, CA7 8HA.** Demolition of porch and rebuild, extension to existing store - **Approved.**

ii) **7/2017/2294 - Caldbeck Garage, Upton, Caldbeck CA7 8EU.** Detailed proposals for construction of one dwelling for local needs - **Approved.**

### c) Secretary of State Appeal Decision

**APP/Q9495/W/17/3178771 - Dalebeck Barn, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8HB.**  
**Appeal dismissed.**

## 15.1.18 - 6. Hesketh Lonning Footpath

Cllr Cartmell provided an update. The Parish Council attended Allerdale Local Committee on 5 December where the Chairman asked local County Councillors for help in persuading the County Council to support the footpath. A prepared statement was read out in reply restating the officer decision and suggesting the Parish Council writes to the Chief Executive who would commission an independent review. The Parish Council has done this and a review is to be undertaken. The press reported the Allerdale meeting and the Parish Council has launched a petition which has attracted more than 1,500 signatures and 170 comments in support.

Television cameras were in Caldbeck and 'That's Cumbria' broadcast a four minute news story.

The Parish Council had expected to attend full County Council on 11 January to ask all County Councillors for their help but the County Council ruled the question out of order as a similar question had been asked at Allerdale Local Committee. The County Council had previously indicated that the Parish Council would be able to ask the second question. The Parish Council therefore wrote to all County Councillors on three occasions in recent weeks to update them and invite them to make their views known to inform the independent review. The Parish Council would make its case as strongly as possible when meeting the independent reviewer in early February.

#### 15.1.18 - 7. **Lake District National Park land transfer**

The Chairman reported that the National Park Authority was undertaking further work on a number of pieces of land and that decisions on the Caldbeck/Hesket Newmarket land would be part of the wider review. The item would therefore be considered at the March meeting.

#### 15.1.18 - 8. **Community Led Affordable Housing**

A brief presentation from the Clerk was discussed setting out options and possible next steps. There was broad agreement that Community Led Affordable Housing was attractive, particular in light of the funding being made available. It was agreed that more detailed case studies should be progressed so that the Parish Council could assess what was involved in establishing a community group and the input required. The Clerk would liaise with Paul Taylor, Allerdale to develop the case studies.

#### 15.1.18 - 9. **Allotments**

The Clerk reported that the vacant allotment had now been let and a waiting list established. Reminders were being sent for outstanding rents.

#### 15.1.18 - 10. **Parish Maintenance**

Updates from the October meeting

- i) Newlands Bridge tree and debris clearing - Cllr Cartmel reported that final work would be undertaken later in the year when water levels permitted.
- ii) A number of issues have been reported to Matt Bish, Cumbria Highways, and updates provided:
  - Warning signs at Wath and Faulds Brow - planned for 2018/19;
  - Highway drainage at Commercial Row/B5299 - completed;
  - Bridge House, Caldbeck - completed;
  - Bridge House Upton - completed;
  - Church Bridge - inspected, defects not considered structurally significant and will be attended to when resources allow;
  - Street Light Fellview School - reported to street lighting supervisor;
  - Knocker Lane junction with B5299 - reported to gully team who will attend when resources allow.
- iii) Hesket Newmarket to Newlands Road including Hesket Newmarket Bridge - Dave Harrison, Cumbria Highways project manager, has advised that the County Council is considering engineering options for tackling the steep slopes and drainage issue. Any solutions requiring land purchase will need to go through the normal planning arrangements with the National Park and there will be full opportunity for consultation. The County Council is still looking to manage the bridge strengthening and slope/drainage works together. Timing is a factor as the bridge work requires Environment Agency consent. Updates will be provided as soon as information is available. A road closure notice has been issued for 29 January for 6 days to allow for an engineering assessment of ground conditions to be undertaken around the bridge.
- iv) Hesket Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall - A Better Highways team is to inspect. Parish Councillors expressed concern as to the state of the road and its importance for Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket and the Clerk would pass on these concerns to Highways.

- v) Faulds - Highways had advised that work was scheduled but local teams have suggested some uncertainty as to timing. Since the meeting a closure notice has been issued.
- vi) Reporting via HIMS - Cllr Doherty reported that the system was operating but improvements would be welcomed, particularly in relation to loading more than one photograph.
- vii) Volunteer group to help tidy the villages - Cllr Cartmell reported that activity would begin again in the spring.
- viii) School Green Car Park - Cllr Tyson reported that work was in hand, weather permitting.
- ix) Concern was expressed about a tree by the Bowling Club and it was agreed to see what happens in the spring.
- x) Cllr MacFadzean reported on the extent of algae on Caldbeck Pond. He would see what could be cleared and whether there was a need for further advice.
- xi) Cllr Shaw asked if street lighting lumens could be increased and the Clerk would make enquiries.
- xii) Following the restoration of the Brewery Lane historic signpost, it was agreed to assess what resources had been required and then programme further restoration work of other signs.
- xiii) Concern was expressed about the state of roads at Upton and Caldbeck Green - the Clerk to advise Highways.
- xiv) A leaking stopcock for the John Peel Shelter would be repaired.

#### 15.1.18 - 11. **Priest's Mill Brown Signage proposals**

The Chairman reported that he had contacted Penny Bibby to advise that she and other interested parties should contact the County Council. It was recognised that the County Council was firm in its views on reducing signage.

#### 15.1.18 - 12. **Parish Council Planning and Budgeting**

Following discussion, the Parish Council approved the Council Plan update, revised budget and £11,900 precept, the same as in the current financial year. Earmarked reserves were approved as part of the budget and it was agreed to progress new street lighting beginning with a new column for the B5299 Caldbeck road, on the footpath halfway between Brewery Lane and Fellview School.

#### 15.1.18 - 13. **Caldbeck Plough**

The Parish Council was pleased to accept the plough from Helen Hetherington on behalf of her father, the late Tom Reed. It appreciated the kind gesture and agreed to include the plough in its asset register and take responsibility for its ownership for the benefit of the local community.

#### 15.1.18 - 14. **Monthly Accounts**

The following receipts and payments and financial reports were noted.

- a) Receipts
  - i) Interest December and January £16.45
- b) Payments
  - i) Caldbeck Parish Hall - meeting rooms £132.00
  - ii) HMRC - £188.20
  - iii) S Smith salary and expenses October to December £869.44
- c) Bank Balances as at 9 January 2018
  - i) Current Account £9,068.30 excluding unrepresented cheques £1,254.64
  - ii) Deposit account £108,017.99 including £98,627.80 for Hesket Lonning footpath
- d) On line banking progress - the Clerk reported that arrangements for monitoring bank balances were operating satisfactorily and he would pursue full on line banking.
- e) Arrangements for Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments would be reported along with an assessment of internal control at the February meeting.

### 15.1.18 - 15. **Correspondence**

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

- i) CALC Newsletter December/January - the Chairman drew attention to suggestions for marking the centenary of the ending of the First World War and it was agreed to include this as an agenda item in February and publicise it in the Magazine.
- ii) Lake District National Park November Report - Geoff Davies
- iii) Police & Crime Commissioner's Newsletter December
- iv) Police & Crime Commissioner's increased Council Tax consultation
- v) Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation
- vi) Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project - it was agreed the Clerk would contact the project for further information on activity undertaken in Caldbeck.
- vii) United Utilities Stakeholder Update and grant arrangements - it was agreed the Clerk would examine grant arrangements for possible support for the footpath.
- viii) CALC Councillor survey
- ix) Eden Housing Association - details provided of a three bedroom house in Hesket Newmarket and a two bedroom upstairs flat at the Court Yard in Hesket Newmarket. Both properties have a local occupancy agreement. Further details from Eden Housing Association.
- x) Wigton Baths Newsletter 2018

### 15.1.18 - 16. **Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting 26 February 2018

The meeting ended at 9:25pm.