

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 3rd August 2015.

Cllrs Present: Norman Atkinson, Alan Tyson, Angela Glendinning, Colin Smithson, Tim Cartmell, Ian Macfadzean & Richard Hellon.

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk) & Paul Doherty (Northern Fells Broadband Group Representative).

03/08-33 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shaw (on holiday) & Cllr Fairbairn.

03/08-34 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 22nd July 2015 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

03/08-35 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr MacFadzean declared a personal interest in agenda item 5(b), ref no. T/2015/0096. No pecuniary interests were declared.

03/08-36 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) No report received from Cllr Fairbairn.

b) Paul Doherty reported that the cabinets in Hesket Newmarket and Caldbeck were lit up so parishioners could now order high speed broadband. Expected speeds are 74meg download and 20meg upload. Connecting Cumbria have updated the maps on their website which are colour coded showing the very good and the not so good areas, this will therefore give an indication of what service parishioners can expect to receive. BT and Connecting Cumbria are meeting on the 18th of August and following that, there should be more clarity on what is happening. There is still a 2meg commitment. 4G are currently trialling all different masts etc. BT don't know what they've got with regards to infrastructure and they have all sorts of technical issues to tackle. Paul advised that he was happy for people to contact him for free impartial advice.

Paul was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

03/08-37 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

a) **Decisions:** 7/2015/2075 Post Office & Store, Hesket Newmarket. Extension to provide additional living accommodation. **Approved with conditions.**

2/2015/0286 – Mill View, Friar Row – Two Storey Rear Extension. **Full Plans Approved.**

b) **Applications:** 7/2015/2143 Greensyke, Caldbeck. New Conservatory. It was **agreed to support** this application.

7/2015/2139 Old Map Shop, Caldbeck. Conversion of the “Old Map Shop” into single bedroom dwelling. It was noted that this application had originally been submitted by mistake as the applicant applied for confirmation that a change of use from a shop to a dwelling did not require planning permission, however this did not apply to planning applications in the National Park and therefore a full application was required. It was noted the original application included a specific parking space to the side of the building, which is common land. The new application was then received without the parking space. The LDNP own the land surrounding the building, which is common land. It was questioned what authority they had given to the applicant to connect to utility services. The plans show the current double doors are to be a window, which the public are entitled to park in front of and therefore could cause conflict with the occupier. It was unanimously **resolved to object** to this application as it was an inappropriate development and essentially a house in the middle of a car park. It is regularly used car park throughout the day and evening, particularly during school times and when events take place at the Parish Hall. As this building was a shop (business property) the Council queried what attempts have been made to retain it as a business?

T/2015/0087 Cornhill House, Caldbeck. Remove Scots Pine (T1). It was **agreed to support** this proposal.

T/2015/0096 Top Flat, Riverside House, Caldbeck. Fell 1 Silver Birch. It was **agreed to support** this proposal.

c) Ref no. 7/2015/2114 Wood Hall, Hesket New Market, CA7 8JY. Outline application for the construction of an agricultural workers dwelling. It was discussed that further documents had been received following the parish council's reply to support the application. These documents were a full report from the National Park (provided by their agricultural consultant) and a response letter from H&H Land Consultants, querying points within the LDNP report. It was questioned why these documents had not been available

with the original application. It was agreed to maintain the previous support decision as per the parish council's original response. Clerk to question why the documents had not been available at the original application.

Following an offer of a meeting with Kevin Richards (LDNP Planning Officer) to discuss planning issues, it was agreed to accept this and arrange a convenient date for that.

03/08-38 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Chairman advised that Paul Doherty had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. It was felt that he had been a part of the parish council for the last four years due to his involvement with superfast broadband and regular updates at parish council meetings. All councillors voted in favour of co-opting Paul onto the parish council.

03/08-39 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

A few concerns with regards to construction and the eroding away of the sides of the path were discussed and it was agreed that the parish council be guided by the experts. Nothing had been pegged out yet or a quote received for the works. It was decided that the next meeting of the Working Group would be at 10.00am on the 17th of August in the Parish Hall. Clerk to inform all concerned, including Mike Bell and to book the room. Catherine Johnson of the LDNP, emailed to advise that there was not much more she could contribute at this time, but would be keen to remain on the distribution list and receive the minutes.

03/08-40 CALDBECK POND

It was agreed that there was very little filamentous algae left on the pond compared to what it was and that the problem seemed seasonal. Cllr Hellon volunteered to monitor the pond and report back should it deteriorate.

03/08-41 PARISH BOUNDARY WALK 2016

The date of the 27th of August 2016, which is the bank holiday weekend, was set for the Boundary Walk. Interested parties to meet in January 2016 with the view of forming a committee to organise the event. Date of walk to be published in the next parish newsletter with further information to be published prior to January 2016.

03/08-42 PARISH WASTE COLLECTIONS

Following a meeting with Rob Kitching of Allerdale Waste Management, the old recycling bins at Caldbeck & Hesketh Newmarket had been replaced with new ones. Parishioners who were not currently on the purple bag recycling scheme were being offered a green hessian sack for the storage of recyclable material and for the transportation of it to the bins. Interested parties are asked to contact Allerdale Borough council. Clerk to inquire who the contact is at Allerdale and publish details in the parish magazine.

03/08-43 PARISH BENCHES

Ken Graham from the 'Men In Sheds' carried out a full inspection of all the parish benches and reported the following; Hesketh Newmarket: Bench near the car park dedicated to Majorie and Trevor Jones, has two broken slats, needs rubbing down and painting. I can get hard wood slats for £5.00, so £10 for materials, £5 for repair, £15.00 total. 1977 Silver Jubilee chair under cherry tree is structurally sound. Near the little house in the centre of Hesketh dedicated to Thomas Richardson is structurally sound. Behind same house dedicated to Hesketh residents is structurally sound. Caldbeck: We will do the bench on school hill for no cost as previously agreed. Wath Brow needs a new bench as we have discussed. Bench outside the Pub has a loose joint at the left arm rest, £10.00 to repair. Two benches on Friar Row are structurally sound. Four benches around the pond are sound. I don't know how long it would take to strip, and paint a bench. More importantly they are all concreted down so we can't take them to the workshop. If your council agree, we will do the above repairs first. After the school hill bench is finished, we will have an idea how easy (difficult) rubbing down and repainting will be. Then if we think we can manage it, I'll get back to you.

Resolved; Clerk to advise Ken to go ahead with the work as per his report. The Parish Council wish to record their thanks for the offer of help from 'the Men in Sheds' in maintaining the parish benches.

The family of the late Robin Jones had been contacted about a replacement bench, but they had not yet replied with a decision. The seat at High Pike, belonging to the LDNP, had fallen over but was upright now – clerk to advise Scott Henderson, as it may require concreting into the ground.

03/08-44 PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) The annual visit to the John Peel Shelter was carried out by Cllrs Atkinson, Tyson & MacFadzean and the following was noted; the windows on the east side require painting, rear fascia board needs painting and ivy growing on the west side needs cutting back. Eric Wright who looks after the Fair World Shop advised that

he would have this work carried out. Pointing on the front above the door is cracked in places and looks like water could get in, Cllr Smithson to repair and to advise on a leaking outside stop tap..

The annual visit of Heskett New Market Cross was carried out by Cllrs Tyson & MacFadzean and the following was noted; overall structure looks sound, weeds in the cobbles and round the outside. Cllr MacFadzean advised that he had now sprayed the weeds.

- b) Bi-annual visit to the Allotments was carried out by Cllrs Tyson & MacFadzean and it was reported that everything was fine. The lack of water was mentioned (Re. Mr Goldsmith's letter) and it was agreed that everyone was happy with the current arrangement, including the tenants and the chair of the association. Clerk to reply accordingly to Mr Goldsmith.
- c) Trees overhanging the Street/Fellside road junction – Cllr Tyson advised they were still overhanging.
- d) Riverside footbridge, renewal & repair of railings – no further reply received from highways, clerk to ask again.
- e) The state of the verge outside Heskett Hall – the issue had now been resolved.
- f) i) Drain problems on Faulds Brow ii) Parkend culvert under road, iii) the Wath, field drain opened up following previous repairs to look into if farmers or highways problem, iv) water problem below the school & the white bridge at Riverside – new culvert top required to catch the water – no update received and issues remain unresolved. Clerk to follow up with highways.
- g) Replace removed tree outside the parish hall & remove stump if required – no update received, clerk to follow up with LDNP. A parishioner had advised that they were willing to buy a tree and look after it.
- h) Update on the heaps of gravel at Blue Gate Crossroads – the heaps were at last going down giving road users a clear view.
- i) Potholes on the road at the back of The Green – an email from highways stated that this is on priority list to be resurfaced but it is unlikely to be done this year as there are more highly trafficked roads that take precedence. Any potholes should be reported through the 'Better Highways Hotline' and will be filled to keep the area safe and until funding becomes available to resurface the area. Councillors were concerned that Highways had promised this work would be carried out during this financial year as they were previously informed money had already been found for it. Clerk to recontact Highways & Cllr Fairbairn.
- j) Potholes on the road leading to Car Park – Cllr Atkinson to re-check that the repairs had not been carried out and then clerk to remind Cath Johnson & advise Scott Henderson (LDNP).
- k) The Howk Bobbin Mill – Scott Henderson (LDNP) advised that there were several oak beams and lintels which are showing extensive signs of rot, the access point has now been fenced off for safety reasons. Due to the scale of the building works scaffolding will be required. Further evaluation of the building is to be undertaken by the LDNP. Clerk to request an update.
- l) Cllr Smithson reported he now had wood for the Caldbeck notice board and a latch for the Heskett board. There was a pot hole at the bottom of faulds – clerk to report.

Cllr Tyson left the meeting at 9pm.

03/08-45 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was **resolved** to approve & accept the Annual Report following completion by the external auditors and it was noted that there were no matters arising which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.
- b) It was **agreed** to approve the bank reconciliation as at the 8th of July 2015.
- c) The monthly expenditure and record of income was received and approved;
Receipts: E J Woodham Allotment Fee £10.00
Payments: Mrs Eleanor Benson, monitoring and cleaning WC for Disabled people, May-July: £100.00 s87
Elizabeth Clark Clerk's Salary, May, June, July £733.88 and Expenses, May, June, July: £32.00
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE, May, June, July £183.40
BDO, External Audit Fee £120.00
Sebergham Parish Council, Councillor Training Course x 2 £31.00
The Northern Fells Group, Grant towards Minibus service, s26: £300.00
Caldbeck First Responders, Grant, s137: 70.00
St Kentigern's PCC, Caldbeck, Grant towards Churchyard upkeep, s214: £750.00
Citizens Advice Bureau, Allerdale, Grant, s142: £50.00
Great North Air Ambulance, Grant for 'Pride of Cumbria', s137: £200.00
- d) The Council was notified on the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th July: £4217.11
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th July: £109,433.09 Interest 8th July: £9.89
- e) Now that councils are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, it was considered whether the deposit account money should be divided into two accounts so the balance is below the £85k limit

(£75k from Jan) and therefore covered by the scheme. The clerk suggested transferring a balance to the Cumberland account and it was agreed that this should be looked into for the next meeting.

03/08-46 CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Mr Goldsmith – Lack of Water at the Allotments (ref 12b)
2. Allerdale Borough Council – Three Tier Meeting Draft Note from Meeting (emailed Cllrs 8/7/15)
3. CALC – July/August Circular (emailed Cllrs 5/7/15)
4. CALC – AGM information (emailed Cllrs 26/7/15)
5. Connecting Cumbria - Superfast Broadband Update (emailed Cllrs 26/7)
6. Allerdale Borough Council – Affordable Housing (emailed Cllrs 27/6)
7. NALC – The Commonwealth Flag Day (emailed Cllrs 1/7)
8. LDNPA – Local Occupancy Clauses/S.106 Agreements (emailed Cllrs 2/7)
9. LDNPA – June Report (emailed Cllrs 2/7)
10. Rural Services Network – Opportunities Bulletin June (emailed Cllrs 5/7)
11. Allerdale Borough Council – 10p Swims through Summer (emailed Cllrs 16/7)
12. DECC – Implementing Geological Disposal Facility, Call for Evidence (emailed Cllrs 15/7)
13. ACT Gazette – Summer 2015 Edition (emailed Cllrs 8/7)
14. United Utilities – Reservoir Safety (emailed Cllrs 16/7)
15. Allerdale Borough Council – Statement of Licensing Policy Review & Consultation (emailed Cllrs 16/7)
16. Cumbria County Council – Waste Action Reuse Portal (emailed Cllrs 8/7)
17. Tracks of the Iron Masters – Activities, Schedule & Publicity (emailed Cllrs 27/6)
18. NALC – Financial Services Compensation Scheme (ref 13e)
19. Mrs R Bowen – Potholes in Caldbeck (ref 12i & 12j)

03/08-47 MEETING DATES

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be the 21st September 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.