

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 7th December 2015.

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

Also Present: Cllr Fairbairn (County & District Councillor) & Elizabeth Clark (Clerk)

The housing presentation by Andrea Smith (Housing Development Officer) of Allerdale Borough Council was cancelled due to her being on standby to support the emergency services following the floods.

07/12-73 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Doherty.

07/12-74 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 26th October 2015 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

07/12-75 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- a) No requests for dispensations were received.
- b) No declarations of interests were received.

07/12-76 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Cllr Fairbairn was not present at this point of the meeting.
- b) An emailed report from PCSO 5326 Harris stated that there had been two incidents reported to the police since the last meeting, a summary of the incidents are; between 5pm on the 28th of October & 7.25am on the 29th of October a container was broken into in the Caldbeck area, several tools were stolen. Between 2pm on the 20th of November & 7.20am on the 23rd of November a porta cabin and diesel were stolen from a building compound in the Caldbeck area. Police investigations into both of these incidents are ongoing.
- c) There were no questions or matters of interest raised by residents.

07/12-77 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

- a) **Applications:** 7/2015/2229 – Old Map Shop, Caldbeck. Conversion of the “Old Map Shop” into single bedroom dwelling (resubmission of 7/2015/2139) – This was approved by the LDNP Development Control Committee. It was noted that prior to the DCC meeting, further comments and photographs of vehicles parking on the School Green had been forwarded to the LDNP by the Parish Council via email. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the chief planning officer and the DCC questioning; Why the parish council’s decision is not adhered to?
How can the Parish Council improve their response to planning to applications under current planning guidelines?
How often do the Development Control Committee go against the planning officer’s recommendations?
It was noted that the Parish Council have tried to meet with the area planning officer, Kevin Richards, to discuss planning issues but as yet have not been successful.

Cllr Fairbairn joined the meeting at this point (7.25pm) and stated that Allerdale Borough Council could be looking to asset transfer the Caldbeck toilets to the parish council. If the parish council didn’t take them over, then they would close. Cumbria County Council's priority at the moment is the floods, which have damaged many towns and associated infrastructure, money will need to be spent to further improve flood defences. It was noted that gravel was again building up in the stream at Caldbeck; this would therefore need to be removed in the future.

07/12-78 BOUNDARY WALK

It was agreed that an item be placed in the parish magazine asking for volunteers with a view to forming a committee to progress the boundary walk. A date for the meeting was set for Wednesday the 27th of January 2016 at 7.30pm in Caldbeck Parish Hall. Clerk to book parish hall & publicise the details in the January parish magazine.

07/12-79 KIRKLAND VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

The Chairman reported that an offer of sale had been accepted on the shop & post office and hoped the sale would progress smoothly. A public meeting over its intended closure had been held prior to the sale and was attended by over 100 people, which showed a strong community spirit and support for the shop.

07/12-80 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Alick Grieve had marked out the strips of land as required. One land owner had withdrawn from the arrangement but it was still hoped that the scheme would be viable by moving the footpath on to the highway for 60 meters at this point. Kevin Cosgrove from Highways had been asked to consider the new proposal and comment on whether it was acceptable, and is due to meet with the Footpath Working Group on 16 December. Applications for contingency money have been made to the Joyce Wilkinson Trust & Cllr Fairbairn's member allowance.

07/12-81 TRANSPARENCY FUND

The clerk reported that there was currently a transparency grant, funded by the government, which allowed parish councils to produce a bid for funding to enable them to work towards compliance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. It was agreed that a computer and printer/scanner should be applied for and the application form was approved by the council. Resolved; clerk to proceed with the application.

07/12-82 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) No update on the parish benches was received but it was agreed to replace the Wath bench – quote for Larch bench to be obtained.
- b) Cllr Smithson reported that the work on the Fair World Shop was now complete. He stated that he had been seeking advice on toughened glass for the noticeboards and had the doors to make. It was noted that the Haltcliffe board needed attention as it was leaning over. Councillor Smithson to examine.

Cllr Smithson left the meeting – 8.00pm.

- c) No update received on the following: 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.
- d) An email from David Coxon of the LDNPA stated that there was definitely a hole in the unsurfaced area of the car park and a hole in the surfaced area both of which would be relatively easy to deal with. There was a fairly significant problem on the ramp leading from the car park up the hill and he suspected that there may be drainage problems which have caused this in the first place. He believed that this work would not be an easy fix and it would need to be surveyed, costed and the deeds & responsibilities checked for the repairs, and then get the funding to repair it. Currently there was no guarantee that the funding was available and it would definitely not be available in this financial year. Councillors discussed that there was documentary evidence that showed the LDNP owned the ramp. (Title no. CU212078 & Map ref NY3139NE.
- e) Noticeboard report as at b) above.
- f) Two overgrown trees on The Green & the Yew tree in the straits - An email from Sam Lumb of the LDNP advised that whilst he assessed applications, he didn't carry out pre-application visits to assess the health/safety of trees, he also forwarded a list of companies whom offered free quotes. The clerk reported that she had contacted by phone and email two of the listed companies but had not yet received a reply. Additional local companies to be approached for a quote.
- g) The following highway issues were noted; back of The Green, Caldbeck – Green Close has a drain issue, with water forcing up through the manhole. At Woodend, Caldbeck – the drain opposite the house cannot cope with the water (blocked pipe or pipe not big enough) and the water is going onto the owner's drive. Maidens Hill – the drain in the road is blocked and has caused the house to flood. Resolved; Clerk to advise highways.

Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting – 8.25pm.

07/12-83 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) It was **resolved** to approve the council's budget review.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:
Receipts: LDNP - £624.00 (trimmer), The Fair World Shop (rent) £100,
W L Turner £5.00 (parking licence)
Payments: M Binney -Grasscutting £ 44.25
E Clark – Salary (Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov) £978.44
E Clark – Expenses (Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov) £ 46.47
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) £244.60
- c) The Council was notified on the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th Nov 2015: £ 5802.56
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th Nov 2015: £109,473.66 (inc £100,000 for path project) Interest 8th Nov: £10.23
- d) The proposed draft budget for 2016/17 was considered and it was agreed it be resolved at the January meeting after acquiring the costs for the upkeep of the toilets. A contribution towards the petrol for the trimmer was discussed and it was stated that £200 had been paid from the LDNPA in 2014. Resolved; clerk to contact Scott Henderson of the LDNPA to query if a payment would be made in 2015 and consecutive years.

07/12-84 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were noted;

1. DEFRA – Secretary of State Member Appointments 2016 (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
2. CALC – Cumbria's Health & Well Being Consultation Process (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
3. CALC – Tesco Local Community Scheme – Funding Process for Green Spaces (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
4. CALC – Minutes from the LDNP Parish Forum (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
5. CALC – Agenda & Papers for AGM (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
6. LDNPA – Community Funding (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
7. LDNPA – October Report (emailed Cllrs 1/11)
8. CALC – November Circular (emailed Cllrs 5/11)
9. Cllr Fairbairn/Allerdale Borough - Recycling (emailed Cllrs 5/11)
10. CALC – Maternity Services in West, East & N. Cumbria (emailed Cllrs 5/11)
11. LDNPA – Business Plan April 2015 – March 2018 (emailed Cllrs 5/11)
12. CALC – NALC Toolkit on Procurement (emailed Cllrs 11/11)
13. Allerdale Borough Council – Proposed Budget for 2016/17 Consultation (emailed Cllrs 11/11) – no response required from the parish council.
14. Cllr Fairbairn – Police & Partners Continue to Urge People to Stay Safe (emailed Cllrs 15/11)
15. CALC – Training & Connecting Cumbria (emailed Cllrs 15/11)
16. CALC – Audit Procurement Changes (emailed Cllrs 19/11) – it was resolved to be an opted in authority.
17. Allerdale Borough – Request for Oddfellows to be an asset of community value (emailed Cllrs 16/11) – it was noted that at the Sept 2014 meeting it was resolved not to add the Oddfellows to the list of proposed community assets. It was felt that being on the list may put off future potential buyers and the council felt that they would prefer the sale to go through as a going concern. It was agreed that the circumstances had not changed and there were some details on the current CAMRA request that the council did not agree with, such as the car park which doesn't belong to the pub – clerk to advise Allerdale.
18. LDNPA – UU, Legacy Fund Projects (emailed Cllrs 16/11)
19. CALC – Letter Re. West Cumberland Hospital (emailed Cllrs 16/11)
20. Allerdale Borough Council – Consultation on Parking Charges (emailed Cllrs 22/11)
21. CALC – Cumbria In Bloom Survey (emailed Cllrs 23/11)
22. CALC – AGM Minutes etc (emailed Cllrs 23/11)
23. Sue Hayman MP – Letter Claiming Mineral Rights on Properties (emailed Cllrs 27/11)
24. Marmot Dark Mountains – Details of an event on parish land (28/11)
25. LDNPA – November Report (emailed Cllrs 28/11)

07/12-85 NEXT MEETING

- (a) It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be the 18th January 2016 at 7.30pm.
- (b) The meeting dates for 2016 were agreed as; 18th Jan, 22nd Feb, 21st March, 10th May (Annual Parish Meeting 7pm & Annual Parish Council Meeting to follow), 20th June, 1st Aug, 5th Sept, 24th Oct, 5th Dec, & 16th Jan 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.