

## CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:30 p.m..

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

**Also Present:** Andrea McCallum (Locum Clerk) & Cllr Duncan Fairbairn (County & Borough Councillor).  
One member of the public.

### 09/06-1 CHAIRMAN – DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

As it had not been available for signature at the May meeting, the Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

### 09/06-2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr Christina Coulthard.

### 09/06-3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

### 09/06-4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

a) No requests for dispensations were received.

b) Cllr Tim Cartmell declared an interest in planning application T/2017/0084, as the application was for his property;

Cllr Ian Shaw declared an interest in agenda item 16 – Parish Council Donations, as he is Treasurer for Caldbeck PCC;

Cllr Angela Glendinning declared an interest in planning application 7/2017/2130 Wedgewood, Upton, Caldbeck as this is a property that borders her own.

### 09/06-5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Cllr Duncan Fairbairn advised that he sympathised with the problems experienced due to incorrect highway diversion signage for road closures (brought to the attention of the council by Cllr Ian Shaw) but hoped that members could appreciate that repairs were being undertaken within a short time frame and on multiple/ adjacent roads under extenuating circumstances. Also reported that these were not always undertaken by Cumbria County Council's Highways Department and that United Utilities, Electricity North West, etc. are also currently responsible for works and road closures within the area.

Reported that following the recent election the County Council looked to be a Labour/Liberal Democrat alliance. The first full council meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

b) No report from PCSO 5326 Harris was made available.

### 09/06-6 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

a) **Applications:**

**7/2017/2052** – Roof over existing feed bay, Midtown Farm, Caldbeck – **No Objection;**

**T/2017/0084** – Fell 1 Lime tree, Old Rectory, Caldbeck – **No Objection;**

**7/2017/2130** – Summerhouse, Wedgewood, Upton, Caldbeck – **No Objection;**

**7/2017/2125** – Rear extension to kitchen and bedroom, Long Lea, Caldbeck – **No Objection.**

**Decisions;**

**T/2017/0069** - Coppice 3 trees to a height of 30cm, Bobbin Mill Gate, Caldbeck. **No Objection**

**7/2016/2132** - Retention of unauthorised building works to listed building, Haltcliffe Hall, Hesket NM. **Listed building consent granted.**

**7/2016/2133** - Retrospective application for biomass boiler and flue. Haltcliffe Hall Hesket NM.

**Approved with conditions.**

**7/2016/2134** - Retrospective application for biomass boiler and flue. Haltcliffe Hall Hesket NM.

**Listed building consent granted.**

### 09/06-7 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

Chairman reported that progress had been slow due to the Cumbria County Council election, the general election, followed by delay in appointing a new CCC leader. Cllr Duncan Fairbairn advised that he would pursue this matter further on behalf of the Parish Council at the first County Council meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Agreed:** that Mr Stuart Young, (probable leader), Cumbria County Council to be invited to attend a site meeting with the Parish Council to progress the footpath creation order.

### 09/06-8 BRIDGE HOUSE, UPTON, CALDBECK

Cllr Angela Glendinning advised that she had reported a blocked highway gully in the area of Bridge House, following contact by a resident who also requested that hard-standing is placed in the area of the garages behind

Bridge House. Discussions involving this item included that two manholes existed in the area and that water 'ponds' in the area and it was thought that the creation of additional hard standing may exacerbate the problem.

**Resolved:** that installation of hard standing in the area of Bridge House would not be undertaken by the Parish Council. Cllr Angela Glendinning to inform the resident of this decision.

#### 09/06-9 HILL CROFT, CALDBECK – ELECTRICITY NORTH WEST UNDERGROUND CABLING

Cllr Norman Atkinson advised on concerns experienced by a resident - follow the laying of an underground electricity cable around his property by Electricity North West (ENW). This had been undertaken as part of the project to remove visually obtrusive electricity pylons from the area. Issues raised by the resident included that ENW had not undertaken any consultation with himself on the routing of the cable; concerns regarding magnetic forces and their effects on health these may have; that ENW had dug through tree roots (against their own guidelines) and this could affect the future stability of the tree. The cabling had now been completed and it was unsure what measures could be taken forward at this moment in time by the Parish Council to help the resident's concerns. ENW advised the resident they are not prepared to change the current scheme of works.

However, members were advised that an upshot to this work having been undertaken was that ENW had ran a new electricity cable to the footpath light situated on a telegraph pole near the property - meaning that the light would not be removed as per previously advised by ENW.

#### 09/06-10 PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) The following updates were received;

(i) restoration of sign at Brewery Lane – Cllr Richard Hellon advised that he had received a quotation of £48 + VAT for the sign to be repaired by a coded welder by using a plate.

**Resolved:** repairs authorised at a cost of £48 + VAT, Cllr Richard Hellon to determine the best repair method to be employed and obtain guarantees for the work.

(ii) Newlands Bridge, trees and debris washed down river and lying against bridge supports - Cllr Tim Cartmell advised that the trees had been washed down the river after Storm Desmond and that they belonged to Mr Bob Clark who had given permission for them to be removed. However, Cllr Tim Cartmell advised that he needed to check if any permissions or licenses from the Environment Agency were necessary and he had experienced difficulties in gaining a telephone number for a contact at the Environment Agency, to progress this.

**Agreed:** Cllr Tim Cartmell to further pursue this item. A McCallum to forward telephone number of Environment Agency contact.

(iii) Gradient warning signs on Wath Brow required & (iv) no entry sign for long vehicles at the top and bottom of Faulds Brow required – due to apologies being received from Cllr Christina Coulthard no update on this matter was available.

(v) Trees lodged in rocks near Howk Water Gate – Cllr Alastair MacFadzean advised that the Local Ranger for the area was dealing with this item.

(vi) Potholes on Commercial Row – Cllr Norman Atkinson advised that these appeared to have been repaired.

(vii) Problems with highway drainage at Commercial Row/B5299 – Cllr Alan Tyson advised that he had contacted Amber Sykes at Highways but had yet, not received a return phone call to his request that a site meeting is undertaken between residents, County Highways and Cllr Duncan Fairbairn.

**Agreed:** Cllr Alan Tyson to further pursue that a site meeting is held in the near future.

(viii) Heskett Newmarket to Newlands Road highway drainage – Cllr Tim Cartmell advised that Mr Bob Clark had informed him that when the drain is in full flow it washes the bank out on his land, above Heskett Bridge. Requested that the Parish Council contact County Highways to request that the drain is taken into the river - not down his bank.

**Agreed:** Cllr Alan Tyson to pursue this item through contacting Amber Sykes, Highways Department.

b) Provision of a new street light on the road to the school between Hodden Croft & Marlow Cottage – Cllr Phil Doherty advised that costs in the region of £50/day were required to hire a cat scanner to determine where the existing cables were located, but a personal contact had offered to undertake this at no-charge on behalf of the council, when next in the area.

c) Other urgent matters regarding parish maintenance included; Cllr Ian Shaw advised that he had reported a blocked highway drain that was located behind the school and discharging water down the road; Cllr Norman Atkinson advised that a resident had brought to his attention that cracks were visible in Church Bridge and it was recommended that this is inspected by a Highways Engineer.

**Agreed:** Cllr Paul Doherty to report via HIMS.

Other matters discussed included that Cllr D Fairbairn reported that Upton road was to be resurfaced in the near future; a Councillor advised that he had received a verbal complaint from a resident on the grass cutting at Caldbeck Green, as they preferred it left uncut for the flora and fauna to flourish; a query regarding the re-painting of the railings at the Fair Trade shelter was now resolved and that vacant allotments currently existed at Heskett Newmarket.

#### 09/06-11 HIGHWAY SIGNAGE – WATH BROW & FAULDS BROW

Consideration was given to the erection of a gradient warning sign at Wath Brow and a no entry for long vehicle sign at Faulds Brow. Cllr Alan Tyson advised that he was still waiting for the Highways Department to contact him regarding this.

**Agreed:** Cllr Alan Tyson to continue to pursue this item.

#### 09/06-12 HESKET NEWMARKET CAR PARK

Consideration was given to the Parish Council's opinion on a proposed extension to the car park. Discussion was undertaken as to determining the opinion of residents within Hesket Newmarket itself, following an article being printed within the parish magazine but no Councillors having received any direct feedback, other than a letter to the Chairman did not want the trees or branches removed.

**Agreed:** this item to be further considered under the item 'Land Transfer' later in the meeting.

#### 09/06-13 COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Consideration was given to resident interest levels regarding the formation of a housing trust, following money being made available by Allerdale BC. An article was placed in the parish magazine but Councillors advised that no-one had received any feedback on this item.

**Agreed:** no further action to be taken at the moment.

*Cllr D Fairbairn left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.*

#### 09/06-14 FELLVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL – GRASS CUTTING TO SCHOOL FIELD

Consideration was given to a request from Fellview School that the Parish Council make a financial contribution towards the cost of grass cutting undertaken over the summer holiday period, as it is used by the community during that period. Chairman advised that this would be for a total of three cuts at a cost of £135/cut = £405. Chairman advised that having undertaken advice from the Cumbria Association of Local Councils this was within the Council's financial powers due to the fields use as a community facility outside of school hours.

**Resolved:** agreed that a donation of £200 (50% of costs) to be given for 2017. This item to be further considered for summer 2018 this December – pending production of the annual Parish Council budget for 2018/19. Cllr Norman Atkinson to advise the school of this decision.

#### 09/06-15 UPDATE REPORT FROM THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

Advised that no update had been made available. This item to be considered at July meeting.

#### 09/06-16 TRANSFER FRAGMENTS OF LDNP LAND TO CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Consideration was given to correspondence received from the LDNP enquiring if the Parish Council are still interested in taking over responsibility for areas of land within the parish, currently owned and managed by the LDNP. A map had been circulated to members highlighting the areas. These included Hesket Newmarket village green, Caldbeck and Hesket car parks, the school green, in addition to some other small pieces of land and the Howk, which is currently leased to the LDNP by a local land owner.

**Resolved:** to respond that the Parish Council is, in principle, still interested in taking on all the areas of common land highlighted in the map - except for The Howk.

#### 09/06-17 PARISH COUNCIL DONATIONS

Councillors considered undertaking a review regarding the level of donations made to community groups and charitable organisations. A breakdown on previous donations having been compiled by Cllr Richard Hellon and this had been circulated to members for consideration. This included that 14-15% of the precept was used in this way. Discussion was then undertaken on the level of donations given, the process by which this was done and if a further review of this was required.

**Agreed:** Cllr Richard Hellon to circulate further financial reports to Councillors and any suggestions sent via e-mail to himself. This item to be considered at a future meeting when appointment of a new Clerk had been made. Consideration of a donation request from Hospice at Home was then made.

**Resolved:** No donation to be given.

#### 09/06-18 RECRUITMENT OF PARISH CLERK

Chairman advised that interviews were to be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June and that an appointment would be made as soon as possible after that.

#### 09/06-19 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

a) It was **resolved to** approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:

**Receipts:** None received.

£420.00

**Payments:** Miniham McAlister Solicitors – registration of land, Caldbeck/Hesket footpath

Mark Binney, Grass cutting Hesket & Caldbeck Greens £1072.00

**b)** The council was notified of the current financial position;

HSBC Current A/C 8<sup>th</sup> June: £9,425.25 (not inc. payments above)

HSBC Deposit A/C 8<sup>th</sup> June: £107,974.39 (inc. £98,627.80 for path project)

09/06-20 CORRESPONDENCE

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting and take action as appropriate.

- a) Mrs S Braithwaite – extension of Hesket Newmarket Car Park proposal (emailed cllrs)
- b) Mr G Bonnington – ENW underground cabling works, Hillcroft, Caldbeck (emailed cllrs)
- c) Cath Johnson LDNP - Request for Caldbeck PC to consider transfer of LDNP land to Caldbeck Parish Council (emailed cllrs). Agenda item 16.
- d) CALC - June Circular - (emailed cllrs)  
CALC -Satisfaction Survey 2017 - to consider a response (emailed cllrs). **Agreed:** Cllr Norman Atkinson to complete on behalf of the Caldbeck Parish Council.
- e) LDNP - Free training on Just Climate IT social vulnerability tool on 21 June 2017 (emailed cllrs)
- f) Allerdale CALC - minutes of meeting 11th May 2017 (emailed cllrs)
- g) Friends of the Lake District Manifesto (emailed cllrs)
- h) Mrs S Braithwaite – extension of Hesket Newmarket Car Park proposal (emailed cllrs)
- i) Mr G Bonnington – ENW underground cabling works, Hillcroft, Caldbeck (emailed cllrs)

09/06-21 MEETING DATE

- a) It was noted that the next Meeting of the council will be Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.