

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 22nd June 2015.

Cllrs Present: Norman Atkinson, Alan Tyson, Angela Glendinning, Colin Smithson, Tim Cartmell,

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk), Cllr Fairbairn (Borough & County Councillor), Mrs Boydell, Paul Doherty (Northern Fells Broadband Group Representative), PCSO Kerry Harris, Mr Simon Gray & Mrs Hellon.

22/06-18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Macfadzean (on holiday) & Cllr Shaw (Church Meeting).

22/06-19 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th May 2015 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

22/06-20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

22/06-21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. PCSO Harris stated that there had been no reports of crime since the last parish council meeting and she apologised for last month's report being incorrect due to an error on her part. It was discussed that there had been vehicles travelling at high speed through the parish (to be monitored) & fly-tipping at the water quarry (top of Caldbeck Common). PCSO Harris left the meeting.
2. Mrs Boydell read her letter to councillors which expressed her concerns about the algae which was covering the village pond. A letter had also been received from Mrs Hellen regarding the same issue.
3. Mr Gray was available to answer questions on his proposed planning application of which the original application was refused by the Lake District National Park Planning, went to appeal and was then refused by the development committee. The Chairman informed Mr Gray that the Parish Council would not be able to give their formal views on the development until an application had been received. The location of the proposed development was to be on land adjacent to the play area at Heskett New Market. Mr Gray stated that the new application was a very different design which he hoped would be positively received when submitted in a month or so. A water engineer had been called in to look & report on the beck, and the house was now planned to be built to the side of the beck so the beck could be opened up to abolish the flood risk.
4. It was agreed that a letter from Mr Goldsmith regarding a standpipe at the allotments be added to the August agenda but councillors were to be aware of the issue for the allotment visit. It was stated that the standpipe had been disconnected for about 25 years and it was questioned whether allotment holders had individual agreements or one for all.

22/06-22 NEXT GENERATION BROADBAND

Paul Doherty, Parish Broadband Representative, reported on the following; the green box had been in situ for 6 months now and should be live but it wasn't. No information is available as to when this will happen other than it is 'imminent'. There are currently 320 live cabinets with 18% take-up, when this reaches 20% money will go back into the project. The project has been very poorly handled. BDUK would like to see 50% take-up. Phase 2 – BT have submitted a bid for this and it has been accepted. 25% of properties not covered in phase 1 will be covered in phase 2. At the moment satellite is being favoured. The minimum of 2 meg commitment is still there. There will be stickers on the boxes when superfast is in the parish and the boxes are live. *Paul left the meeting.*

Cllr Fairbairn stated that there was no surety that the 5% would get 2 meg. He asked that while councillors meet with Rob Kitchen (Allerdale Waste & Recycling Officer) they take him to where the fly tipping is on Caldbeck Common –Cllr Tyson to action. It was noted that the County Council runs waste and Allerdale deals with fly tipping. He advised to get a vehicle registration number of anyone seen to be fly-tipping. The gravel heaps at Blue Gate crossroads have been reported but nothing had been done. The procurement buy when the time is right (cheap) but highways in the area are to be worked on. It was agreed that there was no problem with storing it there it just needs set back so drivers have a line of sight.

The back of the village green resurfacing and Upton had both been reported on a number of occasions but he would once again chase this up.

22/06-23 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

- a) Decisions:** 7/2014/2292 Linewath Steps, Hesket New Market, Wigton. Structural repairs and partial rebuilding of existing buildings to reinstate former farmhouse and outbuildings. **Refusal.**
7/2015/2030 Town Head House, Upton, Caldbeck, CA7 8EU. Confirmation of compliance with conditions 5,7,8,9 & 10 on planning application 7/2013/2250 (2 local needs houses). **Complies with conditions.**
7/2015/2069 Branthwaite Fam, Caldbeck Erection of cattle building with adjacent retaining wall. **Approved with conditions.**
7/2015/2076 Avondale, Hesket New Market Proposed Workshop Building. **Approved with conditions.**
7/2014/2074 Whelpo, Caldbeck. Proposed demolition of small shed and erection of new general purpose agricultural building. **Approved with conditions.**
7/2015/2038 2 Church Terrace, Caldbeck. Removal of modern porch followed by construction of larger porch in Georgian Style. **Approved with conditions.**
2/15/9002 Snowhill Farm, Caldbeck. Section 73 application to amend condition no.1 on planning permission 2/05/9001 to extend operations until 31 May 2020. **Granted.**
- b) Applications:** 7/2015/2114 Wood Hall, Hesket New Market, CA7 8JY. Outline application for the construction of an agricultural workers dwelling. The application stated that it was not a sustainable arrangement given his personal circumstances for the son to reside in the farmhouse with his parents and there was a need to be on site due to thefts, animal welfare & safety. **Agreed to support - agricultural dwelling for local person who needs to live on the farm.**
7/2015/2075 Post Office & Store, Hesket Newmarket. Extension to provide additional living accommodation. **Agreed to support – will be an improvement.**
7/2014/2244 Land next to Dyke Nook, Caldbeck, Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 7/2013/2132 enclosed porch to front elevation. **Agreed to Support.**
2/2015/0286 Two storey rear extension, Mill View, Friar Row, Caldbeck. Devolved decision by Clerk following consultation with Chairman and Councillors: **Fully Support.**

22/06-24 PROPOSED FOOT & CYCLE PATH ALONG HESKET LONNING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would be at 10.00am on the 30th of June in the Parish Hall.

22/06-25 CALDBECK POND

It was discussed that £7000 in grant money had been spent only two years ago to clean the pond. An email from Catherine Johnson (LDNP) stated that she had looked at the pond and as she suspected it was covered with Filamentous Algae which could be controlled by physically removing the large floating clumps with a rake. The algae is more prolific in summer. Various removal options were discussed and it was agreed that a date be set for Saturday the 18th of July at 9.30am for volunteers to help with the removal of the weed. Cllr Tyson's tractor and trailer to be used and Caldbeck Young Farmers & parishioners to be approached with regards to volunteering.

22/06-26 PARISH BOUNDARY WALK 2016

The chairman stated that the boundary walk took place every 21 years and therefore the next date was 2016. Further information required and item to be discussed at the August meeting.

Cllr Shaw joined the meeting.

22/06-27 NEW COMMUNITY/PARISH PLAN 2016

It was unanimously agreed to wait until the Footpath was completed before commencing a new parish plan. All objectives will then have been fulfilled.

22/06-28 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Chairman advised that Richard Hellon, who had lived in the village all his life, had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. All councillors voted in favour of co-opting Richard onto the parish council.

22/06-29 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Cycle Stand Maintenance – the clerk advised that this was to be carried out in early July.
- b) Trees overhanging the Street/Fellside road junction – Cllr Tyson stated he hadn't yet seen the owner.
- c) Gutter near Greenhead – Tim Shield (Highways) looked at and advised he may be able to pipe it but this would not be in the foreseeable future & damaged fence at the bottom of School Hill – Cllr Tyson has pushed everything back & tidied up.
- d) Riverside footbridge, renewal & repair of railings – Tim Shield stated that this was not part of the adopted highway network and as such he could not contribute any funding from the budget – clerk to question as it had previously been funded, failing that Parish Council funds to be used.
- e) Deep gully between road and car parking area beside Chapel – This had now been made safe.
- f) Friday the 3rd of July at 9.30am was agreed for the annual inspection of John Peel Shelter & Market Cross & the biannual visit to the allotments.
- g) The state of the verge outside Hesket Hall – clerk reported that she had emailed Openreach twice and had not yet received a reply or any action. It was suggested that Paul Doherty be asked if he knew of a contact.
- h) Drain problems on Faulds Brow – pipes are blocked/burst, Tim Shields to resolve. Parkend – culvert under road, water from field is now going into culvert but it is not big enough – Tim Shields to resolve. The Wath, field drain opened up following previous repairs – Tim shield to look into if farmers or highways problem. Water problem below the school & the white bridge at Riverside – new culvert top required to catch the water - Tim Shield to resolve.
- i) Parish Bench at Wath – family to be contacted to advise that the bench is beyond repair and if they would like to replace it. Noticeboard Repairs – Cllr Smithson stated it would be easy to make 2 doors for the noticeboard.
- j) Update on the heaps of gravel at Blue Gate Crossroads & the road outside Bridge End House, Upton – see Cllr Fairbairn's report.
- k) It was asked whether the removed tree outside the parish hall would be replaced and if the stump required removing. Clerk to ask Catherine Johnson (LDNP) if there was currently any funding for this.

Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting – 8.45pm.

22/06-30 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

- a) The budget was reviewed & approved.
- b) It was **agreed** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income;
Receipts: no receipts received.
Payments: Mark N Binney, Grasscutting: £781.76
- c) The Council was notified on the current financial position.
HSBC Current A/C 8th June: £4383.31
HSBC Deposit A/C 8th June: £109,423.20 Interest 8th June: £10.22

22/06-31 CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. National Park Authority – Secretary of State Member Appointments (emailed Cllrs 29/05/15)
2. Allerdale Borough Council – Three Tier Meeting (emailed Cllrs 14/06/15) – Cllrs Atkinson & Shaw to attend.
3. CALC – June Circular (emailed Cllrs 5/6/15)
4. CALC – Training Information (emailed Cllrs 5/6/15)
5. Allerdale Borough Council – Public Transport Cuts (emailed Cllrs 8/6/15)
6. National Rural Crime – Network Survey (emailed Cllrs 29/05/15)
7. The Caldbeck Rambler – Bus Promotion (emailed Cllrs 1/6/15)
8. Parish Waste Collections – Update Email from Cllr Fairbairn
9. CALC – Subscription to Local Council Review 2015/16
10. Mrs Margaret Hellon – algae problem on Caldbeck Pond, see 8 above. (emailed Cllrs 14/6/15) – Clerk to reply to Mrs Hellon as per item 06-25.
11. Mrs Margaret Hellon - request for the Green to be drained. (emailed Cllrs 14/6/15) this issue was discussed last year and it was agreed that it was a big undertaking which would require a lot of funding and most people did not think it was necessary. It was agreed that it should be put on a future parish plan so the views of the parish could be sought. Clerk to reply to Mrs Hellon

22/06-32 MEETING DATES

- (a) It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be the 3rd August 2015.
- (b) The dates of the year's meetings were agreed with the September meeting being changed from the 14th to the 21st. Clerk to email dates to Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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