

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday 13th July 2023.

Present: Vice-chair Graham
Councillors: Hopkinson, Stockdale, and Welsh.
Public attendance: None.
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllrs Hodgson and County Cllr Markley had sent apologies prior to the meeting. The medical reason provided by Cllr Hodgson was accepted as a fair reason for absence.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

No requests for dispensations or declarations of interest were received.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2023 - **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No items were reported at this point.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The Public Inspection of Accounts period had been publicised.

Confirmation was given that all required documentation following the election had been sent to Cumberland Council.

3.3 **Public participation.** (at the chairman's discretion)

None.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Parish Plan – including Cumberland Council response to footway extension request. Probable consideration of information board options.

Cllrs discussed the response from the Cumberland Council officer at length and **agreed** to the following proposal:

The Council would respond to Cumberland Council stating that it was disappointed, and unhappy, with the response. The stated width requirement would be questioned, and comment may be made on the given traffic data.

Cllrs did not feel that the costs previously quoted were exorbitant and considered the cost should permit completion of the required footpath in stages; a solution that would be acceptable to the Parish Council.

A Freedom of Information request for the Feasibility Study into the project would be requested.

Cllr Welsh would attend a forthcoming visit to the Parish by Mark Jenkinson MP to put forward the views of the Council.

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The clerk presented Cllrs with details of options for the information board. Following discussion an option with a steel frame and legs was **agreed** upon along with a budget of £3000 plus vat to complete the project. Planning permission would now be sought and the clerk would inform the designer, AONB and the Church. There was some initial discussion of the wording/content.

Speeding traffic - The clerk confirmed that, following previous representations, his understanding was that the Police would be visiting the village with a 'Temporary Speed Indicator Device' to be sited near the playground. He would make further enquiries from the Police. Cllrs were keen to purchase their own indicator device for the village and the clerk said he would investigate some options prior to the September meeting.

4.2 Consideration and possible action regarding the current situation concerning the 93/93A bus service. Cllr Welsh updated Cllrs on discussions he had been having with officials. He was hopeful that recent funding received by the Cumberland Council from the Rural Mobility Fund would facilitate bus provision in the area. Cllrs **noted and welcomed** the initiative and Cllr Welsh said he would keep them updated.

4.3 Confirmation of Insurance Renewal.

The clerk confirmed that he had received confirmation of the policy's renewal. – **noted**.

5 New business

5.1 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation.

Consideration of quote for playground repairs.

A site meeting had taken place involving three Cllrs. The quote subsequently obtained by Cllr Hodgson was considered and **approved**. The clerk would inform the contractor. A spending limit of £1100 plus VAT for the work was **agreed**. The Cllrs were not aware of any other immediate items requiring attention that would not be rectified by the agreed work. The playground continued to be inspected regularly.

Confirmation from the clerk that the annual Playground Inspection has been booked.

The clerk provided confirmation and it was **agreed**, following discussion, that this would include a Discrimination and Disability Act assessment at a small additional charge.

5.2 Vacancy on the Council – clerk update.

Shortly before the meeting the clerk had received confirmation from Cumberland Council that an election had not been called by parishioners, and the PC should now carry out the co-option process to fill the vacancy. Methods to advertise the vacancy were discussed and **agreed**.

5.3 Consideration of any developments regarding the 'Saltcotes Dog' issue.

The clerk advised that the authorised letters had been sent to the RSPCA and the Environmental Health department of Cumberland Council. At that point no response had been received from either body. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve accounts** to May 31st and June 30th. – **examined and approved**.

6.1.2 **To note** HMRC VAT repayment update.

The clerk confirmed that a claim for £379.17 had been submitted. – **noted**.

6.1.3 **To review and take action** on any correspondence received relating to the audit.

Confirmation from the external auditor of receipt of the Certificate of Exemption. – **noted**.

6.2 **To approve** the following payments:

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£348.83**

The clerk apologised and advised Cllrs that the correct amount was **£379.17 – approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £55.02, postage etc. £19.01, mileage 80 miles at 45p /mile £35.86 Total **£109.89 – approved**.

6.2.3 Allerdale BC - playground inspection – to be paid by clerk and reclaimed.

Amount to be advised at the meeting if invoice arrives in time.

The clerk did not expect this to come before the next meeting but payment was **agreed** should it do so.

See also item 5.1.

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7 Highways

7.1 Local issues needing to be raised.

Apart from the ongoing reporting of potholes there were no new matters to be raised.

7.2 CC response to EI/132308 - edge of road falling into ditch between Newton Arlosh and Abbeytown.

Cumberland Council had informed the PC that repairs had been carried out. – **noted**.

CLLrs felt that there was still a problem that required attention but would monitor the situation.

7.3 CC response to EI/150980 – chevron request for the road between Raby Grange Bridge and Abbeytown.

The request for chevrons had been rejected by CC. – **noted**.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 VAR/2023/0017 Variation to condition 2 (plans) on approved application OUT/2022/0021 to amend design, Part Field 7800, Newton Arlosh. (Mr K Foster) – **noted**.

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1 FUL/2023/0086 Erection of a workshop / crop store building, Moss Side Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr J Harrison) – permission granted.

8.2.2 FUL/2023/0067 Proposed roof over existing midden with adjoining concrete strip, Solway View, Newton Arlosh. Mr K Foster) – permission granted.

The above were **noted**.

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

None -noted.

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

8.4.1 FUL/2023/0142 Proposal to erect a portal framed roof over the existing silage pit to provide dry storage area, Raby Cote, Kirkbride. (Messrs Steel)

CLLrs had examined the application prior to the meeting and following discussion there were **no objections**. The clerk would inform the authority.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

None -**noted**.

9.2 Documents received for information (available on request to clerk)

9.2.1 CALC Circular. - **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

CLLr Welsh commented on the lack of information concerning the parish in the Parish Magazine and would like someone to write a regular section for the magazine.

10.2 Any information brought by County Councillor

Absent.

10.4 Any information from the clerk too late for the agenda.

No items were brought to the meeting.

10.5 Police report

No communications had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

14th September 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

9th November 2023 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The dates were **noted** and the Vice-chair closed the meeting at 9.30p.m.