

Holme East Waver Parish Council

**Minutes of the of Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on-line via Zoom.
Meeting ID 891 8576 5273 Passcode 755058 on Thursday 11 Mar 2021 at 7:30pm.**

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Roper, Stockdale and Welsh.
Borough Councillor: Cllr Johnson
County Councillor: Cllr Markley
Public attendance: None
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
Cllr Graham had sent his apologies to the clerk.

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.

There were no requests for dispensations.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No Declarations of interest were made.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.)

Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th January 2021. - **approved and to be signed by Chair at a later date.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported.

Cllr Hodgson welcomed Cllr Welsh to his first meeting.

3.2 ...by the clerk

The clerk confirmed that all the required paperwork following the c-option of Cllr Welsh had been completed. – **noted.**

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

Cllr Hodgson pointed out that Cllr Johnson had recently been elected as the leader of Allerdale BC.

Cllr Johnson gave his report at this point. The battle against COVID continued throughout the County.

He provided details of the Allerdale position concerning the re-structuring of Local Government in the County. A key component of the proposal would create the position of a Mayor in the new Authority and bring considerable benefits. He hoped Cllrs would support the Allerdale BC proposal.

Additional funding had been obtained for Maryport which he hoped would free up some additional funding to outlying areas.

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He explained that more was being spent in the more rural areas and assured Cllrs that areas like Holme East Waver would not be forgotten.

The clerk at this point thanked both the Cllr Johnson and Cllr Markley for their assistance in securing the grant funding for the playground upgrade.

Cllr Markley gave his report at this point and commenced by providing details of the increase in the Community Charge of 3.98%. Some of the increase would go towards improved Environmental Services.

'Jet' patching of potholes had commenced and he encouraged Cllrs to report defects.

A Local Coastal Strategy had been adopted.

Cllr Roper enquired if any progress on the tree removal from the riverbed near Ellercar had been made. She informed the meeting that she had made the NFU aware of the problem. Cllr Markley was not aware of any recent developments.

Both Cllrs were thanked for their contributions and then left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Vacancy on the Council. Clerk update. Consideration of any applications.

The clerk advised that he had received no applications since the last meeting. -**noted**.

4.2 Census UK – 'Your Questions Answered' document.

The document was **noted** without action.

5 New business

5.1 Grass cutting for 2021.

Review of any received tenders and possible subsequent appointment.

The submitted tenders for the 2021 season were examined and discussed.

The clerk provided details of references he had obtained.

The tender from Solway Garden and Landscapes was unanimously accepted. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the contractors.

5.2 Playground – report on developments since last meeting and current situation on grant funding. Possible decision on any required action including repairs and latest on drainage contract start date.

Cllr Hodgson had taken delivery of the bearing for the required repair but the appointed contractor had not yet fitted the component. Cllr Hodgson and the clerk had been in contact with Mr Evans concerning the start date for the drainage work. Storage of the required materials was discussed.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the fundraising position. £8000 had been received from Allerdale BC and £1000 was expected from the County Council, the latter following a comprehensive submission from the Clerk. An application to the Hadfield Trust was still outstanding.

Cllr Stockdale alerted Cllrs to a broken swing component which Cllr Hodgson said he would investigate. There were no other urgent matters requiring attention in the playpark. -**noted**.

5.3 Audit arrangements for 2020/21.

The clerk had received no correspondence from the external auditor and was about to make contact with the internal auditor to facilitate the audit. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31st January and 28th February (available at the meeting). – **approved**.

6.1.2 Allerdale BC - anticipated receipt of £8000 grant for playground drainage works. – **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments.

6.2.1 Clerk: salary **£342.77** -approved.

6.2.2 Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £38.22, postage etc. ALCC Costs £34.40 mileage 16 miles at 36p /mile £5.76

Total **£78.38** + Local Council Administration Book repayment to clerk **£61.90 =£140.28 – approved**.

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6.2.3 S Nicholson for grass cutting.

If invoice is received in time.

The clerk advised that no invoice had been received. – **noted.**

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Cllrs commented on the numerous potholes in the parish. Cllr Hodgson encouraged Cllrs to keep reporting them. - **noted.**

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 – 2/2018/0322 Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings including access and layout,

Dovedale, Newton Arlosh (Mr S Parry). - **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

None - **noted.**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order.

None - **noted.**

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None - **noted.**

9.1 Documents received for comment.

9.1 Cumbria CC – Local Government Re-organisation consultation.

Following discussion Cllr Welsh proposed that the Council supports the plan of Allerdale BC as he believed that this would result in better local services. Cllrs unanimously **agreed to this proposal** and the clerk said he would respond accordingly.

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular. - **noted.**

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10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

None

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

The report had been given earlier.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor.

The report had been given earlier.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

No further information was given.

10.5 Police report

No report had been received and the clerk reminded Cllrs that they were encouraged to look online for crime figures.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting **Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7. 30p.m in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

11.2 Future date: **Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall**

Times and location dependent on the Covid 19 situation.

The above dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40p.m.