

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday 14th September 2023.

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

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cllrs Hodgson, Hopkinson, and County Cllr Markley 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 13th July 2023 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken...

3.1 ...by members of the Council

No matters were reported at this point.

3.2 ...by the clerk

No matters were reported at this point.

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: update on the requested footway and the information panel.

Review and consideration of other listed items.

Cllr Welsh was aware that the MP Mark Jenkinson had written to Cumberland Council expressing the concern over a lack of a footway. At that point no response had been received. Cllr Welsh had recently met with County Cllr Markley who said he would continue to pursue the matter on behalf of the Parish Council. No response had been received by the Parish Council from the County Council to the e-mail requesting information from the Authority, this being made as a Freedom of Information request.

Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** the following course of action:

The clerk would write to Cumberland Council, copying in Cllr Markley, the MP and the FOI department expressing its disappointment that the FOI request had not been responded to, and asking that the requested information is supplied by the 25th of September 2023.

The County Councillor, Tony Markley, has indicated to the Parish Council that he will also be taking this forward on the Council's behalf.

If no response is received by the requested date, the Parish Council will make a formal approach to the Local Government Ombudsman informing them that the request to Cumberland Council has not been responded to by the required legal deadline and asking them to investigate the reasons for this.

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The fact that the Parish Council believes there to be a serious road safety issue in the village, as previously indicated would be stressed again, along with the point that the Parish Council would welcome a phased provision of the footpath to accommodate budgetary restraints.

Information Panel - The clerk provided an update on the discussions he had had with the AONB and Cumberland Council planning. He advised that a full mock up with wording would be required by the Planning Authority when the application was submitted. He was instructed to work with the AONB to provide a proposed text at the November meeting.

Other items on the Parish Plan were reviewed.

Cumberland Council would be informed that the Parish Council was keen for the installation of a speed indication device near the playground and would also investigate the setting up of a Community Group that could assist with the use of a mobile device. The Council had been informed by the police that there was a high demand for the mobile speed indicator device. The clerk had been assured that the Parish Council was on the waiting list.

4.2 PL Gauntlett Accounts Ltd – PAYE retirement and transfer of PAYE business.

The clerk provide information of Mrs Gauntlett's retirement and the new accountant who would be taking over the PAYE aspect. Mrs Gauntlett would continue to carry out Parish Council audits. - **noted**.

4.3 Fells and Solway Community Panel - workshop at Wigton Market Hall on Wednesday 11th October from 3 pm. - Discussion of PC attendance.

Cllr Graham expressed an interest in attending and the clerk said he would try to book this for him online.

5 New business

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

Update on repair – possible approval of invoice for completed work.

Cllr Hodgson and the clerk had requested the authorised contractor to carry out the awaited repair as soon as possible. Cllrs were aware that a piece of equipment had been taken away for repair.

The roundabout required lubrication and this was in hand. Cllrs were not aware of any matters requiring urgent attention in the playground.

5.2 Grass cutting specification for 2024.

Review of the current specification, tender procedure and invited contractors.

Cllrs discussed the specification and requested the clerk to make a small amendment to the specification.

The contractors that the clerk would invite to tender were **agreed**. The clerk would discuss any new interest in the work with the Chairman.

5.3 Vacancy - Consideration of any received application(s) to join the Council.

The clerk advised that there had been no expressions of interest following the recent advertising of the post. It was **agreed** that the clerk should seek to have the vacancy advertised in the Parish Magazine.

5.4 Consideration of the current situation concerning refuse / re-cycling collections.

Following settlement of the dispute Cllrs **agreed** that there were no ongoing issues and hoped that the normal pattern of collections would resume as soon as possible.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve accounts** to July 2023 and 31st August 2023 (available at meeting). – **approved**.

6.1.2 **To note and approve** -Allerdale BC – receipt of second Precept payment= £3750

Anticipated amount shown. Clerk will update.

The clerk advised that the payment had not been made at that point but he would monitor the account to ensure it was received. = **noted**.

6.1.3 **To note** receipt of the VAT repayment **£349.03**.

The clerk confirmed that the payment had been made by HMRC. – **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments.

6.2.1- Clerk: salary (August September) **£379.17 – approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £55.02, postage etc. £4.83, mileage 28 miles at 45p /mile £12.60 Total **£72.45 – approved**.

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6.2.3 Allerdale BC - playground inspection – paid by clerk and reclaimed (VAT £12.39) **£74.34**

Anticipated amount shown. Invoice if received in time will be brought to the meeting.

The report and the consequent invoice had not yet been received. – **noted.**

6.2.4 Kirkbride PC – repayment for purchased consumables. **£29.64 – approved.**

7 Highways

Local issues needing to be raised.

There were no new issues needing to be discussed – **no action.**

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Cumberland Council 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) – To record the fact that the application has been withdrawn. – **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Cumberland Council.

8.2.1 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) – permission granted. - **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.

None – **noted.**

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

9.2.1 CALC Circulars.

9.2.2 Sunshine Gym equipment brochure.

9.2.3 Draft Minutes of Allerdale DA AGM, 26/07/2023

9.2.4 County OF Cumbria and D-DAY 80 – 6th June 2024

The above were **noted.**

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

Cllr Welsh highlighted the 'Green Space to Grow' document which he indicated could be an opportunity for the Parish Council to apply for additional funding. The clerk was instructed to include potential funding from outside agencies on the November agenda.

10.2 Any information brought by County Councillor

Absent.

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

No matters were raised.

10.4 Police report

No report had been received – see also item 4.1.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

11.1 - 9th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

Cllrs agreed to move the date to the 2nd of November.

11.2 Future date: 11th January 2024 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The dates were noted and Cllr Graham closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.