

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 11th July 2024.

Present: Hodgson (Chair)
Councillors: Hopkinson, Graham and Stockdale,
Cumberland Cllr: Absent
Public attendance: Mr D Hopkinson.
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Cumberland Cllr Markley had sent his apologies to the clerk ahead of the meeting.

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.

No requests were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declaration of interest made.

2 Minutes

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd May 2024 – **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

Public Inspection of Accounts period publicised.

The clerk confirmed that the required paperwork concerning the Public Inspection Rights to the accounts had been published.

See also item 6.1.3

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

Mr Hopkinson gave a presentation on the current situation concerning the development of the website.

Cllrs were pleased with the progress being made.

He was thanked for his presentation then he left the meeting.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Parish Plan – Consideration/update on information board, speed information devices, website etc.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the meeting he had had with Mr Hopkinson concerning suitable photographs.

Following discussion Cllr Graham said he would explore the possibility of obtaining some aerial images of the village.

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The clerk had once again attempted to obtain information from Cumberland Council concerning the new procedure to obtain permission for the installation of speed indicator devices. Nothing had been forthcoming and he was asked to pursue this with urgency by the Chair. The clerk shared the frustration of Cllrs concerning this.

The website development was proceeding well and the clerk confirmed that it would 'go live' soon. He would notify Cllrs when the invoice for the work was received and arrange payment. The Parish Hall would then pay their contribution towards the work to the Council. See also item 3.3.

4.2 Clear Councils - confirmation of Insurance Renewal.

The clerk confirmed that the insurance policy had been renewed. – **noted**.

4.3 Resignation of Mr D. Welsh. See also item 5.3.

Cllrs were aware of his resignation and the clerk confirmed that this had been acknowledged and Cumberland Council informed. See also item 5.3.

4.4 Citizens advice Allerdale – information and request for financial assistance.

This was **noted without action**.

4.5 Communication from Parishioner concerning stray dogs at Saltcotes.

The clerk, at the request of the Chair, had passed on the complaint of a parishioner about 'loose dogs' at Saltcotes to Cumberland Council. The clerk was unaware if any action had been taken and was asked by the Chair to monitor this.

5 New business

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

Cllr Hodgson expressed disappointment that the authorised work had not yet been carried out and indicated that he would check on this once more then contact the contractor, if necessary.

The area was being inspected by Cllrs regularly and there were no new major issues requiring attention.

5.2 Current situation concerning grass cutting.

The clerk and Cllr Hodgson updated Cllrs on the current situation concerning the grass cutting contract.

This was **noted**.

5.3 Vacancies on the Council – clerk update.

The clerk would check with Cumberland Council that an election would not be necessary then arrange for the two vacancies to be advertised. – **noted**.

5.4 Dog fouling - discussion of recent monitoring and possible decision.

Cllrs discussed the current situation and felt that no action was necessary at this point. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

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

6.1.2 To note HMRC VAT repayment update.

The clerk confirmed that the claim 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.

The clerk confirmed that the audit for 2023/24 should now be complete. – **noted**.

6.2 To approve the following payments:

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£409.50** – **approved**.

6.2.2 – Clerk: expenses: phone and broadband £55.02, postage etc. £18.74, mileage 54 miles at 45p /mile £24.30 Total **£98.06** – **approved**.

6.2.3 Arwel - paye services.

Amount to be confirmed by the clerk.

The clerk advised that the end of year paperwork had not been received and he would pursue this. – **noted**.

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7 Highways

7.1 Local issues needing to be raised.

It was **agreed** that the clerk would request the deployment of a road sweeper on the Raby to Lessonhall road following its use as diversion route recently.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

None -**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.

None

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

9.2.1 CALC Circular.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council.

No information was given.

10.2 Any information brought by Cumberland Council Councillor.

Absent.

10.4 Any information from the clerk.

The clerk had no matters to inform the Cllrs about.

10.5 Police report

Nothing had been received.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

12th September 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall. -**noted**.

11.2 Future date:

14th November 2024 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

Following discussion the meeting date in November was moved to the 7th of November.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.05p.m.