

Holme East Waver Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman V Hodgson
Councillors: Bell, Logan, Roper, Stockdale and Wallace.
County Councillor: Markley.
Public attendance: Mrs S Whitaker, Mrs S Fuszard, Mr A Long.
Clerk: M Abbs

Cllr Bell was in the Chair as the Chairman had been delayed.

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Apologies had been received from PCSO Nichol and Borough Cllr Hedworth.
No declarations were made. However, the clerk reminded Cllrs that Cllr Hodgson had previously declared an interest in items 8.2.1 and 8.3.2

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.

An on-going dispensation is in force with regard to the Precept.

No dispensation requests were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2016. (previously circulated) – **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

Confirmation was given that all the requirements of the Transparency Code and Audit had been met.

Holme East Waver Parish Council

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

Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Fuszard expressed their support for a defibrillator in the village and explained the current situation concerning the Community Committee which was short of members but had not been wound up. The bank account was still open. It was known that some locals were willing to contribute funds to the project.

Cllrs thanked them for their contribution.

Cllr Markley gave his report.

He confirmed that he may be willing to provide some additional financial support towards the defibrillator project.

He had been informed that the long awaited traffic survey requested from the County Council would proceed.

Significant staffing changes were occurring at the County Council as part of the cost cutting exercise.

The Allerdale Borough Council boundaries were being reviewed but Parish Council boundaries were not being considered.

He closed by offering his assistance with any matters giving concern to Parishioners and the Council.

Cllr Hodgson arrived and took the Chair.

Item 5.4 was taken at this point. See below.

All members of the public and Cllr Markley left the meeting following consideration of this item.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 AON – confirmation of Insurance Renewal.

The clerk confirmed that confirmation had been received. – **noted.**

Mr Long arrived and requested permission to address the meeting which was granted by the Chairman.

Having apologised for his late arrival Mr Long expressed his gratitude for the support that the Council had given his planning application. This had now been approved – see items 8.2.1 and 8.3.2

4.2 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

There was consideration of a letter from Mrs S Hayman MP who had enquired as to the Broadband coverage in the Parish.

Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** that comment should be made on the lack of news concerning broadband 'roll out' and the extremely slow speeds encountered by most Parishioners.

4.3 Footway Lighting - Current situation.

Cllrs considered the latest e-mail from a parishioner.

Cllrs **agreed** that the installed light was only a replacement and had considered consultation unnecessary.

The light had been placed very close to the previous light in the most cost effective position.

The clerk was asked to enquire of Allerdale BC if it was possible to fit a shield and then draft a response to the parishioner.

4.4 The Pension Regulator – Declaration deadline of 2nd August. 2016.

Cllrs affirmed their belief that the Council was not required to provide a pension scheme for the clerk and he confirmed that the declaration would be made by the due date.

4.5 Environment Agency / NFU - Newsletter June 2016.

The clerk and Chairman advised Cllrs of the latest situation concerning the proposed Internal Drainage Board and the possible further consultation. – **noted.**

Cllr Wallace arrived.

Holme East Waver Parish Council

5 New business

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

Cllr Wallace confirmed that the Playground was being inspected weekly. The Playground inspection report was considered and it was **agreed** that there were no urgent matters requiring attention. The report would be examined closely by all Cllrs and discussed at the next meeting.

The Chairman and clerk provided copies of an estimate for £620.00 plus VAT for repair work from Ray Holyoak Joinery Ltd. Cllrs felt that some clarification and assurances were required before this work could be authorised. The Chairman said he would speak to the contractor and notify the Cllrs of the outcome via the clerk. It was observed that further attention may be needed by the grass cutter to the edges of the field. Cllrs would check on this and notify the clerk if necessary.

Cllr Roper advised that the Wigton and Aspatria Hound Trailing Committee wished to donate £100 towards the upkeep of the Playground. This was **noted** with thanks and the clerk was asked to progress this with Cllr Roper.

5.2 Newton Arlosh Traffic Survey.

Cllr Logan and the clerk advised that they had both pursued this with Cumbria County Council and Cllrs were pleased to **note** the assurance from Cllr Markley that this would proceed.

5.3 Possible consideration of BDO Audit documents and examination of any matters arising.

The clerk confirmed that all the required documents had been delivered to the audit company but to date no communication had been received from them.

5.4 Community Access Defibrillators.

Update on planned meeting. Consideration of documentation including communications from Parishioners.

The clerk reminded members of the forthcoming public meeting concerning defibrillators and informed them of the response he had received from AON insurance. The clerk updated Cllrs on the report that Allerdale BC had published which had raised no objection to the requested change of use of the telephone box.

Cllrs discussed the issues and **agreed** in principle to support the installation of a defibrillator in the village. However, it was hoped that the public meeting would clarify a number of outstanding questions.

5.5 Audit and Transparency Regime – website developments.

The clerk confirmed that agreement had been received to utilise the website facility used by Kirkbride Parish Council and Cllr Bell offered to progress this with the clerk. This action was **agreed**.

5.6 Community Committee – latest situation.

It was **noted** that the Committee, from information given earlier, had not been wound up and that the previous grant may not be returned but put to use for local projects – see item 3.3.

5.7 Latest situation concerning the Sea Dyke Trust.

Cllr Roper confirmed that she had attended meetings of the Trust on behalf of the Council and that it was unlikely to be in a position to award grants for the foreseeable future.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve accounts to 31st May 2016 – approved.**

6.1.2 **To approve accounts to 30th June 2016 (available at meeting). – approved.**

6.1.3 HMRC VAT repayment **£175.50 – noted.**

6.2 To approve the following payments

6.2.1- Clerk: salary **£300.30 – approved.**

6.2.2 - Expenses: stationary + postage £6.85, tel £4, broadband £10.66 = £21.51 car mileage 24miles at 36p/mile = £8.64 **Total £30.15 – approved.**

6.2.3 – Chairman’s Allowance **£30.00 – approved.**

6.2.4 - Colvilles Grounds Maintenance (£167.22+ £33.45 VAT) **£200.67 – approved.**

Invoices for later cuts may be brought to the meeting.

Holme East Waver Parish Council

6.2.5 Bowness on Solway PC – share printer purchase **£60.00 – approved.**

6.2.6 – Newton Arlosh Parish Hall – hall hire **£120.00 – approved.**

6.2.7 Allerdale BC: Play area inspection (£56.00 + £11.20 VAT) **£67.20 – approved.**

7 Highways

7.1 Highways steward

Cllrs thought there were no additional matters to report but **noted** that damage to some chevrons had been reported.

8 Planning.

8.1 Applications on which Allerdale BC decision is awaited.

8.1.1 – PB/2015/0039 – Removal of telephone and replacement of defibrillator phone box, adjacent to village hall Newton Arlosh.

See also item 5.4. The clerk updated Cllrs on the report that Allerdale BC had published which had raised no objection to the requested change of use. – **noted.**

8.1.2 – 2/2015/0470 Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings etc. West Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr J Atkinson). – **noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

8.2.1- 2/2016/0238 Proposal: Reserved matters application for a single dwelling following outline approval 2/2015/0160 Land at Watch Hill Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr A Long) – permission granted.

8.2.2– 2/2016/0049 Reserved matters application for a single dwelling following outline approval 2/2015/0160, Land at Watch Hill Farm, Newton Arlosh. (Mr A Long) – application withdrawn

8.2.3 – 2/2016/0013 Application for amended plot layout – retrospective, Plot 1, The Oaks, Newton Arlosh, Wigton. – permission granted.

(Mr A Monkhouse)

8.2.4 – 2/2016/0181 Proposal: New dwelling to replace dwelling previously granted permission, The Oaks, Newton Arlosh. (Mr P Minns) – permission granted.

All the above were **noted.**

8.3 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.3.1 Cumbria CC – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015-2030 – Regulation 19.

The clerk confirmed that no response had been made. – **noted.**

8.3.2 - 2/2016/0238 Proposal: Reserved matters application for a single dwelling following outline approval 2/2015/0160. Opportunity to make representations to the Development Panel.

The clerk confirmed that no additional representations had been made. – **noted.**

8.4 Applications to be considered at this meeting.

None – **noted.**

9.1 Documents received for comment

None – **noted.**

Holme East Waver Parish Council

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

9.2.1 CALC Circulars.

9.2.2 Centenary Fields Information.

9.2.3 HAGS and Realise Futures – Play product information.

9.2.4 NALC – Responsibilities of Councils as Landowners.

9.2.5 War Graves Commission Living Memory project information.

9.2.6 Solway Firth Partnership newsletter.

All the above were **noted**.

10.1 Any information brought by members of the Council

No matters were raised.

10.2 Any information brought by Borough Councillor.

Absent.

10.3 Any information brought by County Councillor

The report had been given earlier.

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

There was no additional information to report.

10.5 Police report

The clerk gave the Police report.

11 Meeting dates.

11.1 Date of next meeting.

8th September 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

11.2 Future date:

10th November 2016 at 7.30p.m. in Newton Arlosh Village Hall.

The dates were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28p.m.