

Minutes of the meeting of Kaber Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 August 2015 at 19.00 in Kaber Village Hall

Present: Mary Leathes
Stuart Hird
Sam Fisher
Julie Reeves
Steven Hastwell
Mike Walker Clerk & RFO

Libby Bateman Cumbria County Councillor

- 1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies had been received from Val Kendall, Eden District Councillor.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the May 2015 meeting:**
The minutes of the March meeting had been circulated and no comments were made. Steven Hastwell proposed and Stuart Hird seconded that these be approved. There were no objections and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 3. To hear reports on actions from the previous minutes:**
Register of interest forms had been submitted. One had been returned for correction and this had been completed.

Keith & Val Walton had provided a report on their visit to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. This had been circulated to councillors and copied to CALC.

Cumbria has agreed to proceed with work on Clay Lane with funds from Libby Batemans allowance. Orders are being placed.

Bank account signatures have been changed and Mary Leathes, Sam Fisher and Julie Reeves are signatories.

The CALC process for Data Transparency has been used for documents and a Facebook page set up for Kaber Parish Council pointing at the CALC page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kaber-Parish-Council/820221654751688>

<http://www.calc.org.uk/pcagendasandminutes/kaberpc.asp>

Keith Reeves has advised that a parish website would cost ca. £10 / month plus time and effort to manage it. It was agreed not to progress a parish website.

CALC has access to funding to assist parishes with Data Transparency and has circulated a questionnaire to assess the baseline. The Clerk will complete this on behalf of Kaber Parish Council.

Highways have been notified about holes on the road by Coronfold and this has been

included on their list for work. Nothing has been done to date and the Clerk will chase up this request. Road sweeping at Heggerscales is an Eden District Council responsibility, and a request has been made. Councillor report that sweeping has been carried out.

Keith Reeves drafted a map of Heggerscales and this was submitted to the <http://www.colinday.co.uk/maps/> website. Libby Bateman asked if she could be sent a copy of the map and the Clerk will do this.

Mike Bidgway has reported on the Broadband situation. Currently no provider has plans to offer SFBB to Kaber. He recommended that any contact with possible providers be carried out by individuals rather than the Parish Council. Julie Reeves offered to follow this up and report back to the Parish Council.

- 4. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda:**
There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda.
- 5. To consider and decide on Requests for Dispensations:**
There were no requests for dispensation.
- 6. Public Participation:** In the absence of members of the public, there were no requests for participation.
- 7. To note the responses made to Planning applications 15/0179 and 15/0409:**
Following consultation by e-mail, Eden Planning were advised that Kaber Parish Council had no adverse comments on these planning applications. It was noted that the application for Stowgill has been approved.
- 8. To consider and comment on planning applications if submitted before the meeting:** No further planning applications had been received.
- 9. To approve the final audited accounts for 2013-2014:** The external auditor had made no comments on the accounts. Stuart Hird proposed and Julie Reeves seconded that the final audited accounts be approved and Council agreed.
- 10. To decide on audit timetable for 2016:** The timetable for external audit will change for 2016 with the period of electors' rights to view the accounts being extended to 30 days which must include the first 10 working days of July 2016. It was agreed that the audit should be carried out as early as possible during the period of office of the current Clerk. The Clerk will advise the external auditor accordingly.
- 11. To review the Appleby Horse Fair and response to Elaine Lomas suggestion of a meeting for parishes on the A685:** A feedback meeting was held regarding the horse fair with more attending from Upper Eden than Appleby. It was noted that the advice to come early had worked, but there had still been problems with horses in Kirkby Stephen and at Eden Farm Supplies. Libby Bateman had worked with the gypsy community and was encouraged to see that travellers were camping further

away until close to the date of the fair. It was also noted that it will be unlikely that the existing level of expenditure will be available in future years.

Elaine Lomas has suggested a meeting of parishes along the A685 during September / October. The Council agreed that this may be sensible and the Clerk will advise Elaine Lomas accordingly.

- 12. To consider whether Kaber Parish Council wishes to participate in a pilot scheme for Local Delivery of Services:** Few of the services listed in the consultation letter were appropriate to Kaber and the Council agreed that this pilot scheme was not suitable for Kaber. The Clerk will advise EDC.
- 13. To decide if the Parish Council wishes to comments on the Eden Local Plan update:** The Council had no comments on the update of the Eden Local Plan.
- 14. To consider any Parish Council actions needed for Brough Show 2015:** Stuart and Sam will be assisting at the show. It was agreed to remind the organisers that parking should not be allowed on the green and to provide Slow signs for traffic approaching the show through the village.
- 15. Consideration of future issues in Kaber:**
 - a) There is a visibility issue at the village end of Popping lane due to growth of a large bush. Highways will be informed.
 - b) Concern has been expressed by the Woodland Trust that ash dieback will have a significant effect on the landscape over the next 20-30 years. It was agreed to send a copy of the press release to local farmers with a covering letter asking that other species of trees be allowed to grow in hedgerows to replace the vulnerable ash trees. The Chairman and Clerk will draft this letter.
 - c) Mary Leathes advised the Council that she is having a 6 month rest from the First Responders, and may not return. She pointed out that requirements are becoming more rigorous and recruitment has stalled. Mary was thanked for carrying out this role in Kaber.
- 16. To hear input from Eden District Council and Cumbria County Council:**

Libby Bateman had no more comments from Cumbria.

Val Kendall had sent a report asking to be involved with any future meeting of A685 parishes on the Appleby Horse Fair. She also reported that she had obtained agreement with Grand Prix for the 563 bus service to drive through Winton every Tuesday in August as a trial. Kaber was served by the PlusBus but this had limited use and it was not felt appropriate to follow Winton's example.
- 17. To review Sundry Correspondence and agree any action:**

NALC has advised that rules have now changed so that Parish Council accounts now qualify for compensation up to a value of £85000 per bank (to be reduced to £75000 in 2016).

A request to complete a survey on public perception to nuclear power was received and circulated to Councillors. The Clerk has completed this survey pointing out that the station at Hartlepool is possibly closer than the new one proposed at Moorside.

A web-site has been set up to allow organisations to claim or give-away surplus resources, a Freegle for organisations. This was not thought to be appropriate for Kaber.

Circulars have been received from Cumbria and the Police and these were posted on the village hall noticeboard.

- 18. To consider any items to be raised at the next Council meeting:**
- a. To decide on registration for a pension scheme:** It was agreed that NEST should be investigated as a pension provider and a decision to proceed be made at the next meeting.
 - b. To review the position on a replacement Clerk for 2016:** Mary Leathes agreed to follow up with Janice Woolley before the meeting.
- 19. To decide a date for the next Parish Council Meeting:**
To suit the Clerk's availability it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 5 October 2015 at 19.00.

The meeting closed at 20.40