

Bowness-on-Solway Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th August 2020 in the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway at 7.00 p.m.

Present:
Councillors: Carruthers (Chair), Birkett, Coates, Evans, Graham, Harrington, Hinks, Hutton, Martin, Reay and Wills.
County Cllr Markley
Borough Cllr: Absent
Public attendance: Five
Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

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 in respect of the Precept.

No dispensations were requested.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Birkett declared an interest with respect to item 8.4.1

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 (previously circulated)

2.1 To approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on 15th July 2020. – approved and signed.

3 Report on action taken

3.1 Report on action by members of the Council.

No matters were reported.

3.2 Report from the clerk

The clerk confirmed that the audit papers had been despatched and relevant notices posted.



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3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

Possible presentation of grant requests from local organisations.

No grant presentation were made – the clerk pointed out that given the current COVID situation attendance at the meeting by applicants was not deemed essential.

The Chairman then invited short contributions.

Members of the public then expressed their concern about the proposed demolition of Rogersceugh.

The possible 'listing' of the site was raised along with the current interpretation by Allerdale BC of the Solway Coast Management plan. It was felt that there had been a lack of public consultation by the RSPB.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Grass cutting in the Parish current situation.

The grass had not been cut for a few weeks but just before the meeting a large area had been cut so Cllrs **agreed to take no action.**

4.2 St Michael's Church PCC – Graveyard extension update and correspondence concerning management of the Churchyard.

The clerk provided details of the letter and was asked to **obtain the view of CALC** and report back to the next meeting if possible.

Cllr Markley arrived.

4.3 Footway lighting proposals including costings - latest situation.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the current situation and latest correspondence and reminded Cllrs that the Council had previously objected to the proposals. There was to be no further action at the moment but the clerk said the anticipated cost would now have to be included in the November budget. – **noted.**

4.4 E-mail concerning the growth of the Millennium Oak on the Glebe Land and its effect on the phone line to Wallsend Guest House.

The clerk provided details of the communication and following discussion with the Chair and Vice Chair British Telecom had been approached and a site meeting requested. – **noted.**

4.5 Letter from a parishioner concerning the role of the Parish Council.

Cllr Martin commented on how busy the area had become since 'lockdown' ended. Cllr Markley thought the area had a tourist potential that could be exploited. Cllr Hinks updated Cllrs on toilet provision. A problem with fly-tipping appeared to have resolved itself. The need for more signage would be monitored.

The clerk was authorised **write a response** to the parishioner with the Chair and Vice Chair.

4.6 Cumbria County Council – letter of thanks to Community Groups for their COVID-19 response.

The clerk provided details which were **noted.**

4.7 Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) (Site Allocations) – Confirmation of Adoption by the Authority.

The clerk provided details which were **noted.**

4.8 RSPB – Notification of intention to demolish Rogersceugh Farm.

Cllrs discussed the letter and current situation concerning the site.

Cllrs **agreed** that the Council will seek 'listed status' for the site.

Cllrs **agreed** that the Council should write a strong letter of opposition to the proposed demolition.

The clerk was authorised to take both decisions forward with the Chair and Vice Chair.

4.9 Letter forwarded by County Cllr Markley concerning reported Anti-Social behaviour in the Parish.

Cllrs examined the letter which was **noted** without further action.

5 New business

5.1 To receive Community reports:

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No Community reports were received.

5.2 Police report.

The clerk had received nothing to report – **noted**.

5.3 Initial response to the grant applications – see item 3.3.

The clerk gave out the written submissions for consideration.

Decision on grant awards to be made at the September meeting. - **noted**.

5.4 Cumbria County Council - Localised community response groups - request for information on future possible actions if required.

The clerk had received a request seeking confirmation/details of the assistance the Council could provide if COVID became a more serious problem again. The proposed response had been obtained from the Solway Samaritan co-ordinator and the clerk was **authorised to respond accordingly**.

5.5 Website – current situation and possible decision on development.

Mrs Lewis, who had been running the website for local organisations, had recently handed over all the relevant paperwork to the clerk who would now examine it with Cllr Hinks and report further at a future meeting. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 Rural Payments Agency – Reimbursement – 2019 **£16.31** – **noted**.

6.2 Payments: to approve the following payments:

None - **noted**.

7 Highways

Update on local highways.

7.1 – Signage at the bus turning circle in Bowness.

Following discussion **no action** would be taken at this point. The situation would be monitored.

7.2 – Cumbria County Council e-mail concerning the 'North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order' review.

The clerk confirmed to the Cllrs that a review was due to take place shortly – having been delayed by the COVID situation. – **noted**.

8 Planning

8.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC / Cumbria CC

8.1.1 – VAR/2020/0011 Variation of Condition 2 on approved planning application FUL/2019/0012 extend current consent from 25th July 2020 to 25 July 2022. (Hunter Contracts North East Ltd).

The clerk confirmed that permission had now been granted by the Authority. – **noted**.

8.2 Applications dealt with under standing order

None – **noted**.

8.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC / Cumbria CC

None – **noted**.

8.4 Applications for discussion by this meeting

8.4.1 - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions with balcony terrace above. Erection of garage to side elevation and associated internal and external works. Severus, Bowness On Solway Wigton. (Hunter Contracts North East Ltd)

The application had been examined by Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs **agreed** to that that there were 'no objections' and authorised the clerk to inform the authority.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

9.1 Documents received for comment.

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9.1.1 Allerdale BC - Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation.
Documentation had been circulated to Cllrs and it was **agreed** that the clerk should seek clarification of the currently designated areas under the present order.

9.2 Documents received for information (available on request to clerk)
None – **noted**.

10 Any items of information...

10.1 brought by members

Cllrs were concerned about people/visitors venturing dangerously far out onto the treacherous sands. The clerk reminded Cllrs that a signage review had been carried out within the last few years.

10.2 brought by Borough Councillor

Absent

10.3 brought by County Councillor

Cllr Markley had no further contribution to make.

10.4 brought by the clerk

No additional information was brought to the attention of members.

10.5 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Lindow Hall. - **noted**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.

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