

Bowness-on-Solway Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 in the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Carruthers (Chair), Birkett, Coates, Graham, Harrington, Hinks, Martin, and Reay.

County Cllr: Absent

Borough Cllr: Absent

Public attendance: Two

Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Wills, Borough Cllr Hodgson and County Cllr Markley.

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.

Cllr Birkett requested a dispensation to speak on item 4.1 which was granted.

An on-going dispensation is in force in respect of the Precept.

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 in item 8.1.1

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 on the 19th August 2020. – approved and signed

2.2 To approve the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st of September 2020. – approved and signed.,

3 Report on action taken

3.1 Report on action by members of the Council.

No matters were reported.

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3.2 Report from the clerk.

The clerk advised that actions would be reported later in the agenda.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

A member of the public advised that he had received a letter from the Council's solicitor.

He then left the meeting.

Councillors then resolved to close the meeting in order to discuss item 5.8 and the other member of the public left.

4 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Glasson Community Association – e-mail concerning the Committee and play park.

The clerk read out the correspondence and Cllr Birkett provided additional information concerning the future of the Association. – **noted with no action.**

4.2 HSBC – Business overdrafts and account information. Confirmation of completion of the Safeguarding review.

The clerk provided details of the correspondence which was **noted without action.**

4.3 Rogersceugh – Letter from Allerdale BC concerning a request to list the Steading as an Asset of Community Value. (see also item 5.7)

Cllrs Hinks and Carruthers notified Cllrs that following receipt of legal advice the clerk had not proceeded with the listed status application for the site.

Cllr Carruthers updated Cllrs on the current situation concerning the timing of an expected decision by Allerdale BC. A 'Why Help to Save Rogersceugh' document was circulated to Cllrs and it was **agreed** that the contents of the letter / document should be sent to both Natural England and the RSPB.

The letter from Allerdale BC was **noted without action.**

4.4 Letter received from Parishioner concerning road safety.

Following discussion it was **agreed** that the clerk should contact the Highways Department and express concern over the parking of vehicles opposite Shoregate in Bowness.

The parishioner's letter would be acknowledged.

5 New business

5.1 To receive Community reports:

Cllr Martin advised that a number of film nights were being planned but might not now take place due to Covid 19 regulations. -**noted.**

5.2 Police report.

The clerk informed Cllrs that there had been no communication from the Police. – **noted.**

5.3 Grass Cutting specification for 2021 season.

Review of the current tender procedure and possible action.

Cllrs wished to consider this item again at the November meeting and in the meantime instructed the clerk to contact the contractor about the long grass in both Anthorn and Glasson.

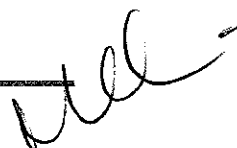
5.4 Bench/Seat Noticeboard update – progress on the Cardurnock request.

The Cardurnock bench remains outstanding and requires local consultation with residents.

Cllr Graham said he would investigate the condition of a bench at Anthorn, liaise with a local contractor if necessary, and report back to the November meeting.

5.5 Parish Assets – current position concerning the legal review and previously authorised actions.

There had been no developments to report and Cllrs considered that item 4.1 may now influence the situation.



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

Cllr Hinks advised that a parishioner may be willing to assist the church in this matter. Cllrs welcomed this offer and **agreed** that the clerk should write and advise the Church.

5.7 RSPB – Intention to demolish Rogersceugh Farm – latest situation and possible action.

Matter discussed with item 4.3 – see above.

5.8 Current situation concerning the received solicitor's letter.

Closed meeting item.

Cllrs discussed the current situation and took no further action at this point.

The meeting was re-opened.

5.9 Footway Lighting proposals – review of the current situation.

Cllrs discussed the item and accepted a proposal from Cllr Reay to ask Allerdale BC to convert all the relevant lights to LED. The clerk would contact the authority.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To **approve accounts** to 31st July and 31st August 2020 (available at meeting). – **approved.**

6.1.2 Allerdale BC – receipt of second Precept payment **£9392**

Anticipated figure shown. Clerk will confirm.

The clerk advised that the payment was not shown on the latest bank statement but he would monitor the situation.

6.1.3 **Possible acceptance and approval** of the Audit Annual return and certificate.

if received in time for the meeting or consideration of any additional required action.

The clerk advised Cllrs of the current position that confirmation had been received that the Audit process had commenced. **-noted**

6.2 Payments: to approve the following payments:

6.2.1- Clerk's salary **£715.00** – **approved.**

6.2.2 - Expenses: post etc £9.86 Telephone & broadband = £50.96, travel 49 miles@36p= £17.64

Total £78.46 – **approved.**

6.2.3 - **To consider** grant requests made at the August Parish Council Meeting from:

6.2.3.1 St Michael's PCC requesting **£611.50** for assistance with churchyard grass cutting. – **approved.**

6.2.3.2 Port Carlisle Recreation Ground Community Group requesting **£1500** for a greenhouse/polytunnel. **-approved.**

7 Highways

See also item 4.4

Cllrs had reported some potholes and problems with gullies to the Authority. Cllr Reay expressed some concern over a recent repair in Anthorn and feared that the repair would not last long before needing more remedial action.

8 Planning

8.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC

8.1.1 – HOU/2020/0110 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) – **noted.**

8.2 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.2.1- HOU/2020/0136 Proposed construction of front entrance porch, 32 Solway Drive, Anthorn (Mr J Tweddie)

The clerk advised that due to initial problems accessing the Allerdale Planning portal no response had yet been made. The papers had however now been examined. – see item 8.4.

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8.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

None

8.4 Applications for discussion by this meeting.

Cllrs agreed that there were no objections to the planning matter covered under item 8.2.1.
The clerk would inform Allerdale BC.

9.1 Documents received for comment

9.1.1 CALC - Local government reorganisation in Cumbria – interim position statement. – **noted without action.**

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

9.2.1 CALC Circulars.

Noted.

10 Any items of information...

10.1 brought by members

Cllr Hinks commented on the current situation concerning the website and the clerk was instructed to include this on the November agenda. Enquiries would be made in the meantime.

Cllr Graham raised the matter of the Remembrance Service which would take place before the next scheduled meeting. The Chairman pointed out that the format of any service was unknown at this point due to COVID so it was not possible plan for Parish Council involvement.

10.2 brought by Borough Councillor Hodgson – absent.

10.3 brought by County Councillor Markley – absent.

10.4 brought by the clerk

The clerk confirmed that a folder relating to the website had been handed to him by Mrs Lewis.

10.5 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.00p.m. in the Bower, Port Carlisle.

Please note the January meeting will be on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.00p.m. in the Bower, Port Carlisle.

Above dependent on venue availability and the Covid -19 situation.

The above were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17p.m.

M. Hinks
03/12/20

November meeting via zoom