

Bowness-on-Solway Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th February 2020 in the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway at 7pm.

Present: Cllr Carruthers (Chair)

Councillors: Coates, Graham, Evans, Harrington, Hinks, Hutton, Reay and Wills.

Members of the public: there were 7 public attendees plus Mr S Sharp and Mrs L Tomlinson – Allerdale BC.

Clerk: M. Abbs

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

The clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs Birkett and Martin along with County Cllr Markley and Borough Cllr Hodgson.

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.

The clerk advised that no dispensation requests had been submitted prior to the meeting and none were received on the night.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Birkett had declared an interest in the planning application.

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 To approve suspension of agenda standing orders for this meeting only.

The clerk explained that only item 3 of the Standing Orders which listed the items to be considered at Council Meetings needed to be suspended. This was **approved**.

3 Public participation (at chairman's discretion)

The Chairman invited Mr S Sharp – Head of Planning at Allerdale BC, to address the meeting.

Mr Sharp provided background to the development over recent years, the monitoring that had taken place and the reasons for this planning application arising. He explained how the matter would be handled by Allerdale BC following the consultation period.

The Chairman invited the developer to address the meeting.

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The developer provided information on the history of the development, and expressed views regarding the Parish Council.

Questions were asked and discussion took place involving Mr Sharp, the developer, Cllrs and Members of the public.

Mrs L Tomlinson requested permission from the Chairman to address the meeting which was granted. Mrs Tomlinson explained her role at the Authority and gave advice and guidance on the Code of Conduct and Cllr Interest Declarations. She mentioned the Declaration of Pecuniary interests form that all Cllrs complete and is retained by Allerdale BC. The Complaints procedure was covered, and the role of dispensation requests clarified.

4 Planning Applications for discussion by this meeting

4.1 – FUL/2020/0021 Part change of use to permit the hire of 4 motorhomes for a temporary period of 3 years, Bowness House Farm, Bowness on Solway. (Hunter Contracts North East Ltd).

The papers relating to the application had been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. Cllrs discussed the application. The Chairman invited final comments then Cllrs **agreed that there were no objections to the application.** The clerk would advise Allerdale BC.

5.1 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7pm at The Lindow Hall.

5.2 Date of future meeting: Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 7pm Grant Meeting at the Lindow Hall.

5.3 Date of future meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2020 at 6.30pm at the Lindow Hall.

The dates were noted and the meeting was closed at 7.56p.m.