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BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 by Zoom conference call at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Carruthers (Chair), Coates, Evans, Graham, Harrington, Hinks, Martin, Reay, Wills.
County Cllr Markley and Borough Cllr Hodgson
Clerk JC Wood
Three members of the public were also in attendance.

1.1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: apologies received from Cllr Hutton which was accepted by the council as valid reason for non-attendance.

No declarations of interest were received.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 13 January 2021. RESOLVED to accept these as a true record.

Cllr Martin arrived.

Borough Cllr Hodgson left the meeting at 7.26pm

County Cllr Markley arrived at 7.23 p.m. and left the meeting at 7.38 pm

3. Report on actions taken:

3.1 Glasson Community Association update. Cllr Hinks and Cllr Carruthers updated the council that a new group of trustees willing to take responsibility for the Association had been appointed and were looking for additional committee members to maintain the charitable status of the Association. The new trustees wished to negotiate a new lease with the council and that H and H land agents were willing to act on behalf of the council at an approximate cost of £300-£400.

The trees on the land also require inspection by a tree surgeon to establish if any remedial work is required.

RESOLVED That we instruct H and H to negotiate the terms of a new lease with GCA and thereafter we instruct Cartmell Shepherd to carry out the necessary legal work with a view to registering the lease at Land Registry

To arrange to have the trees inspected by a tree surgeon, to identify any remedial work that might need carried out. If possible it would be beneficial to use the previous inspector but dependant on if he is still in business.

3.2 Report on action by members of the council-none

3.3 Report from Clerk

The new website continues to be updated with information for residents.

HSBC has updated its records and correspondence is now being sent to the clerk.

The Police are no longer sending reports to Parish Councils and this item will no longer appear on the agenda.

Census. The Clerk to contact the local census co-ordinator to express concerns passed to councillors that residents without internet access are having problems getting paper copies via the contact centre phone number.

3.4 Public participation. This item was taken after item 2. Three members of the public spoke to express their objections to the proposed development at the former Anthorn Military camp and had put in formal objections on the Allerdale Planning Portal. For discussion under item 8.4.

4 .Correspondence

4.1 Local government re-organisation in Cumbria. **RESOLVED** that the council's preferred option is two authorities for Cumbria (i) Allerdale, Carlisle and Eden (ii) South Lakes, Barrow and Copeland but that no representations are to be made to the Secretary of State.

4.2 Maryland Farm and Glasson Moss work carried out by Natural England. **RESOLVED** that the council sees no purpose to a meeting with Natural England representatives but that a further letter be sent to NE and escalated explaining the council's position that work done has been devastating for the area and that the views of the council have been ignored.

4.3 CALC training. The council noted that CALC has offered to provide bespoke training for all councillors. Councillors were asked to notify the clerk of any particular issues they would like to be included.

Councillor Evans arrived at this point 8.25 p.m.

4.4 Rural Payment Scheme. Cllr Graham reported that he had been in contact with H and H land agents and matters were progressing normally. **NOTED**

4.5 HSBC update on banking terms. **NOTED**

4.6 Correspondence from four Anthorn residents regarding proposed development at Anthorn Camp. **NOTED** and to be considered under item 8.4 of agenda.

5 New business

5.1 Community reports

Complaints from residents regarding speeding motorists. **RESOLVED** to seek further information regarding the cost and feasibility of installation of speed calming displays.

5.2 To consider grass cutting tenders for Anthorn and Glasson for 2021-22 season. This item was considered as the final matter of the agenda 9.28 pm

RESOLVED to suspend standing orders for this item and the public to be excluded due to the confidential nature of the tenders.

Cllr Evans withdrew from the meeting at this stage 9.28 p.m due to submitting a tender.

Three tenders had been received and were considered by the council.

RESOLVED that Solway Garden and Landscapes be accepted for the 2021-22 season subject to satisfactory references having been obtained by the clerk and evidence of a risk assessment and insurance.

5.3. Noticeboards and benches. The new notice boards have been ordered from WS Reid but the firm's employees are currently furloughed with no update yet on likely delivery date. **NOTED** without action.

Benches at Anthorn and West Common- the issue as to whether these are the council's responsibility remains unresolved. **RESOLVED**- further enquiries to be made by members .

5.4 Grant applications meeting. Members were reminded that whilst grants can be applied for at any time of the year they are normally considered in May of each year following a presentation in April.

In view of the likely relaxation of face-to-face meetings from May 2021 it was **RESOLVED** to move the annual grant meeting to 9 June 2021 with a view to making decisions as to grant awards at the July meeting.

5.5 Defibrillator for Drumburgh. **RESOLVED** that the council in principle supports the provision of a defibrillator to be located at Drumburgh and that further enquiries be made as to costing, suitable location and installation.

6. Finance

6.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts and bank statements for the months ending 31 January 2021 and 28 February 2021

6.2 Payments to approve

6.2.1 Clerk's salary £278.45 for January 2021 and 278.45 for February 2021. **APPROVED**

6.2.2. HMRC income tax for clerk December 2020 £69.60, January 2021 £69.60 February 2021 £69.60. **APPROVED**

6.2.3 Clerks expenses Postages and stationery £42.22, telephone and broadband £24.00 and travel £12.96 Total £79.18. **APPROVED**

6.2.4 S Nicholson grass cutting for 2020-21 season Anthorn £1000 and Glasson £400. After discussion about the quality and number of the works carried out **APPROVED**

6.2.5 Zoom licence £14.39 **APPROVED**

7. Highways

7.1 Concerns regarding lack of proper notification of roadworks at Anthorn in March 2021. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Cumbria County Council Highways dept to express the council's concern that roadworks were inadequately signed as to location and duration and that there appeared to be no telephone number to call to make enquiries.

8. Planning

8.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC

8.1.1 FUL/2020/0252 Glendale Holiday Park, Port Carlisle. Resubmission and amendment to approved application FUL/2019/0133 to amend to 38 static holiday caravans from 58, 37- pitches for touring units and additional consent for another additional 70 static holiday caravans. **NOTED**

8.2 Applications dealt with under standing order

8.2.1 HOU/2021/0032 Erection of car port on driveway 53 Solway Drive, Anthorn- **NO OBJECTIONS. NOTED**

8.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

8.3.1 HOU/2020/0188 Wallsend Guest House, Bowness – erection of single storey sunroom to rear of property- approved by Allerdale BC. **NOTED**

8.4 Applications for discussion at this meeting

8.4.1 OUT/2021/0001 Outline application including access and layout for change of use from disused former military camp to holiday park comprising 80 units of holiday accommodation (luxury lodges) with clubhouse and sports facilities. Former Military Base, Anthorn Camp, Anthorn, Wigton, CA7 5AH

Councillors considered representations made by residents on the Allerdale Planning portal and to members of the council prior to the meeting and made in public participation and in correspondence to the council at this meeting. The council noted that whilst several comments from residents opposed the development on the grounds in particular of increased traffic, damage to an AONB, loss of use of agricultural land, other residents favoured it especially in relation to employment

opportunities. Concern was greatly expressed about the possibility of radioactive waste on the site or nearby.

RESOLVED that the council express its grave concerns about the radioactive waste deposited on site and to ask Allerdale for clarification as to where this is and how it will be removed. Allerdale BC to be informed that the Council are aware of the objections on the portal but are equally aware of the residents who are in favour of this project.

9.1 Documents received for comment

9.1.1 None

9.2 Documents received for information circulated by email to members- Noted.

9.2.1 CALC circulars-Noted

10. Any items of information

10.1 Brought by members- Cllr Graham reported on signs prohibiting access to the foreshore recently erected. **RESOLVED** This matter will be considered at a future meeting as recent correspondence possibly relevant to the issue has recently arrived.

10.2 brought by Borough Councillor Hodgson This item was dealt with after public participation. Budget for Allerdale approved resulting in £5.00 per year increase for band D council tax. A collaborative venture has resulted in £21m spending on new sports village with attached conference centre at Workington which will be open to all Allerdale residents. Maryport has been offered £10.3m for enhancement of the town and sustainable development. The census is on 21 March and he has been made aware of issues using the telephone helpline. New leader of the council -Cllr Johnson -elected

Borough Councillor Hodgson left the meeting at 7.26 p.m

10.3 brought by County Councillor Markley (arrived at 7.23 pm)
Budget for county approved. Council tax rise of 1.99% plus 1.99% for social care precept. £10m added to council reserves- now £25m.
Additional pot-hole funding has been received from central government and new facility of "jet patching" for small pot-holes introduced which should speed up repairs.
New environment fund of £200 000 allocated to Allerdale Committee of County Council chaired by CC Hodgson. Funds to be allocated by members representing the area for environmental; improvements such as trees, footpaths, seed planting.
Coastal strategy adopted with districts and county acting together to protect coastal areas.

County Councillor Markley left the meeting at 7.38 p.m

10.4 Brought by clerk- none

Date of next meeting

19 May 2021 6.30 p.m at Lindow Hall, Bowness (subject to confirmation). Annual Parish meeting followed by Annual meeting of Parish Council and general meeting.

9 June 2021 7.30p.m at Lindow Hall, Bowness – Grants meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.