

**DRAFT MINUTES OF BOWNESS-ON-SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE LINDOW HALL, MONDAY, 7TH MARCH 2022**

Present : Cllrs:- Hinks (Chair) Graham, Carruthers, Harrington, Reay, Wills, Coates, Martin, Hutton, Evans & Mark

Public attendance: 12 members of the public present.

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Apologies were received from County Cllr Markley and Borough Cllr Hodgson.
Cllr Martin declared an interest in 5.5

2 Minutes (previously circulated)

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Report on action taken

3.1 Report on action by members of the Council - None

3.2 Report from the clerk – No Clerk

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

A member of the Glasson Community Association reported on the work the Committee were doing on the playfield which is owned by the Council. For discussion under item 4.5 on the agenda.

The owner of Wallsend Guest House gave information regarding planning application FUL/2022/0018 for discussion under 7.2.4 on the agenda. He also raised the issue of the lack of public toilets in the village, for discussion under 4.4 on the agenda. Dog fouling was also raised, and this is for discussion on 5.8 on the agenda.

3.4 Report from County Councillor Markley – Sent his apologies

3.5 Report from Borough Councillor Hodgson Sent his apologies

4. To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action

4.1 Correspondence received from the Rural Payments Agency offering a one year extension to the Environmental Stewardship Agreement.

The RPA are offering the Council a one year extension to our present agreement which ends October 2022. Permission is needed off Natural England for this and they have stated that, in principle, they want the Council to engage with them. Discussion took place and it was **AGREED** unanimously that we engage with Natural England and accept the one year extension with the Rural Payments Agency.

4.2 Request from Bo'ness Community Council regarding possible twinning links.

The letter of request had been forwarded to all Cllrs. It was **AGREED** to correspond with them for more information.

4.3 Request from Liam McKenna to install a bench on the Banks in memory of his mother.

The e-mail had been forwarded to all Cllrs. Concern was raised regarding the fact that previously we had rejected a similar request. Further information required from the family. To be placed on the next agenda.

4.4 E-mail from Wallsend Guest House regarding the lack of public toilets.

The owner of Wallsend Guest House had spoken in public participation about the lack of public toilets in Bowness. Discussion took place regarding the lack of public toilets in several villages. Unfortunately, at this point in time, the Council are unable to offer a solution.

4.5 Request from Glasson Community Association for support in creating a wheelchair/pushchair path around the playing field.

A member of the Community Group had given an update in public participation. This was discussed and everyone agreed to support what they are doing.

5. Follow-on business

5.1 To receive community reports - None

5.2 Update on provision of defibrillators for Cardurnock, Easton, Fingland and Old Anthorn.

Some residents at Cardurnock are opposed to where we were going to install the defibrillator.

They have also asked that the Parish notice board be removed from the wall. This has been done.

A suitable place is still to be found in Cardurnock. The metal posts are to be installed in the other locations once we get dryer weather.

5.3 Update on speed awareness devices for certain villages

No further information at this point

5.4 Update on renovation of metal parish seats

Some of the seats have been put back in place. Three new concrete plinths are needed to put them on. Cllr Evans offered to speak with Harrisons at Silloth to see if they had anything suitable. If necessary, a spend of £500 was authorised so concrete could be put down. Cllr Evans to liaise with Cllr Graham.

5.5 Update on situation regarding Bowness Banks lease.

The report that Sarah Lee had carried out had been circulated to all Cllrs. Discussion took place and it was **AGREED** that we get advice from the relevant agency and obtain three estimates for work to the sea wall.

5.6 Update regarding Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

The seeds are expected any time.

5.7 Response to Clerk Vacancy.

At the closing date we have 5 applicants for this post. Discussion is taking place with CALC, and we will proceed to interview as soon as possible.

5.8 Update regarding Dog Fouling.

Following the last meeting, contact was made with the Allerdale Enforcement Team. They are visiting the area on Thursday, 10th March. They will visit Bowness-on-Solway, Port Carlisle, Glasson and Anthorn initially.

5.9 To consider changes to bank arrangements.

Noting to report at this point.

6. Finance

6.1.1 Information- To approve the accounts and bank statements to 31 January and 28 February 2022 – **APPROVED**

To authorise the following payments – All **APPROVED**

6.2.1 Cumberland News advert for Clerk £228.06 (£38.01 VAT)

6.2.2 Expenses (stamps £18.12)

6.2.3 Solway Garden & Landscapes £857.88 (£142.98 VAT) work to Bus Shelters Glasson & Anthorn.

7. Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC

71.1 FUL/2020/0252 Glendale Holiday Park, Port Carlisle

7.2 Applications for discussion at this meeting

7.2.1 FUL/2022/0024 Erection Livestock handling building – Hodgson, Easton – **NO OBJECTIONS**

7.2.2 FUL/2022/0025 Erection Milking Parlour – Hodgson, Easton – **NO OBJECTIONS**

7.2.3 FUL/2022/0026 Silage Clamp – Hodgson, Easton – **NO OBJECTIONS**

7.2.4 FUL/2022/0018 Change of use agricultural land to residential – Wallsend Guest House. The owner had given information during public participation requesting it to be noted the application was for change of use from agricultural land to leisure NOT residential. This was noted. **NO OBJECTIONS**

7.2.5 Building of Shed, Bombadil, Drumburgh – **NO OBJECTIONS** but comments from Historic England noted.

8. Documents received for comment

8.1.1 Documents received for information circulated by email to all members

8.1.2 CALC Circulars.

9 Any items of information

9.1 brought by members

Cllr Hutton reported on fly tipping in the area.

Cllr Hutton asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Sarah Lee re Bowness Banks

A planning application for Eden Cottage, Glasson HOU/2022/0048 to be dealt with under standing orders.

9.2 brought by the clerk - No clerk

10. Date of next meeting. – 11th May 2022 – The Lindow Hall

Meeting closed at 8.30pm