

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council Meeting held in Prospect Village Hall on Tuesday 10th September 2019.

Meeting Opened: The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Preston-Miller (chair), J Cowan, A Morris.

Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: A Markley (ABC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 5

520.00 Apologies for absence: Mrs P Lukeman(O&A)

521.00 Declaration of interests: None.

522.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019.

522.01. Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

523.00 Public Participation Session. 15 minutes allowed. Clerk advised: -

523.01 Chair opened the session by announcing that there were representatives of Grow West present who wished to make a presentation about the development plans for the Allerby garden centre development.

523.02 The two representatives explained that the proposed development was in the planning stages. The intention at Allerby was to extend one of the old buildings into a dedicated classroom space. It was proposed that this enlarged room could be made available for local events as no village hall in Allerby or some of the surrounding villages. They also proposed to extend the shop area and stock more items that locals could buy to save a longer trip into larger shopping centres.

523.03 Plans were shown to the council. Cllr A.M(ABC) advised on probable funding sources, especially as the project was green, catered for disabled individuals and community based.

523.04 Member of public advised that recent road surfacing work had resulted in two of the drains being tarmaced over. Cllr A.M(O&A) to photograph the drains and forward the pics to clerk to contact Highways with the pictorial evidence.

524.00 Police Matters.

524.01 Clerk read out the police report, it covered a case of harassment and a report of a dog being dangerously out of control.

525.00 Applications for Development. None

526.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors

526.01 Cllr A.M(ABC) confirmed that bin collections had resumed yesterday 9th with the full schedule and 100% collection. Nothing else to concern O&A.

Chair thanked him for attending and invited him to continue, which he declined left 19.20

527.00 Parish seats resolve final locations and purchase.

527.01 Clerk advised that he had a quote for £500 ex VAT for the 5 concrete slabs, plus a quote of £209 per seat ex VAT. Councillors agreed that one should go on the corner by the school, 2 as replacements in the playfield opposite the school, one at the bus stop by Allerby Road End and the 5th one on the corner at Beech Hill with the turning to the old pit lane.

527.02 Clerk pointed out the seat quote was dated June 2019, he had asked for confirmation of the price, but had not received it prior to the meeting.

527.03 Cllrs resolved that the clerk organise the builder to start the slab works, if there was any price difference for the benches, he emails the councillors for confirmation of their agreement, but then order benches for delivery to Millers Farm, Allerby. The works needed completion before the winter weather sets in.

528.00 Allerdale refuse collection schedules.

528.01 The item had been dealt with fully by Cllr A.M(ABC) at minute 526.01 and it was now a case of wait and see.

529.00 Councillor vacancies.

529.01 Chair Cllr L. P-M advised that she did have a resident who was interested in joining the parish council, but unfortunately, she was currently away on holiday.

529.02 Clerk again stressed the need for other individuals to join the parish council. If the Grow West development is approved and on completion perhaps the parish council should consider hold a couple of the monthly meetings every year there, making it more accessible for residents.

530.00 Progress reports, clerk

530.01 Clerk confirmed that he had continued working during July and August on parish business and was pleased to announce that he had completed all the online forms for a VAT reclaim and on 22nd August, HMRC had deposited the requested sum of £2114.96 into the parish bank account.

530.02 Clerk had received a revised copy of the general Finance Code for parish councils, he would study it and see what, if any changes would affect O&A.

530.03 Clerk had received an email from local resident reporting with enthusiasm that Highways had finally cleared the culvert under Well Road.

530.04 Chair had taken up the matter of the wrongly positioned bus stop pole and flag at Allerby Road end, it had been correctly sited within 2 days of the complaint with an apology. It meant a seat could be put by the bus shelter.

530.05 It had been reported that the goal net at Allerby play area had been broken, so the clerk had purchased a replacement.

531.00 Councillors Reports.

531.01 Cllr J.C reported he had attended the local Three tier meeting in July for O&A. One topic was the waste collection fiasco, which already covered this evening. Also present at the meeting was Richard Griffin from ABC who explained the borough's views on storage of nuclear waste in Allerdale which it is not volunteering to do.

531.02 Cllr J.C had also been to the Solway Coast Consultation meeting for O&A, the parish has half a mile of coastline in its parish at Blue Dial. Not a great deal to report back other than they would like to extend the cycle way and further up in the Brough by Sands area they would like volunteers to clear the debris from becks.

532.00 Correspondence

532.01 Clerk had received an email with photos of the damaged grass in Allerby by the seat and pump. The contractor responsible had been contacted and he had promptly returned and flatten the area and reseeded with grass. Clerk had written to thank him for his prompt attention to the problem. The letter had brought a phone call from the contractor and he has provided a phone number to call directly if there are such issues in the future.

532.02 Emails about the A596 temporary evening closures which were now completed.

532.03 Clerk has two invoices from Tivoli, both for £412.52, covering the August and September ground maintenance contract.

532.04 Printpoint had submitted their invoice for 300 July newsletters, £96.00. Clerk pointed out that by changing the format to 4-page A4 full cover the cost was substantially cheaper than 300 in the old A5 format, which would have been £175.

533.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 76 M Milner, Total £409.17, Salary£256.45(2months) Exp £152.72(2months).

IntPay 77 HMRC PAYE, £64.00 (2months)

IntPay 78 Tivoli, £412.52 August grass maintenance.

IntPay 79 Tivoli, £412.52 September grass maintenance.

IntPay 80 Printpoint £96.00 July INSIDE magazine.

All Approved

534.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 8th Oct' 2019 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm