

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 13th Feb' 2018

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

Present: Cllrs P. Milton(chair), Mrs L. Milton, A Morris.

Mrs L Preston-Miller, Mrs P Lukeman,

Allerdale District and Cumbria County Councillors: J Lister (ABC), Hugo G G Graham(CCC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Apologies for absence: Cllr J. Cowan

Members of the public: 4

269.00 Apologies for absence: as noted above

270.00 Declaration of interests: Cllr P.L, planning application.

271.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 19th December.

271.01. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr L P-M and seconded by Cllr P.L and unanimously accepted by the council. Chairman signed as a true record.

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

272.01 minute 258.02 Highway's Dept have inspected the raised manhole on the path running beside Salterwath Beck and consider that no action needed at this time, but will continue to carry out safety inspections.

272.02 minute 258.08 clerk contacted Highways about low bridge sign on the Arkleby road, but no positive response yet.

272.03 minute 258.03 the chain link fence owned by G Thompson causing a build-up of debris and therefore flooding by Salterwath Beck, Cllr J C had spoken to G T who had no objection to the fence being cut, but hens inside the area may escape. Perhaps regular cleaning after flooding is the answer?

272.04 Fly tipping reported down by River Ellen, clerk had sent photos of the tyres and Allerdale had removed them.

272.05 Three street lights reported not working, all now functioning, clerk had checked last one prior to this evenings meeting.

272.06 Paul Young had reported to clerk on 30th Jan that tree felling was taking place at Osbourne Place. Clerk had promptly rung Allerdale B.C and established no TPO's in the area so Home Group within their rights to remove trees. It turned out that trees were being thinned not felled, matter closed.

272.07 Public present asked if Highways had got their portable speed signs yet and could Prospect borrow them? Clerk to investigate.

272.08 Dog fouling still a problem, clerk to contact the dog warden for Allerdale.

272.09 The road from A596 down towards Oughterside school has kerbs on the right-hand pavement side but not on the left as there is no pavement. The grassed verges have been maintained by householders, but now due to parked cars and the width of the road the traffic is driving over the grass verges and turning them into mud tracks. Cutting them will be damaging for the homeowners' lawn mowers, due to the rutting, and can the council take on the cutting of the verges. Clerk to investigate and Cllr H.G CCC.

272.10 Member of the public requested a rubbish bin on the walking loop by the River Ellen, perhaps located at Beech Hill. Cllrs thought it would be a good idea, but better situated in a built-up area rather than in a rural situation, which may encourage additional fly tipping. Clerk to investigate.

273.00 Police Matters.

243.01, No police presence, new PCSO Catherine Keevil sent her apologies and advised clerk of no local incidents to report from the logs.

274.00 Applications for Development.

274.01 application 2/2017/0434 for outline planning permission had been approved by ABC

274.02 application 2/2018/0029 conversion of barn to create a 3-bed dwelling at The Barn, Orchard Farm, Allerby by Michael Murray was considered by the parish council. Cllr P.L declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. Cllrs agreed no objections and clerk to advise ABC planning accordingly.

275.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors

275.01 Cllr J.L ABC advised that the only item of note was that council tax would be increasing.

275.02 Cllr H.G also mentioned council tax increases and budget cuts, plus he thought the A596 was to receive preference over the A595 for development. All Cllrs thought the A595 should be being developed to take traffic from A596, not adding to it. CCC are developing a Green Gym, an alternative way of saying cutting lawns as part of healthy life style.

At the conclusion of this agenda item Cllr J.L ABC left the meeting 7.30pm.

276.00 Financial report 9 months April to December 2018.

276.01 prior to meeting the clerk had circulated all the relevant accounts docs by email. He distributed hard copies and asked if there were any questions. Cllr P.M enquired about the grass cutting contract cost and was advised just over £2k. No other questions the chair signed the bank statement sheet 3 from HSBC confirming the statement figure at 31/12/2017, £21,571.36 tallied with the clerk's bank reconciliation figure. He also signed the Cumberland B.S statement confirming NIL balance.

276.02 Clerk to write to Cumberland B.S confirming account closed and thank them for their facilities over the years.

277.00 Prospect Village Hall, replacement floor, other options and community projects.

277.01 Cllr A.M advised the council that the Prospect village hall in the kitchen area was sinking and the VHC had been advised that repairs would be prohibitive.

277.01 continued, various options were discussed by VHC, but perhaps the time was now appropriate to consider a new community hall.

277.02 The council discussed the availability of community land, the playing field opposite Oughterside school and Picnic Field. Cllr L.M proposed that a working group was formed to embrace all sections of the community including VHC members to explore the possibilities and cost implication, plus sources of potential funding, seconded by Cllr A.M. and approved.

277.03 Cllrs and interested parties to report back to the next parish council meeting when the make up of a working group would considered.

277.04 Cllr L P-M advised that the play area in Allerby was experiencing drainage problems. Also in the past there had been discussions about amalgamating the play area on Pond Green with the play area opposite Oughterside school and this should be part of such community projects.

277.05 The March edition of the INSIDE village magazine should contain a comprehensive item on the proposals, to involve the community in this potential new comprehensive village plan.

277.00 Councillor vacancies

277.01 Clerk read a letter from Allerdale about requirements for councillor numbers on parish councils across Allerdale. O&A were currently entitled to 9 parish councillors, it has 6 but could shortly be down to 4.

277.02 Chair P.M requested that this agenda item was placed on future agendas on a regular monthly basis plus that the next INSIDE magazine had a comprehensive job description to indicate what was expected of councillors and their responsibilities.

278.00 Progress Report, Clerk.

278.01 Clerk still resolving the change of name on the Prospect Village Hall land registry document, minute 263.01 refers.

278.02 Clerk has advised Allerdale BC of the precept requested as per 262.01

279.00 Councillors Reports.

279.01 Cllr A.M advised new Prospect VHC governing rules agreed, clerk has a copy.

280.00 Correspondence

281.01 New VAT reclaim procedures, but clerk not yet advised by HMRC VAT dept.

281.02 Cumbria Community funding have acknowledged completed fund form received.

281.03 Pension Regulator confirmed O&A have correctly registered as legislation requires.

281.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 8 M Milner, Salary, £134.21, PAYE refund £22.40 Exp 35.10, total £191.71p

IntPay 9 Printpoint £155.00, December INSIDE Mag printing

All approved.

282.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 13th March 2018, 7pm at Prospect Village Hall.

Meeting closed 7.55pm