

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 12th Feb' 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: Cllr J Lister ABC

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 2

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

423.00 Declaration of interests: None

424.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2018.

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

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

425.01 Clerk confirmed the post for the No Through Road sign, minute 411.01 refers, has been replaced.

425.02 The Well Road sign is still Well Lane, minute 411.02 refers, clerk still chasing.

425.03 Light No8 between Meadow Bank and Pond Green still not working, but clerk is chasing Allerdale BC.

425.04 Clerk has been supplied with photos of River Ellen bank erosion. Environmental Agency say it is a problem for the land owner too resolve. Allerdale BC advise that it is not their land. Clerk to take up issue with Cumbria Highway's.

425.05 Drains between Osborne Place and Oughterside school, job No W1880949250, is still outstanding.

425.06 Meadow Bank water leak from road surface, clerk has tackled United Utilities, they have investigated the area, not a mains leak. EA say not a water course problem, so clerk has returned to Highway's and asked them to resolve the leak and potential skidding and falling risk when the area freezes over. On going investigation.

425.07 Dog Fouling again raised by the members of the public, clerk again to seek the assistance of the ABC dog warden.

425.08 Clerk was advised that the roadway between Osborne Place down to the school had recently had the hedges trimmed by a local contractor. The contractor had not swept the cuttings up and as a result tyres were punctured and dog walkers could not use the pavement. Clerk requested to write to the contractor.

425.09 Cllr J.L (ABC) advised the meeting that he wanted recorded that as a member of the public he was advising the parish council that on his land he has in the past few days found dead pheasants, some tied as pairs. He requested that it be minuted they were not his birds, but local birds of prey were enjoying the feed.

425.10 Clerk requested to investigate if parish is smoke free zone or what restrictions prevailed on use of combustible materials on open/wood burning fires.

426.00 Police Matters.

426.01 PCSO Lisa Jackson had advised through her report that there were no incidents of note for the parish. Clerk had checked the Police website crime map but that was not working correctly.

426.00 Applications for Development.

426.01 None to report

427.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors

427.01 Cllr J.L (ABC) advised that the budgets were still being sorted but there was nothing else of local significance to report, but he would himself large potholes that he was aware of by Lonning crossroads.

Cllr J.L left the meeting at 7.29pm

428.00 Resolve financial assistance to Prospect village hall committee in respect of replacing kitchen floor, additional fire door and automatic sump to drain water

428.01 Cllr A M advised that the clerk had attended a VHC meeting to discuss the quotations received. Cllr A M confirmed that the cost of adding an additional fire door had meant that that part of the project had been abandoned, it was only a recommendation not a legal requirement, he also told the meeting the water sump was probably also now not required.

428.02 There was one outstanding quotation to come in but it looked like the cost of the work, subject to there being no unexpected surprises when existing kitchen floor removed would be approx. £3k plus VAT.

428.03 Clerk read an email from ACTs confirming that as the parish council were to assist with the cost of the work it would be appropriate for them to place the contract and therefore reclaim the VAT aspect of the work.

428.04 After a discussion the council resolved to pay for 50% of the contract price, based on the figures in minute 428.02. Parish council would accept the three quotations as being a fair representation of the contract total and based on the VHC recommendation accept the quotation the VHC proposed. Clerk to issue the necessary contract to that contractor.

428.05 Work to commence Monday March 4th and take approx. 2 weeks.

429.00 Clerk's revised employment contract for signature, minute 415.02 refers.

429.01 Clerk had brought along two copies of his revised contract of employment which would commence 1st April and he and the chair signed them.

430.00 Public Seating in suitable locations about the parish.

430.01 Cllr A M recommended a seat on the corner by the school, Cllr L P-M suggested one by the new bus shelter at Allerby End. Cllr J C had supplied photographs of various possible locations along the road by the River Ellen. Clerk had brought laptop with them on so Cllrs could view them.

430.02 It was decided that Cllr J C would create a map of possible locations down by the river and Beech Hill corner and that along with an article in the March INSIDE would ask for input from local residents.

431.00 Resolve to update O&A standing orders. As advised by Calc & Nalc.

431.01 Clerk circulated a new set of the most recent standing orders for parish councils, also a revised addendum list of what applied to O&A's standing orders, pages renumbered. He advised the council that the major changes covered the data protection that came in during 2018 and the standing orders now reflected that legislation. None of the regulations governing O&A's meetings already agreed by the council had been changed.

431.02. The parish council unanimously resolved to accept the new standing orders with immediate effect.

432.00 Parish council vacancy.

432.01 The chair advised that despite the regular request in the INSIDE magazine and mentioning to folk in conversation about becoming parish councillors, no one had come forward.

432.02 Councillors and the Opara representative present all agreed that the nucleus of actual local residents was diminishing as a ratio to those that had moved to the area, the use of social media and current lifestyles may perhaps lead to the lack of interest in residents becoming parish councillors.

432.03 Council to continue to promote the vacancies that exist.

433.00 Progress Report, clerk

433.01 Minute 417.06, clerk still awaiting feedback on use of lamp post electricity.

433.02 Parish and district council elections due May 2nd clerk had that evening called at Allerdale BC to collect the relevant forms, which he would circulate when he had the up to date electoral roll.

434.00 Councillors Reports.

434.01 No further comments everything covered by previous agenda items.

435.00 Correspondence

435.01 Clerk had received details from Irene Gravenor of Prospect Pensioners Lunch Club for the next INSIDE and other organised hall event dates.

435.02 Letter from Wigton Baths Trust.

435.03 Contract price from Tivoli for this year's grass cutting. Last year's cost was £1964.45, this year the figure is £2062.65 ex VAT, clerk had budgeted for £2050 in his financial forecast.

Council agreed that clerk confirm acceptance of the contract price.

435.04 Clerk had received an offer from Playforce a company who service and inspect playground equipment. Councillors noted that there are 3 play areas in the parish. It requested the clerk to investigate costs and consider approaching Tivoli as they used to carry out such inspections.

435.05 Clerk has received an invoice from Prospect Village Hall for the hire of the hall by the parish council for the period April 2018 to December 2018, totalling £96.

436.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 49 M Milner, Salary, £204.29, Exp 53.99, total £258.28p

IntPay 50 HMRC PAYE, £13.40p

IntPay 51 Prospect Village Hall, £96.00, hall hire for council meetings

All Approved

437.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 7.57pm

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