

**MINUTES OF OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH DEC' 2016 AT 7PM IN PROSPECT VILLAGE HALL**

Present

O&A Parish Councillors

Mrs L Preston-Miller (Vice Chairman chaired meeting in Cllr P Milton's absence)
Mrs P Lukeman
Mr J Cowan.

Parish Clerk

Mr M Milner

Allerdale Borough Councillor

Mr J Lister ABC

Cumbria County Councillor

Mr Alan Clark CCC

Apologises

Mr P Milton (Chairman)
Mrs L Milton

Members of the Public

2 members of the public present

Meeting Opened:

The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.03pm.

103.00 Apologises

Duly noted as above

104.00 Declaration of interests

None were declared.

**105.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on
Tuesday 8th November, as a true record.**

105.01. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr J.C and seconded by Cllr P.L and unanimously accepted by the council. Chairman signed as a true record.

106.00 Public Participation Session. 15 minutes allowed.

106.01 The clerk advised that as minute 088.01 refers there was still a problem with dog mess. With reference 088.02 Cllr A.C CCC had agreed a £1k grant to Oughterside Foundation School and £2k to the PC for use on refurbishment to the heating system in Prospect village hall.

106.02 A member of the public raised the problem of a hole in the pavement on Chapel Terrace between Nos 3 & 4. The clerk to take up the problem with Highways Dept.

107.00 Police Matters.

107.01 Clerk advised that from the police area crime map, which was only current to October 2016, there had been a damage to buildings and vehicles on or near Greenbank Close. There were no points any councillor which to raise.

108.00 Applications for Development

108.01 There was one application Ref 2/2016/0723 and covered the erection of a agricultural grain store at Blue Dial Farm, Allonby. After deliberation, there were no objections raised by councillors. Proposed by Cllr P.L and 2nd by Cllr J.C to approve the development.

109.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors

109.01 Cllr J.L ABC advised that ward boundary changes being considered and at present O&A was to be put with Hayton PC and added to Silloth. That was just a proposal.

109.02 Cllr A.C CCC advised apart from express his delight at the school getting £1k for their library and the village hall to receive £2k from the PC towards its heating system he had nothing to report.

109.03 Both Cllrs stressed the need to make a wish list to the Highways department when considering such things as dropped kerbs.

At the conclusion of this section Cllr L P-M thanked both for attending and invited them to stay. Cllr J.L declined and left 7.30pm but Cllr A.C remained.

110.00 Village Hall Liaison Committee Report.

110.01 Cllr L.P-M reported the meeting on the points raised by the successful joint liaison meeting held with the Prospect Village Hall committee. Detailed points were brought up.

110.02 Clerk advised that he had studied the VHC Constitution and it clearly stated that the management committee were solely responsible for the maintenance not the parish council, the hall's trustees. He stressed to the Cllrs however in the current financial circumstances and hall use and income, the PC must accept that they had a responsibility to assist the hall committee to raise funds from the precept or other funding sources, as well as village hall committee using its own resources.

110.03 Clerk also pointed out that hall committee members should, as individuals, where possible help in the mundane maintenance, but some of the points raised at the liaison meeting could be dealt with by the PC's lengthsman.

110.04 Cllr L.P-M proposed that O&A provide the lengthsman to paint the metal gates, clear the rear of the hall area around the oil tank, but that the VHC be responsible for disposal of the green waste and other debris. She also proposed that the £2k allocated to the parish council by Cllr A.C CCC should formerly be approved for the heating refurbishment. This was seconded by Cllr J.C.

110.05 Clerk advised that since the VHC held on Tuesday 13th the chairman Alan Morris was getting 2 quotations for the heating and if he could get them to the clerk by Friday afternoon the clerk would submit a grant application to Cumbria Foundation for a funding from the Robin Rigg money being made available by E-on. The application has to be in by Friday 16th and will be decided 24th January 2017. Cllr A.C CCC left the meeting 7.45pm

111.00 Bus Shelter Replacement and costing.

111.01 Clerk read a letter sent to the driver of the vehicle in collision with the bus shelter at Allerby Road End. It advised that the PC were considering the 3 quotes and offering the individual the opportunity to either pay for the repair or allow the insurers to pay. Concern was raised by councillors that the driver may not have advised the insurer of the damage. Cllr P.L proposed that the clerk write again using signature on delivery post, this was 2nd by Cllr J.C.

111.02 Clerk circulated the 3 estimates for the work and one was substantially higher by a £1k so discarded. The other 2 quotes were very close but the cheaper quote provided by a local builder should be awarded the contract. This decision though could depend on the decision of the vehicle insurer's assessor.

111.03 Clerk to contact the vehicle insurers on Thursday 22nd December, if no response form vehicle owner.

112.00 St James, Hayton, churchyard upkeep funding

112.01 Rev Tim Herbert of the church had applied to the PC for a contribution towards the maintenance of the graveyard at Hayton. Current yearly cost £1030, former residents of O&A are buried in the graveyard and the PC had in the past contributed towards the upkeep, which had ceased some years ago.

112.02 The War Graves Fund provides £17 every 3 years; their next grant is July 2017. Rev T.H had confirmed that there was no proposal for the church to be closed but that work to the floor internally may lead to some reconfiguration to provide a more community friendly user area.

112.03 Cllr J.C proposed that O&A make a £400 grant to the upkeep which was seconded by Cllr P.L.

113.00 Precept for Financial Year 2017/18

113.01 Clerk advised he had to supply Allerdale BC with the parish's precept request by 20th Jan 2017. As no January O&A meeting he wanted the figure agreed, then circulated his latest budget figures for 2016/17 and 2017/18 forecasts.

113.02 After hearing explanations of the budget figures Cllr J.C proposed that after allowing for the £274.01 CTRS Grant for the coming year the parish should request a precept of £10,436.00, this was seconded by Cllr P.L. Clerk to make the appropriate application. 2016/17 precept figure £10,161.99.

114.00 Oughterside Foundation School Library.

114.01 The local school have a bequest from a grandparent of £1k and Cllr A.C CCC has allocated a further £1k from his member's fund towards the library fund. The school are in need of a new library and a grant from O&A PC would help the school and community. The head teacher has advised that such a project could cost between £4/5k to complete.

114.02 Cllr J.C a retired teacher advised the meeting how children respond positively to new books and proposed that O&A match fund the existing £2k already available by an equivalent £2k from O&A's financial reserves. Proviso being that monies would only be made available on receipt of invoices to confirm purchases of books or appropriate book cases/shelving. This was seconded by Cllr P.L.

115.00 Progress Report, Clerk.

115.01 Minute 092.01/02 refers, Cllr J.C and clerk to develop a strategy for O&A's Emergency Plan and Community Plan and promote it in the March INSIDE.

115.02 Minute 094.00 INSIDE parish magazine compiled and printed and currently being distributed. Copies to be made available in Hayton Store, St James in Hayton, and Grow West, plus Oughterside School for pupils not resident in O&A.

115.03 Minute 095.00 INSIDE has item concerning vacancies for parish councillors.

115.04 Clerk confirmed that Lengthsman had started work and the telephone box in Allerby and the goal posts on the green at Allerby were currently being repainted.

116.00 Councillors Reports.

116.01 Cllr J.C reported on investigations into the effect the proposed new 440KvA 50-metre-high pylons will have on the parish. He had circulated a report prior to the meeting. The clerk to put Cllr J.C's report into a presentation document which must be submitted by 6th Jan' 2017. Document to be circulated before sending off to the appropriate authority.

116.02 No other reports all dealt with in agenda items.

117.00 Correspondence

117.01 Cllr Martin Gannon had tendered his resignation immediately following the November parish council meeting. His contributions will be missed.

117.02 Acknowledgement and thank you from Great North Air Ambulance for the contribution of £100.00.

117.03 Road closure notification from A596 to Bank End to commence 15th December. Clerk advised school and put notices in Oughterside and Prospect notice boards.

118.00 Cheque Payments for approval.

Cheque No 000280 BDO Auditors Fees £120.00

Cheque No 000281 Printpoint Dec' edition INSIDE £186.00

Cheque No 000282 M Milner Salary £235.65 Exp' £131.59 Total £367.24

Cheque No 000283 B Steel Salary £64.00 Exp' £13.50 Total £77.50

Cheque No 000284 HMRC Paye for clerk & Lengthsman, £74.80.

Cheque No 000285 St James Church Hayton, graveyard upkeep, £400.00

All approved.

119.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7pm in Prospect Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.47pm