

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018

Meeting Opened: The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.12pm. after the parish council annual general meeting.

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Preston-Miller (chair), A Morris, Mrs P Lukeman.

Allerdale District and Cumbria County Councillors: J Lister (ABC).

Clerk: Mike Milner

Apologises for absence: J Cowan (O&A PC)

Members of the public: 4

314.00 Apologises for absence: as noted above

315.00 Declaration of interests: None

316.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th April.

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

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

317.01 clerk responding to 300.04 cleaning of bus shelters on A596 in Prospect, confirmed the Allerdale Street Scene team would take on the task when emptying local bins and cleaning pavements.

317.02 minute 300.05 street plate for Meadow Bank to be replaced at the same time as Well Lane is fitted.

317.03 seats on play area and River Ellen and Beech Hill, minutes 300.06 & 07 council resolving land ownership and whether county or borough council need to approve siting locations.

317.04 tyres reported since last meeting on old pit road have been removed.

317.05 police had been advised of car suspected of dealing or providing drugs.

318.00 Police Matters.

318.01 There was no police report.

319.00 Applications for Development.

319.01 No development applications.

320.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors

320.01 Cllr J.L (ABC) had nothing to report other than the mayor had been elected and council committees were settled. Cllr J.L (ABC) left meeting at 7.21pm

321.00 Receive and approve accounts for financial year 2017/18

321.01 clerk confirmed that the accounts had been audited by Simone Morgan the parish's internal auditor and signed off. He distributed account copies to councillors and public.

321.02 Clerk explained that new auditors PKF had changed reporting procedures and as neither O&A's income or expenditure exceeded £25k they could submit a certificate of exemption which he and the chair duly signed.

321.03 The council approved the Governance statement and clerk and chair signed them.

321.04 Council approved the Accounts Statement confirming the bank rec figures and income and expenditure were as per the statement and bank rec'. Chair and clerk duly signed.

321.05 clerk to submit the exemption certificate once minute references inserted and make all the documents available on the parish website.

322.00 Village Hall drop in and future actions.

322.01 Cllr A.M who is chair of the VHC reported that 47 residents called into the drop in organised to discuss a replacement village hall and alternative locations.

322.02 Clerk had found the documents covering the village greens, Pond Green and Allerby plus also the title deeds to the current play area opposite the school. Members of the public present registered concerns that the play area should not be built on. Clerk read out the land registry details and highlighted that there were covenants about use. He would have to seek legal advice on that point and the parish council approved an initial sum of £500 to obtain those details and also the details of boundaries etc for Pond Green which is also subject to a new play area proposal.

322.03 clerk to report back to next meeting.

323.00 Data Protection policy document approval.

323.01, clerk had circulated a copy of the proposed data policy document and also distributed copies of the same. Cllr A.M proposed acceptance of the document which was seconded by Cllr L.P-M. document approved.

324.00 Financial Code Review.

324.01 Clerk had distributed a re-dated copy of the Financial code, for Cllrs approval. Cllr A.M proposed its continued acceptance and this was 2nd by Cllr P.L and approved.

325.00 Standing Orders Review.

325.01 Clerk had distributed a re-dated copy of the Standing Orders, for Cllrs approval. Cllr A.M proposed its continued acceptance and this was 2nd by Cllr P.L and approved.

326.00 Councillor vacancies

326.01 The chair advised that there were still no candidates for co-option. A discussion confirmed that the council would still actively engage is seeking prospective councillors, but as Cllr A.M pointed out there was the parish council, the village hall management committee in the village, plus OPARA and now a newly formed play area refurbishment committee residents had numerous options to fill what free time they had these days.

327.00 Progress report, clerk.

327.01 clerk reported he had earlier that evening seen Mike Rooke and received cash of £200 to cover a further 12 months rent for Picnic Field. Receipts had been signed.

327.02 the play area at Pond Green was to be refurbished and a residents action group has apparently been formed. They were seeking matched funding. Cllr A.M advised that Playday had already been approached and they had come up with a ball park figure of £43k. Cllrs advised members of the public present of the fund sourcing the Allerby Play group had approached and received funding from. An ongoing agenda item.

327.03 Cllr J.C had provided clerk with an excellent link to a map of all named properties in Oughterside. From that the clerk had checked out all the correct postcode details and provided them to Cllr L.P-M who had supplied them to the CHOC emergency control room.

327.04 Clerk reported play ground slide at Pond Green damaged. He had cordoned it off and was now in the process of locating the original supplier and getting a repair organised.

328.00 Councillors reports.

328.01 Cllr A.M wanted to know if Allerdale could compulsory purchase land for a new village hall. Clerk to investigate.

328.02 Problems with a temporary fence support blocks encroaching on the road in Allerby. Cllr P.L would approach the villager whose property the fence was protecting.

328.03 Cllr L.P-M asked about refurbishment of the Allerby old cast iron road sign and placing a seat to look out over the Solway on the Allonby road. Clerk to investigate both.

329.00 Correspondence

329.01 Community Lincs insurance renewal for parish council, same premium as last year, agreed fixed price £600.

329.02 Allerdale BC letter about 20% reduction in street lighting budget, repairs after Oct/Nov 2018 are unlikely.

329.03 ISS invoice for first contract grass cutting of the season £392.89

330.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 17 M Milner, Salary, £175.10, Exp 35.10, total £210.20p

IntPay 18 HMRC PAYE, £6.20

IntPay 19 ISS Service Facilities, £392.89, April grounds maintenance contract

IntPay 20 Community Lincs £600.00. Annual parish council insurance

All approved.

331.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 12th June 2018.

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