

**MINUTES OF OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH APR' 2017 AT 7PM IN PROSPECT VILLAGE HALL**

Present

O&A Parish Councillors

Mr P Milton (chairman)
Mrs L Preston-Miller
Mrs P Lukeman
Mrs L Milton
Mr J Cowan.

Parish Clerk

Mr M Milner

Allerdale Borough Councillor

Mr J Lister ABC

Cumbria County Councillor

Alan Clark

Apologies

None

Members of the Public

3 members of the public present

Meeting Opened:

The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

152.00 Apologies

None

153.00 Declaration of interests

None

**154.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on
Thursday 14th February, as a true record.**

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

155.00 Public Participation Session. 15 minutes allowed.

155.01 minute 140.02 Greenway Drive, still under assessment.

155.02 minute 140.03 Osbourne Place pathway street light. Light finally checked by Highways, lantern broken, new required £230, plus £300 to fit. Light belongs to Allerdale so clerk contacted David Bryden who has to authorise such expenditure, which he approved and clerk has seen that email confirmation.

155.03 minute 140.09 Fly tipping past Beech Hill has been collected.

155.04 4 tyres have finally been collected by Allerdale from bank of River Ellen.

155.05 minute 140.11 residents of Watson Terrace and speeding traffic concerns. Highways department have agreed to do a traffic census in May, June at the latest. No previous traffic survey on record. However, PCSO Emma Light who was attending the meeting said she had asked for one 18 months ago and the results displayed no high percentage of speeding vehicles. Clerk advised he would request all the data for the parish council to view.

155.06 minute 140.12, Temple Bank flag pole and post. Clerk read email from bus infrastructure officer, Highways have been advised but no idea of time before job done. Member of public advised it is now over 3 years since a pole and flag have been requested at that stop. Clerk would keep chasing.

155.07 minute 140.03 Pot holes at Salterwath Close. Clerk had sent detailed email about drainage in the area and the pot holes. Awaiting assessment feedback.

155.08 A temporary low bridge sign down by the school, its significance has been queried by clerk as further down the road was a proper pole and sign advising of the bridge. Clerk awaiting Highways comments.

155.09 Prior to the meeting clerk had walked down A596 and located the large pothole opposite Nos 3 & 5 Moorside and would report them first thing in the morning to Highways.

155.10 There were no reports from the public present for the clerk to action. A fly tipping problem had been reported by a local resident and Allerdale had been and removed the rubbish.

156.00 Police Matters.

156.01 PCSO Emma Light was present and was able to report that apart from the 3 thefts recorded in January, there was nothing else to report for O&A.

156.02 A discussion about parked cars on pavements brought the comment from Emma that the police tended to apply the "wheelchair" approach, if such an item could pass between the vehicle and hedge or wall then in general no ticket would be issued. The chairman thanked Emma for her attendance and she left the meeting at 7.20pm.

157.00 Applications for Development

157.01 No applications, but confirmation of approval of 2 recent approvals by ABC Planning, Application 2/2017/0027, Miller, Allerby Hall, shed for sheep and cattle. Application 2/2017/0033, Hetherington, Blue Dial Farm, conversion of farm building to A1 shop.

158.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors

158.01 CCC Alan Clarke said there was nothing to report as local elections ongoing. However, he did raise the topic of local hospital beds for the older generation.

158.02 At 7.27pm ABC Jim Lister entered the room just in time to advise the parish council that there was nothing to report.

Both councillors were thanked for attending and invited to stay by the chairman, which both did.

159.00 Community Emergency Plan

159.01 Cllr J.C advised that following the article in the last edition of INSIDE Rev Nicola Reynolds had been in contact about the project. He had had a conversation with the lady who has an obvious wealth of experience on the topic and after Cllr J.C completed his report, the council unanimously confirmed their desire he continued discussions with Nicola and a plan was formulated.

160.00 Prospect Village Hall Charitable Status?

160.01 The chairman waived the councils standing orders about public participation to allow Prospect village hall chairman Alan Morris to update the council on the constitution matter and the charitable status. Alan advised the meeting that the village hall committee had been in contact with ACTion Cumbria who had advised about updating the constitution and the parish council would be provided with a copy as soon as it was approved at the next AGM.

160.02 With regard the charitable status, the original charity commission registration had been cancelled back in 1977 due to the hall trading at a loss. ACTion were advising on reregistration as soon as the secretary, who is currently on holiday returned, the matter would be completed and the parish council advised of the registration details. The chairman thanked Alan for attending and updating the situation, the parish council being trustees for Prospect Village Hall.

161.00 Progress Report, Clerk.

161.01 The clerk circulated copies of the 5 items of land/property that the parish council held the deeds for.

Title deed CU241352, Prospect Village Hall. CU117885 Playing field opposite Oughterside Foundation school. CU241347, Allerby Village Green. CU83586, Watson Terrace Wall. CU241328, Pond Green recreation ground. CU118381, Picnic Field. All the original documents are held by Beaty & Co Solicitors in Wigton.

161.02 Clerk advised that Picnic Field was currently rented annually to Michael Rooke a local resident, for £200, he grazed sheep on it and then cut the hay. It was agreed unanimously that the clerk contact Mr Rooke and renew the annual arrangement at the same rent.

161.03 Clerk has established that minute books from 1895 plus other documents including importantly the 1928 and 1952 conveyance documents for Prospect Village Hall, are safely stored at Carlisle Records Office, by Cumbria CC and the reference No for all the documents is SPC 79. All copy documents and the Records Office paperwork would be retained with the annual accounts folder, so that in future years hopefully if details were needed they would be readily to hand.

161.04 Clerk confirmed 2016/17 accounts prepared ready for internal audit which he would organise and then present the accounts at the May meeting.

161.05 Allerby Road End bus shelter now rebuilt, cheque to cover the rebuild costs excluding VAT received from the insurers. Builder's cheque to cover repair to be approved and signed this evening.

161.06 Parish council have purchased a projector and screen for use by all clubs associated with the village hall.

161.07 End of year submissions have been made for tax year 2016/17, P60s printed off and 2017/18 tax year now in force.

161.08 Clerk pointed out due to an error on his part the next meeting date 9th May would host 3 meetings. Not considered best practice but this year must be done. So 7pm will be Ordinary Village Meeting, then that will be followed by parish council AGM and the election of the chairman and signing of declaration of office. Followed immediately by ordinary parish council meeting.

162.00 Councillors Reports.

162.01 Cllr J.C raised the point that he delivered 250 INSIDE mags and would like other councillors to help him for the next issue. This was agreed.

163.00 Correspondence

163.01 Connecting Cumbria have sent leaflets for noticeboards and could something be put in the next parish magazine to promote the availability of fibre broadband in Cumbria.

163.02 Electricity North West have sent payment of £34.87 to cover Wayleave rental.

163.03 Invoice from Printpoint for 400 INSIDE mags, £186.00.

163.04 Invoice received from Community Linc for the annual Parish Council insurance. Renewal premium including Insurance Policy Tax, £669.02. If the PC agreed to 3 years, the annual premium would reduce to £635.57 and if 5 years £602.12.

163.05 Councillors discussed the monetary saving by committing to a long term contract and Cllr L.M proposed the 5 year commitment which was 2nd by Cllr L P-M the vote was unanimous in favour of the proposal.

163.06 External auditors BDO have sent their annual audit package and clerk to present next meeting.

163.07 Allerby Play Group had requested that they place a sign on the play area railings. Clerk had asked about the sort of sign and had been advised professionally produced with standard location wording. Council were happy for the installation but clerk to confirm that there are no sharp edges or protruding bolts on the play area side.

164.00 Cheque Payments for approval.

Cheque No 000294 Printpoint, INSIDE magazine, £186.00

Cheque No 000295 WW Builders Ltd, rebuild bus shelter, £2748.00

Cheque No 000296 M Milner Salary £324.10 Exp' £185.32 Total £509.42

Cheque No 000297 HMRC PAYE £50.00

All approved.

165.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 9th May 2017. It will follow the Village Meeting which will commence at 7pm, that meeting will be immediately followed by Parish Council AGM, then finally the Parish Council meeting, in Prospect Village Hall. Three meetings on the same evening following consecutively.

Meeting closed 8.08pm