

## OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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

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

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

Clerk: Mike Milner

Apologises for absence: None

Members of the public: 3

**297.00 Apologises for absence:** None

**298.00 Declaration of interests:** None

### **299.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

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

### **300.00 Public Participation Session. 15 minutes allowed. Clerk advised: -**

300.01 Clerk reported that finally the bus stop pole and flag plus a timetable board had been erected at Temple Bank bus stop.

300.01 Two items raised at last meeting have their own agenda topics later in the meeting.

300.02 OPARA reported that Home Group had still not responded to the letter about problems in Osbourne Place. Local residents have attempted to rectify the verge problems, but vehicles still parking on them.

300.03 Could the next addition of INSIDE thank local residents who regularly walk down along by the River Ellen and pick up the litter, fast food cartons and drink cartons, obviously thrown from passing vehicles.

300.04 Cleaning of the bus shelter, could the lengthsman be employed to clean it out? Council to investigate the responsibility and workwear required.

300.05 Meadow Bank street name has gone missing could it be replaced. Clerk to contact Allerdale to see if ABC responsibility or Home Group.

300.06 Could the play equipment be updated opposite the school. Comment made that should local group be formed to help raise funds and parish council match fund. Agenda item for May meeting.

300.07 Could there be additional seating in play park area, plus a seat on the River Ellen bank plus down by Beech Hill. Agenda item for next meeting.

### **301.00 Police Matters.**

301.01 There was no police report.

### **302.00 Applications for Development.**

302.01 No development applications.

### **303.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors**

303.01 Cllr J.L (ABC) had nothing to report. Cllr H.G (CCC) commented on the A596 improvements which he was waiting to hear about, plus a new West House Green Gym that he had received funding support for to help less able individuals and those with mental health problems.

Cllr J.L left the meeting at 7.30pm but Cllr H.G (CCC) accepted the chairs offer to remain.

### **304.00 Bollards to delineate verge at Skiddaw View, Oughterside**

304.01 Clerk read email from Highways saying they thought the land was parish land and that any bollards must be 0.5m in from the highway edge and council to be aware of the services that could be buried under the grass.

304.02 After discussion it was decided that perhaps the existing seat and pump could be brought forward from their current location and some planter boxes incorporated.

304.03 clerk and Cllr J.C to discuss the proposals with the owner of Skiddaw View.

### **305.00 Well Lane, Oughterside, name plate and emergency service vehicles.**

305.01 since the last meeting the clerk had got Allerdale's confirmation that a street name sign would be situated at the end of Well Lane. Installation mid July 2018. To get the unnamed section of road between the school and The Manor named as Pitt Lonning would involve 100% commitment by all properties, a £48 per household charge, an admin charge for the council of £240.

305.02 The cost involved and work required was discussed by the council. It pointed out most blocks of properties had identifiable names. As the clerk had received assurances that the police control room were aware of the problems, that CHOC would be told by Cllr L P-M which just left the fire brigade to contact, the issue should be considered resolved.

### **306.00 Village Hall and other parish community projects**

306.01 Cllr A M confirmed that there was a public drop-in organised for 17<sup>th</sup> April from 4pm to 7pm to enable the VHC to gauge what residents would want from a new village hall. Parish councillors will be attending the drop-in session.

### **307.00 Council Vacancies**

307.01 The chair Cllr P.M had announced earlier that he and his wife Cllr L.M would be resigning with immediate effect after this meeting from the parish council, they have bought a property in Scotland and were obviously leaving the area.

307.02 All councillors acknowledged the urgency to find new willing candidates who complied with the criteria to fill the vacancies. The council can have 9 councillors and with the resignations they will be reduced to 4, it requires 3 to be quorate.

307.03 OPARA to use their website to promote volunteers to come forward to be co-opted.

### **308.00 Progress Report, Clerk.**

308.01 further to minute 292.01 the Cumberland Building Society had forwarded a cheque for £13.58, interest earned on the old bank account during the 2017/18 financial year but not credited to the account at the time of closure. Cheque banked into HSBC a/c by clerk.

- 308.02 Clerk circulated the end of year ban reconciliation and draft copy of the external auditor form for 2017/18. Everything in order, he would arrange for internal audit and present audited accounts at the May meeting.
- 308.03 minute 293.01 bin had been emptied in playing field opposite school.
- 308.04 large pot hole by The Manor and pot holes at Salterwath Close had been photographed and reported to Highways.
- 308.05 Clerk read police response to photograph of car blocking a dropped kerb. No offence unless someone cannot physical, at the time, use the kerb.
- 308.06 Clerk instructed to contact Mr Rook about renewing his rental of Picnic Field.
- 308.07 HMRC end of year returns completed for 2017/18.
- 308.08 Still resolving Land Registry entry on Prospect village hall document.

### **309.00 Councillors Reports.**

309.01 Cllr J.C had attended the Three Tiers meeting on behalf of the parish council, he had earlier circulated a copy of the minutes and his precis of the points relevant to the parish council. The street lighting budget could be spent by Nov 2018 based on cut backs.

### **310.00 Correspondence**

- 310.01 Invoice from Printpoint for INSIDE mag £155.00. There would be a price increase to £165.00 for the next issue of 300.
- 310.02 Email from Jim Lister about Leylandii trees in Allerby. Clerk had photographed the trees and responded to the originator of the email. No action.
- 310.03 Allerdale BC had transferred £5286.41 to parish bank account for first half of annual precept.
- 310.04 Cheque received from North West Electric for £34.87 covering Way Leave rental.
- 310.05 Invoice received from Prospect Village Hall £80 to cover Jun '17 to Mar '18 rental.

### **311.00 Payments for approval.**

- IntPay 13 M Milner, Salary, £211.60, Exp 55.80, total £267.40p
- IntPay 14 HMRC PAYE, £22.00
- IntPay 15 Prospect Village Hall, £80.00, 8 months hall hire for parish meetings
- IntPay 16 Printpoint £155.00. April edition of INSIDE 300 copies.
- All approved.

### **312.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018, at Prospect Village Hall, immediately following the Parish Council AGM meeting which will commence at 7pm.**

### **313.00 vote of thanks and appreciation.**

313.01 Cllr John Cowan wished it be recorded that the parish council thank both Peter Milton and Lynn Milton for their contribution to the council during their tenure in office, especially to Peter who had stuck to the massive task of rescuing the parish council from its 8 months of inqurate period, to its current healthy position of serving the community in the manner a proactive parish council should. All councillors and clerk approved with that sentiment.

Meeting closed 8.21pm