

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 11th Dec' 2018

Meeting Opened: The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.03pm.

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

Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: None present

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 2

408.00 Apologises for absence: Mrs P Lukeman (O&A)

409.00 Declaration of interests: None

410.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018.

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

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

411.01 minute 395.02 refers No Through Road post still not repaired at Oughterside, but member of public advised workmen were seen there on Monday.

411.02 Well Road sign still saying Well Lane, clerk to chase

411.03 Cllr J.C had advised clerk River Ellen bank being repaired.

411.04 Cllr J.C had also advised clerk trees had been pollarded along Well Road.

411.05 Oughterside street lights No8 and No20 reported to Highway's for repair, but not their responsibility so clerk had reported to Allerdale B.C and assured they would be repaired.

411.06 Cllr A.M had advised about glass in Pond Green play area, Cllr J.C had cleared up.

411.07 Clerk advised that although River Ellen had been repaired, concerns at another area.

Cllr J.C would try and photograph the area for clerk, but Cllr felt the river was a long way from concerns about the road.

411.08 Drains down from Osbourne Place to Oughterside school need cleaning, clerk to contact Highways.

411.09 Question raised about salt bins, but consensus of opinion was all filled.

412.00 Police Matters.

412.01 PCSO Lisa Jackson had, for second consecutive month, advised through her report that there were no incidents of note for the parish.

413.00 Applications for Development.

413.01 None to report

414.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors

414.01 Neither present to make a report

415.00 Confirm the Precept Figure for year 2019/20

415.01 Resolved that precept figure would remain at £10573.00 for year 2019/20
415.02 Clerk advised that he was currently on £9.74 per hour, all other parish councils he clerk's for pay him at salary scale point SCP23. He asked that the council from April 2019 adjust his salary to that level at O&A and pay him the rate of £11.28 per hour. Salary increase was resolved and clerk to bring a revised contract for signing at February meeting.

416.00 Parish council vacancy.

416.01 Had produced a Christmas edition of the parish magazine INSIDE, and on the inside back page he had again pointed out there are 4 vacancies on the parish council and requested residents to consider joining the parish council.

417.00 Progress Report, clerk

417.01 Clerk circulated copies of examples of new public seats made form recycled plastic. Two examples, all agreed the traditional three seat style with arms at approx. £330 each excluding VAT looked most suitable.
417.02 clerk to establish the method of fixing and then contact local builders for quotes to fix them in various locations, corner by school, Beech Hill and along the river bank.
417.03 All Cllrs to look at possible locations and send pictures to clerk who would clarify suitability with Cumbria CC.
417.04 Clerk handed the INSIDE mags to chair for distribution to Cllrs to deliver to local residents.
417.05 Clerk had circulated copies of possible Speed Display signs for the parish council to purchase and install at either end of the 40mph sections of the A596 as it passes through Prospect.
417.06 Clerk had approached Highway's about allowing them being fitted to lamp posts and the electric supply cost. The council acknowledged that two signs one at each entrance to Prospect village on the A596 would likely cost approximately £5k. Clerk told to pursue the implications and perhaps get firmer purchase price from supplier and also seek more detailed information from Highway's.

418.00 Councillors Reports.

418.01 Cllr A.M advised that there was not much to report from VHC, the kitchen floor under the cooker was to be taken up and the problems under the kitchen floor investigated, cooker being returned and levelled. Clerk had sent details of the National Lottery grant funding details and that would be presented to the VHC at its next meeting.
418.02 Cllr J.C explained what work had been done on River Ellen bank and that river now had a straight course.
418.03 Cllr L.P-M was concerned that the drains along the road from Allerby to A596 at Crosby, especially on the lower straight were blocked, clerk to report.

419.00 Correspondence

419.01 Clerk read a lengthy letter from Allerdale B.C, it is their intention to by June 2019 hand the running cost of street light to parish councils and June 2020 their maintenance as well, which would mean parish councils would have to accommodate that cost into their annual precepts.

419.02 The clerk along with other clerks in Cumbria had taken up the cudgel about this with CALC. The advice was that, *parish councils are statutory local authorities and, as such, they will make the decision on any assets being offered to them when they have all information it needs to make an informed decision.*

419.03 Allerdale B.C has not yet ascertained which lights are theirs and once they have done that, they have to complete a technical survey of the footway lights. That is important because they have to ascertain that all the footway lights are in a fit condition to transfer.

419.04 Clerk to keep parish council advised, because at some stage it will need to increase its precept to cover the additional cost burden.

419.05 Clerk had received a request for a financial grant from St James's church at Hayton as a contribution towards their graveyard maintenance cost, already £1489 this year as there had been additional tree pruning. Clerk advised that last year the parish council granted them £500. Council resolved a similar £500 for this current financial year.

420.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 46 M Milner, Salary, £167.67, Exp 45.90, total £213.57p

IntPay 47 HMRC PAYE, £4.40p

IntPay 48 St James's church, Hayton, grant for graveyard £500.00

All Approved

421.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 7.46pm

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