

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council Meeting held in Prospect Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December 2019.

Meeting Opened: The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

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

Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: None present

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 1

566.00 Apologises for absence: A Markley (ABC) Mrs P Lukeman. Mrs L Wisher.

567.00 Declaration of interests: None.

568.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019.

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

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

569.01 No reports from last meeting and no questions raised

570.00 Police Matters.

570.01 Clerk advised he had, following issues raised about last month's reports, written directly to Inspector Raquel Gale, he would circulate a copy of his original report and her reply yesterday. He had written on behalf of 5 parishes councils he was clerk for.

570.02 The current reports from the Crime Map covered 2 burglaries in Osbourne Place. No report of any property stolen. Police had advised Cllr D V that they would make drive through visits to show a presence.

571.00 Applications for Development.

571.00 No applications or approvals to mention

572.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors.

572.01 None present to make a report.

573.00 Approve Precept for financial year 2020/21

573.01 Clerk circulated his budget figures. Budget discussed and Cllr A M proposed that the precept remain unchanged at £10573.00, seconded by Cllr L P-M and resolved. Clerk to complete form and return to Allerdale.

574.00 Progress reports, clerk

574.01 The leak at Meadow Bank had again been taken up with United Utilities. Clerk had put the item on front page of current INSIDE as it had been subject of a social media exchange and he wanted everyone to know parish council had responded.

574.02 A resident at suggested that the problem could be a broken or removed land drain as he had experienced the very same situation. Cllrs to investigate if any recent building works in the area.

574.03 INSIDE Mag produced and was in process of being distributed. Cllr A M proposed that the individual who compiled the newsletter should be presented with a £50 gift voucher to show the parish council's appreciation of their efforts over the past 12 months. Cllr J C 2nd the proposal, all agreed to the idea and Cllr J C to establish a suitable voucher which clerk would purchase.

574.04 Chair had been involved with social media exchange about parish seats, which clerk had responded to by email, with relevant dates and minute notes.

574.05 ENW had requested by phone to prune trees on Allerby Green around their poles. Clerk had approved work provided the cuttings etc were chipped and removed.

574.06 Clerk was still attempting to get light No12 by school lay-by repaired, it had been repaired and worked for short period, now again not working.

574.07 minute 561.05 refers clerk had established the light in Greenbank Close should have been replaced after removal. That has been promised by CCC Highway's, clerk has email details.

575.00 Councillors Reports.

575.01 Cllr J C was concerned that although some exceptional very heavy rain today the road between Prospect to Pond Green play area in Oughterside was flooded. Drains require unblocking. Clerk to request Highways to attend.

At this point 7.20pm hall lights went out, problems with Prospect and Oughterside electricity supply. Councillors and clerk switched on their emergency torches and phone lighting and continued.

575.02 Cllr A M reported that Prospect village hall had held a very successful clairvoyant's evening.

Mains electricity reconnected.

575.03 Cllr L P-M raised the issue of an additional grit box by Meadow Bank. Cllr L P-M to check levels of grit in Allerby boxes, Cllr J C levels in Oughterside boxes and Cllr A M those in Prospect.

576.00 Correspondence

576.01 Clerk has received correspondence about the legality of providing funds to churches for repairs. He was aware that O&A make annual contribution to St James, Hayton.

However, O&A's grant as far as clerk was concerned was to contribute towards churchyard maintenance of grounds NOT repairs. He was seeking advice from Calc but considered O&A's actions correct.

576.02 Invoices from AT IT Services for 2 years website hosting both £35 per year, total of £70.

576.03 Allerdale Three Tier Docs circulated; Cllr J C attends the meetings on O&A's behalf.

576.04 Tivoli the parishes grounds maintenance contractor at emailed to advise a scammer was circulating councils advising of change of banking details. Details noted.

576.05 Allerdale to charge all parishes for street light electricity from financial year 2021/22. It was thought it would be £30 per light. Allerdale to be responsible for repairs. Clerk awaited further details and number of lights and their location.

576.06 clerk had written to Pond Green play group confirming that O&A would fund match a sum of £3000 towards the new play equipment.

576.07 Invoice received from Printpoint for latest INSIDE £96.

577.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 90 M Milner, Total £251.00, Salary£206.90 Exp £44.10.

IntPay 91 HMRC PAYE, £51.60

IntPay 92 AW IT Services £70, 2 years web hosting charges at £35 per annum

IntPay 93 Printpoint £96, Christmas INSIDE 300 copies

All Approved.

578.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 11th Feb' 2020 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed 7.33pm with full electric power

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