

## OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Meeting Opened: The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.15pm.

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

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

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 2

**332.00 Apologies for absence:** None

**333.00 Declaration of interests:** None

**334.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

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

335.01 Nothing to report from last meeting.

335.02 A member of the public raised the question of the ownership of the play area known as Pond Green and were garages to be built on it. The clerk had a copy of the land registry for the land with him and confirmed that the play area land was owned by Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council. Deed dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Clerk explained that although individuals would be original trustees as they reduced in number it was common practice for a remaining trustee to hand the land ownership to the parish council.

335.03 The council chair advised that there had been no application or approval granted for garages on the land, it was a play area as per the covenant going back to 1928.

**336.00 Police Matters.**

336.01 The new PCSO Lisa Jackson was unable to attend, but she had sent a report which the clerk read out. A reported theft of scrap metal and the PCSO had attended the Oughterside school and talked to the pupils about respect, anti-social behaviour and consequences of breaking the law. All pupils were well behaved during the visit.

**337.00 Applications for Development.**

337.01 No development applications, but clerk had advised Allerdale BC planning that it raised no objections to development 2/2018/0203, The Barn, Orchard Farm House, Allerby.

**338.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors**

338.01 Cllr H.G (CCC) reported on the meeting with Sue Hayman MP at Aspatria but Cllr J.C would make a full report later in the meeting.

338.02 Cllr H.G advised he had obtained grant funding for the Green Gym run by Grow West in Allerby.

Cllr J.L (ABC) joined the meeting at 7.30pm.

338.03 Cllr J.L had nothing to report that concerned O&A council.

Chair advised that the respective Cllrs could leave but she invited them to stay, which they both did.

### **339.00 Inside Magazine content.**

339.01 Clerk advised that he had invited the leaders of the Pond Green play area refurbishment group to attend the meeting, supplying all with copies of the agenda, unfortunately none were present. The Cllrs agreed that the clerk email the individuals and invited them to provide a piece for the next INSIDE to promote their plans and money raising ideas.

339.02 INSIDE to have a short piece saying thanks to all those who have been involved with litter picking across the parish. A copy of the report by John Cowan about the A596 meeting. An article on action the parish council have achieved since the last issue. Slide repair.

Another plea for potential residents to consider coming forward for co-option to the parish council.

### **340.00 Council Vacancies.**

340.01 The agenda item had been fully discussed in the above item so no further discussion.

### **341.00 Progress Report, clerk**

341.01 Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had corresponded with Beaty & Co solicitors about contacting the Coal Authority to establish covenants on the parish owned land opposite the school, currently a football pitch and play area. He had agreed a fee of £100 + VAT for that exercise. The Coal Authority had agreed that they would consider the covenants and lifting or amending them for a new village hall development, however they stipulated that for them to consider that action they were demanding the parish council supply a Coal Mining Risk Assessment for the land.

341.02 The clerk had approached a chartered surveyor to explore the way to achieve this request. After that conversation and a lengthy talk to a local Geo Engineer clerk had circulated a report to the councillors prior to the meeting, with 3 suggested actions. Firstly, clerk was proposing that a chartered surveyor undertake a proper survey of the existing hall at Prospect to establish the true state of the building, what repairs could be undertaken and the lifespan of the building if repairs were viable. Secondly the prospect of demolishing and rebuilding on the current site, with all problems like car parking, but site would be more central in the parish. Thirdly if needs be undertaking a proper geo study as Coal Authority were requesting and see if the covenants would be amended to allow for a development for community use, not commercial gain by private housing.

341.03 The survey of the existing hall would cost £500 + VAT and after discussion Cllr J.C proposed that the cost be met by the parish council as they were asking the village hall committee to undertake the survey, to clarify the state of the building before making any further commitments. All Cllrs agreed and clerk to organise.

- 341.04 Slide at Pond Green repaired at cost of £80 + VAT.
- 341.05 Website all updated with accounts material and data protection documents plus accounts sent to PKF and receipt dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May received acknowledging that fact.
- 341.06 Request for A596 verges at Allerby junctions to be cut, Connect Roads are responsible as major trunk route and they had responded, all now done.
- 341.07 Clerk requested to contact Environmental Agency and Highways about state of River Ellen bank erosion at 2 specific points.
- 341.08 Clerk to get the Lengthsman to paint the cast iron road sign at Allerby and also look at the Pond Green fencing and suggest options.
- 341.09 Clerk had been contacted about a TPO for 6 tall Sycamore trees at the side of Salterwath Close. There is a TPO 4/2005 covering the trees but an approval covered by application 21/07/2014 allowing for crown reduction by 6 mtr. There is no time limit on TPO's so the trees could still be lopped by 6 mtr but they may have grown since August 2014. Clerk advised a new discussion with the planning department at Allerdale BC, there is no charge for such applications.
- 341.10 ISS the company who have the parish grounds maintenance contract have been subject to a management buyout, now called Tivoli. Clerk requested that Cllrs keep an eye on areas involved to ensure no changes to work schedule.

**342.00 Councillors Reports.**

342.01 Cllr J.C had attended the Highways meeting organised by Sue Hayman M.P on behalf of the parish council and that report is to be printed in the INSIDE mag for residents to read. Report attached to end of these minutes.

**343.00 Correspondence**

343.01 Community Lincs had acknowledge parish insurance all paid and a copy of Employers Liability of Insurance received.  
 343.02 ISS invoice covering May £392.89 received for payment.

**344.00 Payments for approval.**

IntPay 21 M Milner, Salary, £250.84, Exp 37.85, total £288.69p  
 IntPay 22 HMRC PAYE, £25.00  
 IntPay 23 ISS Grounds maintenance May £392.89  
 All approved.

**345.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.15pm**

Would all councillors please note the 15 minute later start time. This is due to the hall now being hired between 6pm to 7pm so it is easier to allow the 15-minute gap to allow for setting up for the parish council meeting. This change will apply until further notice.