

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council Meeting held in Prospect Village Hall on Tuesday 11th June 2019.

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

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

Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Cllr T Markley (ABC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 5

487.00 Apologies for absence: None

488.00 Declaration of interests: None.

489.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019.

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

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

490.01 No reports from the last meeting, but he advised that as per minute 474.06 he had confirmation that OPARA residents' association now disbanded.

490.02 Back in August 2018 had reported signage approaching low bridge on the road to Arkleby, advised refurb in 2019 budget. That work now completed, all signage and bridge warning paint work new.

490.03 Public concerned about a branch on tree in the far corner of Oughterside play area, clerk to investigate and photograph. Tree in an area originally planted as a wildlife area.

490.04 Concerns about drainage in that same playing field. Cllrs remarked that there never was proper drainage installed. Cllr L P-M to investigate contractors and likely cost.

490.05 The rubbish bin collection had been very hit and miss since April. Clerk advised that it was a widespread Allerdale problem. This week's collections were as per schedule.

Cllr T M (ABC) joined meeting 7.15pm.

490.00 Police Matters.

490.01 Clerk had spoken in the morning to PCSO Lisa Jackson. No log reports of note.

490.02 with reference to minute 475.02 clerk had contacted the police about possible public order offences. He advised council what constituted a public order offence and was a criminal offence. He appreciated the resident's concerns, but recommended use of smart phone cameras to record video and sound of disturbances. Likewise, state of appearance of resident's and actions if children nearby. They could then be used by police.

490.03 Clerk advised that local residents especially Home Group tenants should report to both the police and Home Group. There would be in the tenancy agreements clauses about social behaviour conditions.

491.00 Applications for Development. None

492.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors

492.01 Cllr T M (ABC) advised that Allerdale was now run by a coalition of the Conservative and Independent councillors. He confirmed the problems being experienced by Allerdale in relation to the refuse collections was widespread across the borough. He noted that there was an agenda item about speed signs and requested to stay to listen to what was said, because he had earlier attended a meeting about the topic.

493.00 Parish seats new placements and replacement of existing ones.

493.01 The clerk was aware of the damage to the 2 seats in the playing field opposite the Oughterside school. He had been and photographed the damage. The metal legged seat had corroded and was now free standing, the timber seat had a rotten and broken front left support leg. He recommended that they were removed as soon as possible. Councillors unanimously agreed to that action. Clerk to organise. Member of the public pointed out there was a brass plaque on the wooden bench and could that be retrieved and put on any replacement seat. Clerk to remove and save plaque.

493.02 Clerk had circulated seat options from 3 different suppliers with quotations, which he had asked the O&A councillors to consider. For purchasing 4 or more seats the prices for seats with arms made from 100% recycled plastic were, £239.20, £245.00 and £258.00 per unit plus VAT. The cheapest quote was from Marmax Recycled Products, which Cllr T M (ABC) advised were the chosen supplier for Silloth, they were set on concrete plinths and had proved very reliable and serviceable. Councillors agreed that they would go with that option of supplier and fixing.

493.03 Cllr J C pointed out that his siting option by the River Ellen was a problem because a willow hedge had been planted which over the years would obscure the view currently available. O&A councillors agreed that by the July meeting the clerk would get 2 quotes for fixing the seats at the locations and that could all be finalised at that meeting.

493.04 Clerk asked if seats could be delivered to Millers Farm, chair to confirm.

494.00 Electronic speed limit signs.

494.01 prior to the meeting clerk had circulated all the graphs and details supplied by Highways concerning the speed and traffic survey carried out in late summer 2017 on the A596 through Prospect. He explained that the survey results at the three survey points indicated that the road was not a notorious speed section, accidents between 2012 to 2019 were recorded as 5 of slight severity.

494.02 O&A had requested that the parish council could install at their own expense electronic speed warning signs, attached to Highways lamp posts and drawing power from them. This proposal had been considered by the Highways committee and rejected.

494.03 The reason for rejection was "there needs to be controls in place so that VAS/SIDs are placed for legitimate reasons." If every parish council installed the signs, they would lose their visual effect. They would be commonplace and ineffectual. No further action.

Cllr T M (ABC) left meeting 8pm

495.00 Car Parking on pavements.

495.01 Clerk made aware of a problem for access past parked vehicles on pavement by Sea View Terrace. The vehicles pass the "wheelchair" test and no further action.

496.00 Next Inside Magazine date and content.

496.01 Clerk had invited Kieron Sutton to attend the meeting as he helps compile the INSIDE magazine. The format for the next issue, which will be distributed by the end of July, will be the A4 by 4 page style.

496.02 Content to include, Pavement parking, result of speed sign request, selection of seat placement and location, village hall refurbishment update, recruitment of helpers for the Pond Green play group project and the need for parish councillors. Clerk and Kieron to liaise on the project.

497.00 Councillor Vacancies

497.01 Chair advised still very difficult in getting local residents interested in becoming parish councillors, position to be again highlighted in INSIDE magazine for July.

498.00 Progress Report, clerk

498.01 as per minute 478.05 clerk had made the accounts return to PKF-Littlejohn and he had received confirmation of receipt and no further action necessary. All in order.

498.02 Clerk had repaired the damage caused by vandalism to the Oughterside parish noticeboard opposite Oughterside school.

498.03 as per minute 482.03 clerk had completed the HSBC Customer Information Review. It had taken him over an hour and he had received that day confirmation that HSBC were happy that all was in order, that the parish council was not dealing with Venezuela, one of the questions and also not laundering money.

498.04 Clerk asked about broadband speeds and supply for Allerby. He had approached Openreach and they should be in a position to respond in 3 months. No more fibre to cabinet installations, all to be fibre to property if funding available.

498.05 Clerk had had report and photographic evidence of tree branches overhanging a tree in Oughterside play area. He had taken his tree pruning equipment and removed the offending branches, seat now useable.

498.06 Data Protection certificate due for renewal and clerk had paid the £40 fee, which was part of his monthly expense claim. He had new certificate.

498.07 report of 2 lights not working down Pit Lonning, which clerk had reported and assumed repaired as Highways advised accordingly and no further report on matter.

498.08 Clerk had received photographic images, 3, of carriageway slippage on the hill from Pond Green play area towards Meadow Bank. Clerk reported to Highways.

499.00 Councillors Reports.

499.01 Cllr J C provided a report on the Salterwath Beck. He had had a meeting with a resident concerned about flooding problems at his property in Well Rod and Barry Bailiff from Highways. The proposed solutions were acceptable and all would have to wait and see what actions Highways takes after it has inspected the gulley using a camera.

500.00 Correspondence

500.01 Letter from Allerdale Citizens Advice asking for a donation to their running cost. No action for the clerk.

500.02 Request from Allerdale BC for all councillors to complete an election expenses form, even though returned uncontested. Clerk had got all councillors to sign the appropriate forms.

500.03 Electronic newsletter from Great North Air Ambulance, circulated to all councillors.

500.04 The Tivoli invoice for £412.52 to cover the monthly grass cutting contract.

501.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 70 M Milner, Total £283.47, Salary£208.37 Exp £75.10.

IntPay 71 HMRC PAYE, £14.60

IntPay 72 Tivoli, £412.52 April grass maintenance.

All Approved

502.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.16pm

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