

## OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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

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

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

Clerk: Mike Milner

Apologises for absence: Cllrs A Morris, Mrs P Lukeman.

Members of the public: 4

**283.00 Apologises for absence:** as noted above.

**284.00 Declaration of interests:** None

#### **285.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

285.01. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr L P-M and seconded by Cllr P.M and unanimously accepted by the council. Chairman signed as a true record.

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

286.01 minute 272.02 refers, additional low bridge sign towards Arkleby, Highways advised that there was a sign by the old Pit Road junction, supplied a photograph and that was sufficient.

286.02 272.07 the S.I.D, the portable speed signs would be made available advising motorists of the 40mph speed limit along Prospect's section of A596. No date agreed.

286.03 275.02 raised the question of new investment on A596 and O&A had asked why not spend the funds on A595. Response from Highways indicated that A596 need some improvements and that A595 had double the traffic usage of the A596 and on A596 the HGV traffic was only 12-14% of total traffic flow.

286.04 272.09 concerned the traffic driving on the grassed kerbs on the Arkleby road towards Oughterside school. Highways acknowledged that traffic should not park or drive on the grassed areas but they could not control such problems and there was no funding to install a section of kerbing to reduce the problem.

286.05 clerk had since the last meeting had an email from a resident about the dropped kerbs for Osbourne Place, he had again tackled Highways on the problem and had an email confirming it would be a project for this coming financial year, but subject to assessment and funding.

286.06 Same resident had raised the issue of overgrown and rubbish strewn pavement down to the school. The matter had been passed on to Better Highways department, but Linda Snowdon advised the meeting that she and her niece had cleared the pavement. Chair Cllr P.M thanked her for her public spiritedness.

286.07 clerk still had the request for an additional rubbish bin placement to resolve in the Oughterside area.

286.08 new resident of Skiddaw View had enquired about placing posts around the grassed area in front of his property to stop vehicles driving across it. Clerk had asked Highway's for their comments but none received so far.

286.09 Linda Snowdon has made available letter for Osbourne Place residents to sign and send off to Home Group about the parking problems there.

286.10 Gladys Hunter wanted to know if the INSIDE magazine could include more detail of what actions the parish council had carried out to keep residents informed of the work that goes on behind the scenes.

286.11 The Pit Lonning road and Well Lane share the same postcode and it caused problems for the emergency service vehicles. Clerk requested to tackle ABC about the problem and could a street name Well Lane be provided to help emergency services.

286.12 Clerk confirmed that street light outside Hillcrest House, West Moor End working.

### **287.00 Police Matters.**

287.01, No police presence, PCSO Catherine Keevil sent her apologies and advised clerk of no local incidents to report from the logs. She would try to attend April's meeting.

### **288.00 Applications for Development.**

288.01 application 2/2017/0005 for outline planning permission at the Grahams Garage location had been approved by ABC.

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

289.01 Cllr J.L ABC advised the meeting that apart from the budget being approved and the council tax rate set at a 4.5% increase, there was nothing else to report. He was invited to stay by the chair and said he would.

### **290.00 Village Hall and Other Parish Community Projects.** Working group.

290.01 Clerk read email from Cllr A.M who is also chair of the Prospect VHC. It advised that the VHC have arranged for a drop-in meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April, between 4 to 7pm in the village hall.

290.02 Cllrs discussed the position and decided that before progressing the matter any further they would attend the drop-in session to get the feedback of those attending. However, as the INSIDE parish magazine was currently being compiled, they would give major prominence to the drop-in on the back page in bold and colourful print to promote the interest of the local residents.

### **291.00 Councillor vacancies.**

291.01 Cllr P.M advised that the search for volunteers to join the parish council would go on with urgency and clerk to use INSIDE as a method of promoting the local parish residents' awareness of the situation.

### **292.00 Progress Report, Clerk.**

292.01 Clerk had written to the Cumberland Building Society confirming that the account at its Aspatria branch was now closed and thanked them for the facility over the years.

292.02 Clerk apologised for not yet completing the land registry document changes, but he would treat the matter with urgency now.

292.03 Clerk advised the council that Kieron Sutton, editor of INSIDE, was in attendance and chair asked for an update. There were 4 pages to left to fill.

292.04 clerk to write 2 pages about the council's actions over the past few months, so residents could see what was done. Minute 286.10 earlier would then have been actioned.

### **293.00 Councillors Reports.**

293.01 Cllr J.C reported that Well Lane, Pitt Lonning especially by Salterwath Beck and up by the Manor were areas of road badly potholed. Clerk to advise Highways. He also said the waste bin just inside the playing field gate by the school, close to village noticeboard, was full. Clerk to report.

293.02 Cllr L P-M reported that she had seen a vehicle blocking the dropped kerbs at Meadow View. Clerk advised if Cllrs took pics of the offending vehicles with number plate on display and sent to him, then he would forward to the police for the issue of the appropriate traffic offence tickets.

### **294.00 Correspondence**

294.01 Letter from ISS Facility Services advising the grounds maintenance contract would increase by 3% this year to £1964.43 ex VAT. Cllrs approved the new contract price and would clerk confirm to ISS.

294.02 Letter from Sue Hayman M.P for Workington asking if the chair or a representative would like to be involved in discussions about the A596. Clerk to email councils interest.

294.03 Clerk is heavily involved with the new data Protection legislation which comes into force on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. He was taking appropriate action.

294.04. Letter from Prospect VHC advising that the hall insurance was due for renewal. This year they have changed insurer and saved over £100. Renewal premium £968.66 and PC normally pay 50%. Council approved unanimously to authorise a payment of £484.33.

### **295.00 Payments for approval.**

IntPay 10 M Milner, Salary, £163.02, Exp 41.39, total £204.41p

IntPay 11 HMRC PAYE, £9.80

IntPay 12 Prospect Village Hall, £484.33 half of Prospect VH Insurance renewal.

All approved.

### **296.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 7pm at Prospect Village Hall.**

Meeting closed 7.51pm