

OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 12th Mar' 2019

Meeting Opened: The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.09pm.

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

Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Cllr J Lister ABC

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 4

438.00 Apologies for absence: A Morris (O&A)

439.00 Declaration of interests: None

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

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

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

441.01 Highway's have confirmed that Job No W1980954795 the leak at the Give Way signs on Meadow Bank was considered closed. Clerk advised that he had checked the road way earlier in the month and no apparent leak.

441.02 Cllr J.C and member of the public both confirmed running water over the past few days. Council concluded that perhaps recent heavy rain had caused water table to rise. No further action at present due to no fear of frost and therefore ice.

441.03 minute 425.08 hedge trimmings on the carriageway between Osbourn Place and school all cleared away by ABC.

441.04 with reference to 425.10 clerk had twice contacted Allerdale Environmental Health about the smoke issue, with no response not even an acknowledgement. Clerk to forward the emails to Cllr J.L (ABC) to investigate the problem.

441.05 Clerk received an email about 4 broken fence posts at the playing field by the school. He had photographed them and circulated, Cllrs agreed get price for repair.

441.06 Member of the public complained that road side gulley outside Sea View Terrace blocked and opposite Linda Snowdon's bungalow entrance. Clerk to report.

441.07 Clerk requested to investigate the supposed street light attached to The Miners Arms, but never worked.

442.00 Police Matters.

442.01 Clerk provided with a police log report that showed a report of criminal damage to a vehicle windscreen on 11th Feb, but no evidence leads. No Cllr reports to feed back.

443.00 Applications for Development.

443.01 One development FUL/2019/0025 Stone Croft, Allerby. Cllrs discussed the demolition of the existing building and replacement with a new build. Although a new build not of old style, council approved with no objections.

444.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors

444.01 Cllr J.L advised the council of the new stadium being proposed in Workington and the financial implications. He also advised that he had contacted Highway's about the pot holes along Pit Lonning and they had been filled in.

Chair invited him to remain for the remainder of the meeting but he left at 7.28pm

445.00 Update of Prospect Village Hall kitchen floor now floor lifted and structural report. Further financial assistance.

445.01 Clerk had received a report from Walton Goodland, who had again been represented by Peter Deeks, after his visit to the Prospect Village Hall on 6th March to meet the contractor Robert Johnston and committee members plus the clerk at 8am.

445.02 The extent of the timber rot was far worse than had been envisaged and the walls on two sides of the kitchen area were also badly rotted. The report had been considered by the VHC and seen by councillors.

445.03 All details of the report were considered and input from VHC members present invited by the chair. The bottom line is that from the accounts made available for the past 12 months the building is obviously profitable, well supported by sections of the community and therefore an important part of the community as an amenity.

445.04 Councillors agreed that from the figures being mentioned the repair could not be covered by village hall funds on the initial 50/50 split proposed. Councillors resolved to accept that it may well need a 70/30 split to cover the works and that they would do that based on the figures in the report before them from Walton Goodland dated 12th March 2019.

445.05 The current contractor was not *au fait* with the method of repair required for the walls and was not keen to continue without drawings and some practical guidance. Clerk to arrange for the contractor to meet with structural engineer again to resolve his concerns.

445.06 Council discussed possible alternative meeting venues in the parish. The school was suggested, but Cllr J.C, himself a school governor, pointed out that in this day and age access to school buildings was now very security conscious and accreditation of individuals was a protracted exercise. The discussions just confirmed the importance of getting the current hall up and running as soon as possible.

445.07 Clerk was presented with the contractor's invoice 0496 for £1272.00 for work and materials to date.

446.00 Seat Bench map update.

446.01 Cllr J.C had provided a couple of maps and locations for proposed seats.

Unfortunately, they when printed did not provide the true position. He would resubmit them but using O/S maps as the base and acknowledge their use. Kieron Sutton who compiles the INSIDE mag was happy with the suggestion.

447.00 INSIDE magazine content.

447.01 Councillors discussed the magazine content, clerk had already forwarded some content to Kieron over the next couple of weeks the various other articles plus an update on the village hall refurbishment would be provided.

448.00 Parish council vacancy.

448.01 Chair confirmed that the vacancies would be promoted in the INSIDE magazine.

449.00 Progress Report, clerk

449.01 Clerk read an email from Highway's to which minutes 433.01 and 417.06 referred concerning the councils request to put electronic speed awareness signs on lamp posts on A596 using the power from the light to run them. The request is to be considered at the next Highway's CRASH committee meeting.

449.02 Clerk advised he had been as minute 445.00 reported, busy with the village hall flooring problem, coming over immediately when the seriousness of the situation established, and arranging an urgent meeting with the structural engineer.

449.03 Clerk had renewed the McAfee Anti-Virus software on the O&A laptop, cost is in his expenses, £9.99 for 12 months.

450.00 Councillors Reports.

450.01 Cllr J.C reported that street light No8 between Meadow Bank and Pond Green still not repaired and that now its protective glass is missing.

450.02 Law has changed about parking by dropped kerbs put in specifically at road junction for use by wheelchair users and pushchairs. Now it is obstruction even if no one wants to use the facility, therefore could that be added to INSIDE as an item, Cllrs requested.

451.00 Correspondence

451.01 Community Lincs the parish council's insurance broker for the parish insurance have written to advise that the underwriters Zurich are taking all the business back in house so he was awaiting correspondence from Zurich about the renewal.

451.02 Numerous correspondence about the May 2nd elections and he had all the nomination forms to complete after this meeting.

452.00 Payments for approval.

IntPay 52 M Milner, Salary, £158.87, Exp 63.90, total £222.77p

IntPay 53 HMRC PAYE, £2.00p

IntPay 54A R Johnston £499.00 part of £1272.00. Prospect floor repair to date

IntPay 54B R Johnston £499.00 part of £1272.00.

IntPay 54C R Johnston £274.00 final part of £1272.00

Prospect Village Hall 50% of insurance renewal £479.42 however as the initial contactors invoice ex VAT is £1060 and VHC due to pay 50% or £530 the parish council will pay all the contractor's invoice and not pay the insurance contribution, but not request the balance of £50.58 from the village hall.

All Approved

453.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.13pm