

## OUGHTERSIDE AND ALLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

### The minutes of Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council Meeting held in Prospect Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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

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

Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors:

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public: 4

**535.00 Apologises for absence:** A Markley (ABC)

**536.00 Declaration of interests:** None.

#### **537.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

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

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

538.01 Clerk had no outstanding reports. Public asked if clerk had police report that included the theft of a quad bike and a van in the local area. Clerk advised no. Cllr A.M advised that the thieves who had stolen the quad bike had been caught, they left a mobile phone behind, the gang were from Doncaster.

538.02 Question raised about a defibrillator being made available locally. Cllr A.M responded that as he was chair of Prospect village hall committee, he saw no reason for one not being made available on the village hall. There had been one on the Miners Arms in the past. There were funds still available in the Opara resident's association account and their use for such a community would be excellent. Cllr J.C remarked that perhaps the parish council could pay a token annual account sum to cover the cost of the electricity. Cllr A.M to investigate the defibrillator issue.

538.03 Issue of state of the car park at the end of Sea View Terrace. Clerk advised not the responsibility of the parish council, it would be private individuals who owned the properties or the housing association.

#### **539.00 Police Matters.**

539.01 clerk read out two incidents recorded for August, one at Salterwath Close and another at Osbourne Place. He did point out to the meeting that the conclusion of no action and wording was identical, so it would appear that copy and paste was the procedure.

#### **540.00 Applications for Development.**

540.01 clerk advised no planning applications. Cllr J.C advised that by Meadow Bank there was a notice about a planning development. It was agreed that it would probably apply to the renewal of an outline permission for 30 homes, but not yet proceeded with.

**541.00 Matters concerning Borough and County Councillors.**

541.01 None present to make a report.

**542.00 Parish Seats, update.**

542.01 Clerk updated the council that the 5 seats had been ordered and were now at Millers Farm awaiting installation. Clerk had driven around the 5 chosen sites with the builder and they would be installed shortly as soon as the weather permitted.

542.02 Cllr J.C in an amusing interlude explained how he would like the seat at Beech Hill to be placed around the corner. Clerk confirmed that if the seat can be positioned a minimum of 1m back from the road side, then it could be moved 50m around the corner. Cllr J.C to visit the proposed site and provide photos to clerk.

7.25pm Cllr Jim Lister entered the meeting. He does not represent O&A anymore but he offered apologise for Cllr A.M (ABC). He advised the council that Highways engineer Andrew Harrison had been in contact and advised that the gully under Salterwath Beck was blocked solid, but before the culvert could be cleaned the pond in the field opposite would require cleaning out again. Jim Lister will do that and let Andrew Harrison know when work completed. That should allow the water flow through the beck and stop the silting etc. Jim Lister left the meeting 7.28pm.

**543.00 Parish Councillor co-option.**

543.01 Prior to the evening the clerk had circulated details of the two ladies who had put themselves for co-option, Denise Volkarts and Lorna Wisher. The councillors agreed that they would welcome the new members to the council and Cllr A.M proposed their co-option and Chair Cllr L P-M seconded the proposal. They were elected unanimously. Clerk invited Cllr D.V to join the councillors and got her to sign her acceptance of office declaration, before presenting her with a copy of the Good Councillors Guide. L.W will sign her declaration at the November meeting as illness prevented her attending this meeting. Chair welcomed the new councillor.

**544.00 INSIDE Magazine. Content for early December distribution.**

544.01 Kieron Sutton who edits the magazine for the parish council was present. It was decided that an article and pictures of the new seats would be appropriate, also the opportunity to introduce the 2 new parish councillors. Various ideas were considered and clerk and Kieron would liaise between now and the November meeting. The magazine to be completed by end of November for distribution early December. A4 4 page format full colour.

**545.00 Progress reports, clerk**

545.01 following on from minute 530.02 the clerk had read through the new Financial Code provided by NALC via CALC. It did not differ much from the one agreed in 2018, but he would circulate before the next meeting and get it ratified in November. That would ensure the council had completed its obligation to annually reaffirm its financial assessment position.

545.02 Clerk advised that all other matters he had been dealing with had been dealt with by other agenda items.

### **546.00 Councillors Reports.**

546.01 Cllr A.M enquired about fitting of SID's down by the road past the Oughterside playing field, requesting vehicles to slow down, and also down by Beech Croft. Clerk would look at both sites, inspect the sign used at Arkleby and then again contact Highways. Concerns were raised that other village could have these signs, but not O&A. Clerk thought A596 being Connect jurisdiction probably had a bearing on the CRASH committee declining the SIDs on A596 through Prospect.

546.02 Cllr J.C raised two issues. One concerned two street lights not working which the clerk would check on his way home after the meeting and raise defect reports if appropriate. The second issue raised by Cllr J.C concerned the bus shelters by the Miners Arms and those folk waiting in them on rainy days having a problem seeing or checking if the bus was coming, with the result passengers waiting to join the bus were getting wet. Cllr J.C used excellent head movements and actions to demonstrate the problems, his antics caused much amusement and he was booked as the entertainment at Pensioners Christmas party. At the end of the day the shelters are set where they are and no real suitable solution could be thought of, but clerk would ask bus company for any suggestions to resolve the issue.

546.03 Cllr L.P-M requested that the drain at Allerby Road end be cleaned as it is continually flooding.

### **547.00 Correspondence**

547.01 clerk had circulated the North West Coastal Access report

547.02 clerk had circulated updated Sellafield Radioactivity report.

547.03 Allerdale had advised that 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of precept had been sent to O&A bank via BACS, £5286.50 which clerk confirmed had been received.

547.04 The Allerdale Council plan had been circulated for 2020/30 councillors had until 7<sup>th</sup> November for their comments if they so wished.

547.05 Great North West Air Ambulance had submitted their annual request for a donation. O&A normally granted £100. This figure had been fixed for a number of years. Cllr L. P-M proposed it be increased to £200, which was seconded by Cllr J.C and unanimously agreed.

547.06 Clerk had received a letter from ACTs about their Neighbourliness campaign. Cllrs J.C and D.V requested the electronic links.

### **548.00 Payments for approval.**

IntPay 81 M Milner, Total £190.24, Salary£151.34 Exp £38.90.

IntPay 82 HMRC PAYE, £37.80

IntPay 83 Great North West Air Ambulance, £200.00 donation

Councillors agreed that clerk could pay the Marmex Ltd invoice totalling £1620.00 when received for the 5 parish benches, fixings, delivery and VAT when it was received. That was the agreed quotation price and seats and fixing all delivered.

All Approved.

### **549.00 Date and time of next meeting, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov' 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Meeting closed at 7.48pm