

Buttermere Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Buttermere Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th May 2018 at Old School Room, Buttermere at 7.15pm.

Meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs R Beard (chair), Y Kahane, A Beard, E Beard,

District and County Councillors: Alan Bowness (CCC). Cllr Tony Annison (ADC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Apologises for absence: Cllr M Richardson (BPC) Cllr G Evans (BPC) Cllr L Kyle (BPC)

54.00 Appoint a chairman for the coming year.

54.01 Cllr A Beard nominated Cllr R Beard and Cllr Y Kahane seconded. Cllr R Beard accepted.

55.00 Appoint a vice chairman for the coming year.

55.01 Cllr M Richardson in his absence the previous vice chair was nominated by Cllr R Beard and seconded by Cllr Y Kahane. Agreed unanimously

56.00 Declaration of interest.

56.01 None declared.

57.00 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held 5th Dec' 2017 and emergency planning held 27th February 2018.

57.01 The minutes were approved.

58.00 Police report

58.01 There was no report from the police, clerk up dated the information available from the Cumbria police website, but like the chairman's report only up to March 2018.

59.00 Applications for developments.

59.01 clerk reported that 7/2017/2308 Hassness Guest House had been granted approval for conditions 4 & 10, surface water and timber cladding. The same property was also subject to 7/2018/2005 and granted approval for a new treatment plant. Development 7/2018/2019 proposed by National Trust for change of use from residential to holiday let at Wilkinsyke Cottage was not yet determined.

59.02 Clerk has attended on 9th May a Planning site meeting at Honister Slate Mine on behalf of the parish council. He was the only representative from interested parties. Questions asked and Honister Slate Mine are to provide more details. LDNPA have advised the panel will not be able to meet to discuss this development until August.

60.00 County and District Councillors reports

60.01 Cllr T A (ABC) advised that he was on 2 committees Audit and Development. Not much to report but he would liaise with the clerk and support the objections to the Zip wire being proposed at Honister Slate Mine.

60.02 Cllr A B (CCC) advised the road works for Whinlatter Pass have now been delayed until end of the summer, September, because of inconvenience to holiday traffic. Funding available for refurbishing old cast iron finger posts.

Chairman thanked both for their contributions and did they wish to stay for the rest of the meeting. Cllr A B (CCC) left the meeting 7.30pm

61.00 Receive and approve accounts for the financial year 2017/18.

61.01 Clerk distributed copies of accounts and bank rec' for the year to March 2018, explained that new external government auditors PKF Little-John and they had changed all the reporting procedures. As parish council does not receive income or have expenditure that exceeds £25k for the year no need to provide anything other than a signed "certificate of exemption" to PKF.

61.02 Chair and clerk signed the exemption certificate.

61.03 Clerk displayed the Internal auditors signed report.

61.04 Clerk ran through boxes on Governance statement, ticked all 8 YES boxes as appropriate then chair and clerk signed the form.

61.05 Accounting statement, of which councillors had a copy, was then signed by chair and clerk. The variance report was then explained. All documents to be sent to PKF where appropriate and put up on the parish council website.

62.00 Approve the data protection policy.

62.01 The new data protection legislation came into force on 25th May and clerk had circulated copies of the data protection policy that the council were to adopt as well as the Privacy Policy which was to go on the website. After a brief discussion both documents approved.

63.00 Progress Report, clerk

63.01 As per minute 038.02 clerk had written to LDNPA registering Buttermere's concerns and objections to the Thirlmere Zip Wire development. Application since withdrawn by the applicant.

63.02 minute 039.01 clerk had tackled Highways about problems highlighted by Cllr Y K after he and Cllr had walked around the village. There were still issues to resolve, but they were part of Highways bigger work schedule and involved potential road closures. However, it was agreed that clerk would in September try and get Highways to agree to an early November sweeper visit to clear the autumnal leaves that clog the gutters and drains and contribute to the flooding problems.

63.03 Clerk had received a phone call from Borrowdale PC about them providing social housing for Honister Slate Mine workers, but the promised email about the project had not yet materialised.

63.04 Clerk had been engaged in the project to get the finger post pointing to Keswick via Honister replaced with a replica antique style substitute. He had found a company in Buxton got a quote and contacted Highways Department. He had that afternoon received an email from Highways, which he read out, confirming that Highways had ordered the replacement finger and it would be fitted and replaced at Cumbria Count Council expense.

63.05 All councillors present looked forward to it being replaced and clerk to thank lady in Highways for the information.

63.05 Buttermere parish insurance due for renewal 1st June. Last year's premium £204.29, clerk had obtained a quote for £183.86 from BHIB and one from Community Lincs for £160.65. If the council would except a 5-year inflation proofed policy term the premium would reduce to £144.59p, subject to IPT changes. Council approved the 5-year term with Community Lincs. Premium paid annually not one lump sum figure.

63.06 McAfee internet security renewed £17.99

64.00 Buttermere Councillors reports.

64.01 Chair pointed out that the phone box at Lanthwaite Farm lay-by was in a very poor state of repair. It was an eyesore and could it not be removed? Cllr Y K advised that First Responders were considering its conversion and use as an emergency defibrillator station.

64.02 Clerk to take photographs on way home after meeting. Cllr Y K to establish if wanted by First Responders, if not agreed clerk contact BT and get the phone box removed.

64.03 Cllr Y T provided a report on Melbreak Communities contributions to the community. More details available on the website link. Hydro-snakes and bags had been very successful and telephone tree was working. Discussion about Hydro Electric Power using Millbeck through Buttermere. Funding for feasibility on 3 possible options being considered. Project still at early stages. Still major concerns about government funding for project to explore nuclear waste underground.

65.00 Correspondence.

65.01 Letter received from CALC, renewal subscription for year £111.00. Approved

65.02 Allerdale BC have paid £713.25 precept and 76p grant for the first half year.

65.03 Much correspondence from PKF about new accounts system, plus offers of data protection legislation training and an email about Smoke Free Allerdale 2018.

66.00 Payments for approval.

30 May 2018, Intpay 14 M Milner, Total £154.22. Salary £66.88 Exp Dec '17-May '18 £87.34

30 May 2018, Intpay 15 HMRC PAYE £16.80

30 May 2018, Intpay 16 Calc, annual subscription £111.00

30 May 2018, Intpay 17 Community Lincs, £144.59 parish insurance inc IPT at 12%

All approved, payments made since Dec 2017, clerks salary and PAYE, Dec 2017 Intpay 4

£67.08, Intpay 5, £16.60, Jan 2018 Intpay 6 £66.88, Intpay 7 £16.80, Feb 2018 Intpay 8

£66.88, Intpay 9 £16.80, March 2018 Intpay 10, £67.80, Intpay 11 £16.60, April 2018

Intpay 12 £67.08, Intpay 13 £16.60. 5 months salary only payments as approved.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

67.00 Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 4th September 2018 7.30pm at Old School Room, Buttermere.