

LORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 5th Sept' 2018

Meeting opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs C Poate (chair), Mrs G Postlethwaite (vice chair), P Deeks, N Young, J Cruickshank, S Irlam.

Cumbria County Councillor and Allerdale District. T. Annison (ABC)

Clerk: Mike Milner, 2 members of the public

Apologises for absence: A. Bowness (CCC)

76.00 Apologises for absence

76.01 Apologises as noted above.

77.00 Declarations of interest. None

78.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting of Lorton parish council held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

78.01 Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Clerk clarified outstanding salary payment and HMRC PAYE. Minute 88.07 refers

79.00 Public Participation.

79.01 Derek Poate, representing the Yew Tree Hall management committee explained the contents of a letter sent to the parish council. To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War on Friday 9th/Saturday 10th November they propose to have 3 film shows and a commemorative afternoon tea on Saturday 10th. He requested a grant of £200 from the parish council to defray costs for family involvement.

79.02 after a discussion of what the PC could do, knowing there were to be further discussions to be held at agenda item 12, the council approved the £200 grant.

79.03 A member of the public had three points he wanted to raise. First was a blocked gully that he had been trying to resolve since November 2017. It was agreed that he would provide the clerk with the Highways job number and clerk would investigate and report back.

79.04 Second point was the safety of Boon Beck Bridge. Clerk was able to advise that he had a written assurance that the bridge was structurally sound, no risk to public safety. He and the council requested that the clerk ask for warning signage as to the state of the bridge and its width.

79.05 Final point concerned the village pound wall, when was it to be repaired? Clerk confirmed he had now got three quotes and would in the next couple of days submit them to the milk tanker's insurers AXA for their comments.

80.00 Police Matters.

80.01 Clerk had a comprehensive report from PCSO Megan Jones. At the end of which Cllr P.D requested that PCSO was thanked for her report. He requested could they be circulated before the meeting, but clerk advised it depended on PCSO shifts and rest days as to when he received the reports they could be the day of the meeting.

80.02 No reports back to police, but clerk reminded councillors next 10 weekly meeting is at Cockermouth police station 16th October between 7-8pm.

81.00 Planning Applications.

81.01 7/2018/2196 Corner House, High Lorton, change of internal shower.

81.02 7/2018/2225 Harrot Hill Farm, Lorton. New crop store

81.03 7/2018/2185 Vale Cottages, Low Lorton. Replacement sash windows.

All three developments were approved by Lorton parish council, clerk to advise accordingly.

81.04 clerk advised that 7/2018/2132, Gillbrow, High Lorton, app approved and also

7/2018/2120 High Mill Barn, High Lorton app approved.

82.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors.

82.01 Cllr T.A (ABC) was present, he advised that he was now leader of the opposition at Allerdale, confirmed which committees he was on, and that there was nothing of real significance to report concerning Lorton.

83.00 Parish council co-option.

83.01 clerk confirmed he had carried out all the legal requirements and had the appropriate authority from the Allerdale returning officer to co-opt a new councillor.

83.02 Chair, Cllr C.P, had received an email from Pam Jaques which had been circulated to all councillors, this confirmed a desire to fill the vacancy. After a short discussion by Cllrs it was approved that clerk should write to Pam Jaques confirming her success at being co-opted and requesting she attend the next meeting in November to formally accept the office of councillor.

84.00 Approve Lorton parish council planning procedure document.

84.01 LDNPA have changed as of 1st August 2018, how they will distribute future development papers advising of proposed applications. There will no longer be any paper copies circulated to parish councils or neighbours of the applicant. Parish councils will receive an email with a link to all documents, which clerks will circulate. LDNPA will put site notices on post(s) in the local area and it will be up to residents and neighbours to contact LDNPA or visit their website for further details.

84.02 The proposed clerk's procedure document was fully explained and discussed and approved as the procedure to be followed by Lorton. Clerk will put it on the Lorton Website section of the Melbreak community's website enabling residents to view the changes.

85.00 Ash tree felling in school grounds

85.01 Chair, Cllr C.P, had been contacted about the urgency to fell the ash tree growing beside one of the school buildings. A recommended tree surgeon confirmed the urgency and quoted a price of £450 and it would be felled before the school term restarted.

85.02 Chair confirmed with clerk that the quote was acceptable, and work was authorised. On its completion Cllrs arranged for the tree to be logged, by volunteers, using a log splitter which produced 76 bags and one dumpy bag. A local resident offered to pay £200 and remove all the smaller bags. The logs have been moved and clerk had £200 in cash to bank. Remaining large bag sold for £20. A big thank you to the log splitting volunteers.

86.00 Newsletter feedback, publication dates and style.

86.01 New matt paper finish was acceptable, and half the cost of the previous newsletter. Clerk brought along some A5 style newsletters, but all agreed the current A4 folded presentation was perfect.

86.02 Next edition Christmas, then Easter and then Summer 2019.

87.00 WW1 soldier silhouette and community festival.

87.01 The community festival had already been discussed at public participation. So, no further comment.

87.02 The silhouettes seen about the local communities are available from British Legion and cost £250. There was a discussion about where one could be located, there is no war memorial, just one war grave in the church yard. It was decided that having donated £200 to the community centennial celebration of WW1, that was a much better use of funds therefore no soldier silhouette would be purchased.

88.00 Progress reports, clerk

88.01 Pound Wall, clerk has got 3 quotes, £1000, £475, and £400. He would forward to AXA insurance for their consideration.

88.02 Davis Brindle had repaired three of the parish benches, submitted his bill for £250 and Cllr P.D would look at the remaining 10 benches and report back as to which should be next phase for repair.

88.03 Clerk was consulting with LDNPA over two long outstanding building developments that were currently unfinished and no activity on site. He had requested the issue of 215 enforcement notices. On going situation.

88.04 Boon Beck Bridge, a safe structure, see 79.04, clerk will pursue signage, but advised repair to be done 2019/20 financial year.

88.05 Clerk has obtained the website link for up dating The Link diary section and also got agreement to provide 500 words per edition.

88.05 Cllrs N.Y and J.C are to attend councillors training course on 10th September organised by Calc and then a planning course being held on 19th September, clerk also attending planning course.

88.06 minute 66.01 refers, clerk had received photographs from Cllr J.C of the 6 vintage cast iron finger post signs and forwarded them to Highways to ensure they are on their register and are correctly maintained.

88.07 Government Gateway account opened for HMRC PAYE etc, but to transfer from the previous clerk needs a new password, which is sent for security to old clerk for posting on to new clerk. Unfortunately, password lost in post, hence payment problems. Clerk resolving.

89.00 Lorton Councillors reports.

89.01 Cllr N.Y queried who was responsible for cutting the School Field as it is uncut, he commented young children could be lost in the grass at current length. Chair to contact the school headmistress, Olivia Harrison.

89.02 Cllr J.C raised the issue of the building site opposite Brackenrigg, site hours and dust and noise. Clerk to check out agreed site procedures.

89.03 Cllr J.C also raised the problems with sight lines for drivers of tractors and lorries caused by the overhanging tree growth at the bottom of Meadow Bank. Clerk requested that someone just take some photos and email them to him. He would then contact Highways for their input before contacting local residents.

90.00 Correspondence.

- 90.01 Invoice from Precision Trees £450.00
- 90.02 Invoice from David Brindle £250.00
- 90.03 Letter from Calc advising recalculation of subs for next year, new figure 2019/20 £105.26, current year 2018/19 paid £137.00
- 90.04 Letter from Citizens Advice requesting a funding donation. Refused.
- 90.05 Invoice from Printpoint £48.00
- 90.06 Email from Adrian Jones about Whinlatter Larch Disease and treatment.
- 90.07 Braithwaite Bridge to closed for 12 weeks, details circulated.
- 90.08 numerous emails about Tour of Britain.
- 90.09 LDNP advising of Whinlatter footpath closures 9/3/19 for Malcolm Wilson Rally.
- 90.10 Calc executive committee vacancy, particulars circulated to Cllrs that morning for them to apply if they wished.

91.00 Payments for Approval

- Precision Tree Services Intpay5 £450.00 Felling ash tree
 - Printpoint Intpay6 £48.00 Summer edition of parish newsletter
 - Bigfoot H Davidson Intpay7 £350.00 Grounds maintenance July/Aug
 - David Brindle Intpay8 £250.00 repairs to 3 parish benches
 - M Milner Intpay9 £303.10, salary £265.30 Expenses 37.80
 - HMRC PAYE Intpay10 £66.20
- All approved

Meeting closed 9.04pm

97.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm