

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 11th of January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: G Thomlinson, S Young, S Collins, D Fairbairn, K Oliver & N Quayle.
Also present: E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

1.1 Chairman's announcements

No announcements received.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Benson & Todhunter and PCSO Irving.

1.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr Thomlinson item 1.16 – Governor.

1.4 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

1.5 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of November 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

1.6 Adjournment of the meeting

It was noted that a hole from the installation of the UU Sewage System had still not been resolved satisfactorily and there was now a problem with a manhole cover.

1.7 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – an emailed report received from PCSO 5351 Irving apologised for not being able to attend the meeting and stated that there had been one incident reported to the police since the last parish council meeting. An overview of the incident was; on the 23rd of December the police received a report of a ramp being left on a road. This was after road works had been completed in the area. Concerns were raised regarding there being no signage alerting vehicles to the ramp. Highways were contacted and attended to make the area safe.

Report from the County Councillor – Cllr Fairbairn reported that he would have expected that everyone would have forwarded their thoughts on the County Council budget proposal. Not much will be affected in this area however; bridges that are down due to the floods will be a long term problem. People who move 'road closed' signs and go through are taking a risk. A lot of the bridges that are not repaired now will not be repaired until 2017 as the work has to be carried out at a certain time – Environmental Agency stipulations. There will be arguments over the repairing of stone built bridges as it is not practical to repair them to as they were. The Internal Drainage Board (IDB) is to be discussed tomorrow in Wigton.

Report from the District Councillor – Cllr MacDonald asked Councillors how efficient they felt Allerdale had been in the Floods and it was noted that sandbags were available at Wigton hospital.

Report from Cllr Oliver – Cllr Oliver reported on the CALC AGM which was held on the 14th of November 2015. She advised that it had been a very interesting meeting with a presentation on Hadrian's Wall including pictures and information on how the empire had expanded. It was noted that the CALC books now balanced, there had been a reduction in wages, no donation was received from the Nuclear sector and some funds had been moved into a

deposit account. It was advised that the Police & Crime Commissioner elections had been deferred.

Cllr Fairbairn gave an update on Superfast Broadband and advised that cabinet 8 in Wigton was now up and running. A few Dalston numbers & Aikton numbers are not likely to be in phase 2. The areas not in the 95% will be either offered 2 megs via a satellite or they will have to go to a third party such as Solway Communication. Phase 2 is due to be announced anytime now.

Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting – 8.15pm.

1.8 Reports from outside bodies

No report received from the parish rooms.

1.9 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses	£177.04
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – Paye	£ 37.80

1.10 Financial Statements

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts as at the 31st of December 2015 were noted.

1.11 Planning Applications

The following appeals against refusal to grant planning application were noted;

Ref No: 2/2014/0861 – Erection of 1 no. wind turbine 45m to hub 67m to tip & associated works – Drumleaning Farm, Drumleaning – Mr Phillip Todhunter.

Ref No: 2/2015/0213 – Proposed 250kw wind turbine on a 30m mast with a 47m blade tip – Aikton House – D Guardhouse.

The following grants of planning permission were noted;

Ref No: 2/2015/0603 – Portal frame cubicle shed – Park House, Aikton – Park House Farming Co Ltd.

1.12 Correspondence

The following were noted;

CALC – Audit Procurement Changes

Email from Parishioner – Fibre Broadband Enquiry

Allerdale Borough Council – Consultation on Parking Charges

Allerdale Borough Council – Draft 2016-17 Council Tax Base Figure

Allerdale Borough council – Council Tax Base Figure Update

Connecting Cumbria – November Newsletter

NuGen – News Issue 1

CALC – Dec & Jan Circular

Police & Crime Commissioner – Dec Newsletter

1.13 Highway Matters

The following highway matters were noted;

A large pot hole on the Waterfloss to Aikton road. From the abattoir towards Great Orton, on the double bend just after the last house, there is a pot hole. Repairs on the Thornby Road still remain outstanding. The telephone box in Aikton had now been cleaned and a dog bin had been erected next to it.

1.14 Telephone Box Defibrillators

Telephone box Defibrillators were considered and it was agreed to add an item to the parish magazine asking for parishioners' views.

1.15 Parish Land

Further information from Beaty & Co advised that the parish council had made an application on the 17th of December 1968 for the registration of the land known as Whitrigglees common, Cllr Young volunteered to inspect the minutes, held in the archives.

1.16 Wiggonby School Governor

Information received from the Clerk to the Governors of Wiggonby School advised that there was no longer a need for the parish council to appoint a representative onto the school governing body. Guidance from CALC confirmed this was acceptable following the agreement of the council and amendment of the standing orders. Councillors unanimously agreed that this arrangement was acceptable. Standing Orders to be amended at the March meeting.

1.17 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Parish Land
Defibrillators

1.18 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 14th of March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm