

# **AIKTON** PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), G Thomlinson, G Benson, K Oliver, S Todhunter, S Young & M Housby

Also present: E Clark (Clerk).

**259/19 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**260/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Richardson & County Councillor Johnson.

**261/19 Declarations of interest on the agenda**

No declarations of interest received.

**262/19 Requests for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensations received.

**263/19 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**264/19 Adjournment of the meeting**

No questions asked or matters raised by members of the public.

**265/19 Reports**

**Report from the Community Policeman** – no report received.

**Report from the County Councillor** – no report received.

**Report from the District Councillor** – no report received.

**266/19 Reports from outside bodies** – Parish Rooms committee reported that everything was progressing with the porch now completed and looking fantastic. The main roof is to be looked at and the general tidying is to continue.

**267/19 Payment of accounts**

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses (£164.82 + £22.57)	£187.39
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£ 41.20
▪ AW IT Services	£ 25.00

**268/19 Financial Statements**

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 was received & approved.

**269/19 Planning Matters**

There was no objection to the following planning applications;

Ref No: FUL/2019/0151 – Construction of all weather horse riding arena – The Elms, Whitriggles, Kirkbride – Mrs Evelyn Aston.

Ref No: FUL/2019/0155 – Single storey extension to increase the size of the school staff room – The Governors of Wiggonby C of E School, Wiggonby.

The refusal to grant planning permission on the following applications was noted;  
Ref No: PIP/2019/0006 –New residential development – Part Field 5300 Aikton, Wigton – Mr R Crone

**270/19 Correspondence**

The following correspondences were received, with no further action required;  
CALC – 3 Tier Meeting Info  
CALC – June Newsletter  
Allerdale Borough Council – Self Build Projects

**271/19 Highway Matters**

The following highway issues were noted; road surface rough at Hardcake (CA70JY) & Knoxwood Hill. Pothole outside Park House, Aikton. At Four Road Ends bungalow (CA7 OJP), Wiggonby there is a dip in the road. The hedge on the right-hand side at the junction of the parish rooms' road requires cutting.

**272/19 Councillor Vacancy**

There are currently two parish council vacancies. Clerk to advertise in parish magazine.

**273/19 Broadband**

The following emailed update was received from Openreach;

*Aikton Parish is connected to Wigton exchange. This exchange area wasn't included in our commercial plans. But as a delivery partner, we've worked alongside the Connecting Cumbria BDUK project to bring fibre broadband to the exchange area. Their aim is to install fibre broadband in areas that aren't covered by private commercial plans. But I've been in touch with our senior project manager who's involved with Connecting Cumbria delivery for advice on the post code areas you provided.*

***CA7 0JR & CA7 0HP** - These post codes are served by cabinet 23 on Wigton exchange which has been upgraded to deliver our Fibre to the Cabinet [FTTC] service. So there are many residents and businesses in this area will be able to enjoy the benefits of superfast broadband. But this doesn't guarantee that all premises connected to the cabinet will be able to benefit. Our FTTC service has a limit of up to 1.5km from the fibre cabinet to the premises. Sadly, the premises in these post codes are beyond this so won't be able to get the FTTC service. I've checked with our senior project manager and there're currently no further plans to deploy fibre broadband to these post code areas.*

***CA7 0NX/CA7 0JA/CA7 0HY/CA7 0HZ/CA7 0NU** - The remaining post code areas above are connected to cabinet 16 on Wigton exchange. The good news is that under the Connecting Cumbria BDUK project there're plans to deploy Fibre to the Premises [FTTP] to these post code areas. This is a full fibre solution between the exchange and premises which will deliver ultrafast speeds of up to 330 Mbps. We have had to re-plan the delivery for this area which will have caused some delays but barring any unwanted surprises we hope to have the work completed by the end of December this year.*

*My advice to residents in these areas is to check our website towards the end of the year. They can enter their phone number or post code at [www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband](http://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband) as when fibre services are available it will be updated here. Our website also gives details of which Service Providers that sell FTTP products.*

*Residents could also stay in touch with Connecting Cumbria BDUK team. More information about the project and contact details are available at: [www.connectingcumbria.org.uk](http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk)*

*For any areas where there're currently no plans a Community Fibre Partnership could be an option.*

*A CFP is where we work with a local group representing two or more premises to bring superfast, or ultrafast, to an area. Where possible we bring together funding from local authorities, Government voucher schemes and other grants to help make things affordable - plus we contribute toward the cost in line with our own commercial model too.*

*So far around 800 communities across the UK have signed up for a CFP with Openreach via this scheme which is helping us to bring fibre broadband to communities sooner than otherwise would have been possible – either via commercial or publicly funded BDUK plans. We'll never say no to bringing fibre to any community, so anyone interested in this option can find more information and register on our website: <https://communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/>. For the residents in post code areas CA7 0JR & CA7 0HP who're likely to be in similar position a CFP could be a great option to explore.*

It was agreed that the Council should look into the Community Fibre Partnership Scheme.

**274/19 First Responders/Defibrillators**

Information received in respect of defibrillators was discussed and it was noted that it would suggest that for such a diverse parish, a team of mobile volunteers would seem the best approach with representatives from each part of the parish being an advantage. Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat Trust for information/advice and to ask if the telephone box in Aikton is available should the defibrillator need to be housed there.

**275/19 Waste Recycling**

An email from Allerdale Borough Council advised that the collection of garden waste and commingled recycling (glass, cans & plastics) will be suspended temporarily for up to the next two months. This is to help the crews complete the rounds whilst a more permanent solution is devised by the Council and the Council's contractor, FCC. Domestic waste and paper & card remain unaffected by the changes.

**276/19 Traffic Management**

No update received.

**277/19 Bridleways/Public Footpaths**

It was noted that many of the footpaths & bridleways in the parish were in poor condition (overgrown) and with stiles & gates needing repaired. Rights of Way to be advised.

**278/19 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda**

Rights of Way  
Defibrillator  
Councillor Vacancy

**279/19 Date & time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm**