

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 13th of July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), S Todhunter, S Young, D Fairbairn G Benson, K Oliver & G Thomlinson. Also present: E Clark (Clerk) & PCSO Irving.

7.1 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that the next meeting of the North Allerdale Neighbourhood Forum would be held on Thursday the 23rd of July at the Golf Hotel, Silloth from 7pm – 9pm items to be discussed are the Tour of Britain comes to the Solway Coast, proposals for Waver & Wampool inland drainage board & the Community Travel Plan.

7.2 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr MacDonald.

7.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr Benson declared an interest in item 7.11, planning application Ref. 2/2015/0328

7.4 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

7.5 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of May 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7.6 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

7.7 Reports

Report from the Cumbria Constabulary – it was noted that there had been one incident reported to the police; on the 6th of June there was a report to police of a suspicious vehicle in Aikton. Police attended but could not locate this vehicle. PCSO Irving joined the meeting and advised that she had stopped a few vans and they were all legitimate and held a valid pedlars licence.
PCSO Irving left the meeting.

Report from the County Councillor – Cllr Fairbairn was not present at this point of the meeting.

Report from the District Councillor – Cllr MacDonald apologised for being unable to attend the meeting but advised that there would be an Allerdale meeting on Wednesday, she stressed that she was continuing to resist the moves made by some Allerdale Councillors to make the parish councils pay for footway lighting and the Allerdale Local Plan had now been published.

7.8 Reports from outside bodies – accounts from the parish hall were received and circulated. There was nothing to report as the management committee had not met for so long and they were still in need of more people to help lighten the load.

7.9 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

- Clerk's salary and expenses £184.63
- HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE £ 37.80

The following receipt received was noted;

- HM Revenue & Customs – Vat Refund £ 0.59

7.10 Financial Statements

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts as at the 30th of June 2015 were noted.

7.11 Planning Matters

The following planning application was noted with no objections;

Ref No: 2/2015/0328 – single storey sunroom extension – Swallows Barn, Biglands – Graham Benson.

The following planning application was refused at the development panel of which Cllr Young spoke on behalf of the parish council;

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

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

Ref No: 2/2015/0189 – proposed extensions and internal alterations – 4 The Nook, Aikton – Miss Batty.

7.12 Correspondence

The following were noted;

Nu-Gen – Moorside Project – Have Your Say.

NW Connection Project – Route Corridor Announced

UU – Update on Odour Issue

Allerdale Borough Council – Affordable Housing

Implementing Geological Disposal – Update

7.13 Highway Matters

The following highway matters were discussed;

The problem of overgrown hedges and grass in Aikton and Wiggonby was highlighted.

Pot holes at Blackbrow Farm, Wiggonrigg Road & the t-junction at Park House (large pothole). The Wiggonby to Aikton road on the corner the tarmac is falling away. White lines at the school junction need re-instating. The state of the road at Gamelsby caused by the movement of farm animals.

Resolved – clerk to advise highways.

7.14 Councillor Vacancy – it was noted that there were two vacancies for parish councillors with no-one currently showing an interest.

Cllr Fairbairn joined the meeting and stated that mud on the highway deposited by farm animals and machinery causes inconvenience to the public and brings the industry into disrepute. Above all the safety of road users is put at risk. It is an offence to deposit mud on roads and simple precautions can overcome the danger. He also discussed the maintenance of ditches & drains and hedge cutting. The storage of timber and other materials on the roadside verges is not encouraged & if people damage their vehicles due to large stones/wood etc on verges, they are able to prosecute the owner. The NFU - Farming & the public highway booklet & the Visit Allerdale Brochure was given to the clerk.

7.15 Internal Drainage – Cllr Thomlinson gave a report on his attendance at the Internal Drainage Board meeting and stated that it would cost affected areas £4.75 per acre. Questions were asked on whether the rail network, highways etc would be charged this fee? A Consultation Response Form was completed which outlined if the council agreed with the proposal, its aims & objectives, the proposed boundary, the operation & the board representation.

Cllr Fairbairn reported on Superfast Broadband and it was questioned what the cabling in the village was for. He advised that they were currently experimenting with small boxes instead of the traditional large green boxes. Funding has now been received for phase 2, only 16% have taken up superfast with 20% being required before further money can be recycled back into the system.

7.16 Parish Land – the maps received from land registry were checked and it was discussed that the Watering Hole at Aikton was not shown and Whittriggles Common was not marked on the maps but it was on the Land Registry list. Clerk to ask for clarification of both.

- 7.17 Parish Website** – Clerk to gain prices & information for the September meeting.
- 7.18 Watering Hole** – it was noted that the gate was still in need of repair.
- 7.19 Community Defibrillator** – following Wiggonby School receiving details of the possibility of the telephone box being used as a defibrillator box they agreed that amalgamating the two bodies would be a sensible idea as having two defibrillators so close to each other would be ludicrous
- 7.20 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda**
Oil Buying Consortium
Website
- 7.21 Date & time of next meeting**
It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 14th of September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.