

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 11th of March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), G Thomlinson, G Benson, K Oliver, S Todhunter, S Young & C Richardson.

Also present: E Clark (Clerk), P MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting (7pm), John Mallinson received an update from Cllr Young on the parish rooms. A committee meeting had been held on Friday the 8th of March and Hellen Aitkin from ACT Cumbria had attended to give an overview on how a village hall runs and the roles and responsibilities of the trustees and the legal implications. A Bingo fundraiser had been arranged for Friday the 15th of March and everything was looking very positive and going in the right direction. The porch is to be repaired, weeds sprayed, painting internally and ongoing general maintenance of the building. There were now nine committee members who were working together in the best interest of the parish rooms. The Charities Commission is to be updated and new holding trustees to be appointed. Mr Mallinson advised that he could assist with the committee sourcing funding for the refurbishment work that was required.

218/19 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

219/19 Apologies

No apologies were received.

220/19 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr Oliver declared an interest in planning application no. HOU/2019/0034, minute ref: 228/18.

221/19 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

222/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of January 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

223/19 Adjournment of the meeting

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

224/19 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – no reported incidents in the parish since the last parish council meeting.

Report from the County Councillor – no report received.

Report from the District Councillor – Cllr MacDonald reported that last week's council meeting was contentious and consisted of personal insults. Council tax is set to rise and they continue to try and put the maintenance & installation costs of footway lighting onto the parish/town councils.

225/18 Reports from outside bodies – Parish Rooms fully updated earlier.

226/18 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses	£179.51
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£ 41.20
▪ Aikton PCC Grasscutting/Parish Magazine	£800.00
▪ Great North Air Ambulance	£150.00
▪ Aikton Parish Rooms	£800.00*
▪ Wigton Swimming Pool	£200.00
▪ Nick Hine Property Services (Noticeboards)	£706.80

* It was agreed that the Parish Rooms latest accounts be received before forwarding the donation cheque.

227/18 Financial Statements

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 28th of February 2019 were received & approved. The 2018/19 budget was reviewed and approved.

228/18 Planning Matters

There was no objection to the following planning application that was received after the issue of the agenda;

Ref No: HOU/2019/0034 – Extension to create a 'granny annexe' at ground floor level & ensuite bedroom at first floor level – Brentwood, Aikton – Mrs K Oliver.

229/18 Correspondence

The following correspondences were received, with no further action required;

CALC – Feb Newsletter

Wigton Baths Trust – Newsletter

CALC – Allerdale 3-Tier Meeting

Clerks & Councillors Direct – March

Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan - Submission to Secretary of State

Allerdale Borough Council – Approved Council Tax Base Figure for 2019/20

Cumbria County Council – Working Together

CALC – Election Info

CALC – 125 Years of Parish Councils

230/18 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; potholes on the road to the parish rooms. Road surface rough at Hardcake (CA70JY). Wiggonby to Thornby road full of potholes. Pot hole outside Park House, Aikton. Tree opposite the entrance of Thornby Moor House is still leaning precariously towards the road – clerk to advise owner of the field.

231/18 Noticeboards

It was advised that all the new noticeboards had now been fitted around the parish.

232/18 Broadband

An update email from openreach stated the following; *We have a limited amount of deployment left in the plan for the quarter, I will check what is in the parish as certainly we have some work in Aikton itself. Beyond March, there are no plans at present but we are working with Cumbria CC to define and agree a contract extension to provide more coverage in the county. Too early as yet to say where, as it is subject to agreement with the Council and also the value for money assurance by BDUK but that should be known in the Spring.*

It was agreed that an accurate date be requested from Openreach and letters to be sent to Sue Hayman MP & Catherine Fairclough, chief executive of Cumbria County Council advising them of the delays, false promises, no rural business development and school children suffering due to the lack of broadband.

233/18 Effectiveness of Internal Control

The effectiveness of internal control including arrangements for the management of risk assessment were reviewed and accepted with no changes or updates required.

234/18 Parish Assets

The current parish assets for the year end were reviewed and agreed with the addition of the cost of the new noticeboards.

235/18 Watering Hole

A tender of £300 was received for the 2019 Watering Hole grass cutting and there being no other tenders, was accepted by the council.

236/18 Defibrillators

Parish defibrillators and 1st responders were both fully discussed and it was agreed that the North West Ambulance Service be asked to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss and advise on the best route to take.

237/18 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Defibrillators/First Responders
Broadband

238/18 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be the Annual Parish Meeting & the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday the 13th of May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm