

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 12th of November 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), G Thomlinson, G Benson, T H Graham & S Todhunter.
Also present: E Clark (Clerk), Cllr P MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & numerous parishioners.

Prior to the start of the meeting (7pm) John Mallinson & Gordon Moffatt, holding trustees for the parish rooms, joined the meeting to discuss the parish rooms future. Concerns were expressed in respect of the state of the building and that a lot of money needed spent on it. There had been no declarations made to the charity commission for at least six years and the list of management trustees (committee) held was long out of date. It was noted that as no declarations had been made to the charity commission it would not be possible to apply for grant funding until approximately 2024. All present agreed that they did not want to see the facility close so would arrange a meeting with the view of forming a new committee. It was decided that Mr Mallinson & Mr Moffatt attend the next parish council meeting for an update.

182/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

183/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Oliver.

184/18 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

185/18 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

186/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of September 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

187/18 Adjournment of the meeting

It was advised that at Knox Cottage the sign post arm was lying in the hedge. Parishioners present stated that they would be calling a parish hall meeting and would report back to the March parish council meeting as it was felt the January meeting would be too soon due to Christmas.

188/18 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – PCSO Irving advised that until September 2019 the new PCSO will be PCSO 5326 Harris. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Thursby Parish Halls on the 30th of November at 7pm. There has been one incident in the parish since the last meeting but it is not in the public interest.

Report from the District Councillor – Cllr MacDonald reported that there is to be a 7 million pounds sports facility at Workington which we are all paying for! She advised that she would not be standing next year so there would be a vacancy.

189/18 Reports from outside bodies – the parish room accounts had been received but they showed anomalies in respect of accounts previously received.

190/18 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses	£190.82
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£ 41.20
▪ Thomas Todd – Watering Hole Grasscutting	£300.00

191/18 Financial Statements

- a) The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 31st of October 2018 were received & approved.
- b) To note receipt received for £2350.01 Allerdale BC – Precept &CTRS Grant.

192/18 Planning Matters

A devolved decision by the clerk of 'no objection' after consultation with the chairman & councillors on the following application was noted (response required prior to the meeting);

Ref No: 2/2018/0448 – Change of use of outbuilding to form holiday let and change of use of part field to form amenity space for holiday let unit – Pasture House, Aikton - Ms Lynn Blamire.

193/18 Correspondence

The following correspondences were received, with no further action required;
Clerks & Councils Direct – Newsletter
CALC – Annual Report 2018
CALC – Sept Circular
CALC – Oct Circular
Cumbria County Council – Working Together Programme
Cumbria County Council – Proposed Expansion of Thursby School – *no objection*
Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) – Site Allocation Pre-submission Consultation

194/18 Highway Matters

Flooding issues at Wampool Grange. Two lights inoperative in Aikton & one light inoperative in Wiggonby. It was authorised that the street light outside Fell View, Aikton be replaced. The noticeboards desperately require repairing especially the Wiggonby board. Pot holes on the road from the junction in Aikton to the Parish rooms.

195/18 Parish Precept

- a) Following a full discussion and acceptance of the budget it was agreed that the precept for the year 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 be increased to £4800 It was noted that the CTRS grant had now been phased out.
- b) Grants to the PCC/Parish Magazine/Parish Rooms/Wigton Pool/ GNAA for 2019/20 were considered and it was agreed to keep the amounts as per 2018/19.

196/18 Parish Councillor Vacancies

Catherine Richardson was co-opted onto the council and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. It was noted there were currently three vacancies.

197/18 Watering Hole

Grass cutting tender for the Watering Hole to be added to the parish magazine.

198/18 Signposts

It was agreed that the refurbishment of the Aikton signpost be put on hold until the Spring.

199/18 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Parish Rooms

At this point of the meeting the Chairman asked for a minutes silence in respect of Cllr Fairbairn who sadly passed away in October. He was an Aikton Parish Councillor & District Councillor for many, many years and will be greatly missed.

200/18 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 14th of January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

