

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 11th of September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors S Collins (Chairman), S Young, G Thomlinson, S Todhunter, K Oliver & A Boyle.
Also present: E Clark (Clerk).

42/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

43/17 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Quayle, Cllr Benson, PSCO Irving, Cllr MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & D Fairbairn (Councillor & County Councillor)

44/17 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received in respect of items on this agenda.

45/17 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

46/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of July 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

47/17 Adjournment of the meeting

No questions asked or statements made by members of the public.

48/17 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – PSCO Irving apologised for being unable to attend.

Report from the County Councillor – no report received.

Report from the District Councillor – no report received.

49/17 Reports from outside bodies

No report received from the Parish Rooms Committee.

50/17 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses	£175.30
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£ 38.00
▪ CALC – Good Councillor & Common Land Course	£110.00

51/17 Financial Statements

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts as at the 31st of August 2017 were noted and the 2017/18 budget review was approved.

The audited annual return for the year ending 31 March 2017 was approved and accepted by the council with no matters that came to the auditor's attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.

52/17 Planning Matters

A devolved decision by the clerk of no objection after consultation with the chairman & councillors was agreed on the following application (response required prior to the meeting);
Ref No: 2/2107/0365 – Proposed affordable dwelling – Mill Barn, Wiggonby – Messrs Taylor.

A decision of no objection was agreed on the following application which was received after the issue of the agenda;
Ref No: HOU/2017/0195 – Erection of detached garage – Kiln Green, Aikton – Mr Andrew Armiger.

The officer's report, decision notice and minutes of the meeting for planning application ref no. 2/2017/0115 - Outline application with all matters reserved for a single dwelling – Land Adjacent to Mill Barn, Wiggonby – Messrs Taylor were received with no further action required.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;
Ref No: 2/2017/0116 – Demolition of existing garage & section of barn, replace with new garage/workshop & domestic storage building – Wampool Farm, Biglands – Mr R Baird.

The following refusal to grant outline planning consent was noted;
Ref No: 2/2107/0365 – Proposed affordable dwelling – Mill Barn, Wiggonby – Messrs Taylor.

53/17 Correspondence

The following were noted with no further action required;
CALC – AGM Information
CALC – 3-tier Meeting Information
CALC – July/August Circular
Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan – Inspectors Report

54/17 Highway Matters

The following highway matters were noted; the Aikton to Moorhouse road is in a poor state and requires re-surfacing, Oughterby to Thornby on the right hand side of the road there is a large pot hole. The white lines at the junction opposite Ashleigh Farm still require painting. The Gamelsby road is covered in mud/slurry. The hedge at the junction in Aikton requires cutting back.

55/17 Common Land Course

Cllr Oliver gave a report on the Common Land & Village Greens course she attended on the 18th of July. The course was given by Hedleys Solicitors. Areas covered included the difference between Common Land & Village Greens, the case of J Pye (Oxford) when the law changed in respect of Adverse Possession; after 10 years the adverse possessor must inform the landowner that adverse possession is to be claimed, land in question should be fenced excluding the rightful owner from it. Possessor Title application – after 12 years of possession of the land they get Absolute Title. Rights of Way (public and private), a definitive map is held and maintained by the County Council. It was noted that it was important that the Land Registry was kept up to date on any changes to land ownership etc. The solicitors were asked to advise on the situation with the Whitriggles land but had not yet responded.

56/17 Parish Land

The following information was received with regards to how the parish council obtained the Aikton Watering Hole; the place was a watering hole that had gone rather smelly with detritus and as no one wanted the said land given the problem there, it was decided by the parish that they would deal with the water problem and fill the hole in and make a place for cyclists, walkers etc to "take time out". This would be in the early 1990s. It was agreed that Cllr Young check the archives around that date to see if anything had been recorded. Rural Payments Agency to be contacted regarding payments for the land at Whitriggles.

57/17 First Aid Course

Cllr Young advised that two defibrillators had been donated to the parish; they would be situated at the Aikton Arms & Wiggonby School. Dates to be obtained for the first aid course.

58/17 Items for Inclusion on the next Agenda

Parish Land
First Aid

59/17 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 13th of November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.