

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 9th of September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also present: E Clark (Clerk), A Irving & V Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

280/19 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

281/19 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllrs Richardson & Thomlinson.

282/19 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

283/19 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

284/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of July 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

285/19 Adjournment of the meeting

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

286/19 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – an email from PCSO Harris advised that there had been no reported crimes since the last meeting.

Report from the County Councillor – no report received.

Report from the District Councillor – no report received.

287/19 Reports from outside bodies – Parish Rooms committee reported that everything was progressing, and things were going in the right direction. The heaters had been removed as they were no longer used, the roof is to be checked and the charity commission information was more or less now updated. A choir has been arranged for the 4th of October and a race night on the 16th of November.

288/19 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

- Clerk's salary and expenses (£164.82 + £14.69) £179.51
- HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE £ 41.20

289/19 Financial Statements

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 31st of August 2019 was received & approved. The 2019/20 budget was reviewed and accepted.

Cllr Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) joined the meeting – 8pm.

Cllr Hodgson introduced himself to the council and advised that he & Cllr Hedworth now covered the Aikton parish. He apologised for missing the last meeting. The bin collection service resumed from the 9th of September, Allerdale have invested in further vehicles to assist with collections & there is a helpline for any problems – missed bins etc. Free dog bin bags were now available from the Local Links Office.

290/19 Planning Matters

Devolved decisions by the clerk of 'no objection' after consultation with the chairman & councillors on the following applications were noted (response required prior to the meeting);

Ref No: HOU/2019/0164 – First floor extension – Croft House, Wiggonby – Mr P Tyson.

Ref No: FUL/2019/0197 – Change of use from agricultural to leisure for installation of two camping pods – Aikton Arms, Aikton – Mrs C Blamire.

The following granted planning applications were noted;

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.

291/19 Correspondence

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

CALC – Training

CALC – Minutes of the three-tier meeting

Allerdale Borough Council – Statement on waste collection services

Cumbria County Council – Working together

292/19 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; potholes on the village hall road and between the church & farm. The road at Thornby Moor is still a problem. Pothole at the Park House, junction Aikton.

It was advised that water was coming out of the sewer, outside Holme Lea, when it rained heavy – UU to be informed.

293/19 Bridleways/Public Footpaths

An email from the Countryside Access Officer stated that his colleague had recently surveyed the parish and will be renewing signposts/bridges etc and contacting landowners regarding stiles and gates. It was noted that footpath number 202022 was in the worst state – clerk to advise Access Officer.

294/19 First Responders/Defibrillators

Community Heartbeat Trust advised that as far as they could see they had not been gifted the kiosk in Aikton, so it would probably have to go through a consultation period. They also informed the council that the NWAS agreed project for Cumbria, which is a hi-spec defib, cabinet, signage, paint for kiosk, governance and registrations, installation and training is £1950, but there are also other options, more and less. It was agreed that the council have a crowd funding page to raise the funds – Cllr Housby to action.

295/19 Broadband

It was agreed that broadband was now progressing in the parish.

296/19 Councillor Vacancy

Anthony Irving was co-opted onto the council and completed the necessary paperwork.

297/19 Items for Inclusion on the next Agenda

Defibrillator

Footpaths/Bridleways

298/19 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 11th of November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting.

