

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.35 p.m.

Present: Councillors: G Thomlinson, S Collins, K Oliver, G Benson, S Young, C Richardson & M Housby.

Also present: E Clark (Clerk) & S Todhunter.

239/19 Election of Chairman

Cllr Collins was elected as Chairman for the year 2019/20.

Cllr Collins signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

240/19 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Benson was elected as vice-chairman for the year 2019/20.

241/19 Apologies

Apologies received & accepted from Cllr Johnson (County Councillor).

242/19 Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies

- Hodgson Trust – Councillor Young
- Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – no longer a position

243/19 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations for 2019/20

The Standing Orders & Financial Regulations were reviewed with no amendments required.

244/19 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

245/19 Requests for Dispensations

No requests received.

246/19 Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March 2019 as a true record.

247/19 Adjournment of the meeting

No questions asked or matters of interest raised.

248/19 Parish Council Vacancies

It was noted that there was currently three parish councillor vacancies. Steven Todhunter was co-opted onto the council and completed the relevant paperwork.

249/19 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – an emailed report from PCSO Harris advised that there had been no relevant incidents to report in the area since the last meeting on the 11th March 2019.

Report from the County Councillor – No report received.

Report from the District Councillor – No report received.

250/19 Payments & Receipts

Following receiving & accepting the parish room accounts, it was agreed

that the two previously authorised donation cheques be handed-over.

Payment of the following accounts were authorised:

▪ Clerk's Salary and expenses	£198.51
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£ 41.20
▪ CALC – Annual Subscription	£146.80
▪ Mrs E Bell – Internal Audit Fees	£ 25.00
▪ BHIB - Insurance Renewal	£244.90

The following receipts received were noted:

▪ Allerdale Borough Council - Precept	£2400.00
▪ United Utilities - Wayleaves	£ 4.92

251/19 Financial Statements & Annual Audit

- a) The Chairman & Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to sign the certificate of Exemption
- b) The Internal Audit Report for 2018/19 was received & noted.
- c) The Chairman & the Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19.
- d) The Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to sign the Accounting Statements 2018/19 of the Annual Return.
- e) The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to sign the accounts book for the year ending 31st March 2019.
- f) The Period of Exercise of Electors Rights & Publication on Website was noted.

252/19 Planning Matters

The devolved decision by the clerk of no objection after consultation with the chairman & councilors on the following applications was noted;

Ref No: PIP/2019/0006 –New residential development – Part Field 5300 Aikton, Wigton – Mr R Crone

Ref No: PIP/2019/0004 –New residential development – Land Adjacent Aikton Arms – Mr R Crone

The following grant of planning permission was noted ;

Ref No: HOU/2019/0034 – Extension to create a 'granny annex' at ground floor level & ensuite bedroom at first floor – Mrs Katharine Oliver.

253/19 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted;

- Great North Air Ambulance – Thank you for donation
- Wigton Baths Trust – Thanks for donation
- CALC – March & April Circular
- CALC – Summer Conference

254/19 Highway matters

A reply from the landowner in respect of a tree opposite the entrance to Thornbymoore House advised the following; *I had a look at the tree in question whilst fencing beneath it in March and although it leans (as most trees do) and is slowly being smothered by ivy, I could find no sign of fungal infection or underlying ill health. I therefore cut the main stem of ivy which should wilt and die off in due course. If the tree shows any sign it may fall into the road I will take appropriate action.*

The following highway issues were noted; pot holes on the parish room road (CA7 OHP), road surface rough on the Hardcake road &

between Wampool & Laythes there are potholes.

Cllr Benson left the meeting – 8.05pm

255/19 First Responders

Deferred until the next meeting.

256/19 Superfast Broadband

A representative from Cumbria County Council advised the following; *Superfast broadband across Cumbria is now available to 93% of premises. However, very few people in your parish have access to this infrastructure because of the deployment challenges and costs. We do however still have plans for full fibre in Aikton for over 100 premises using funding from cost efficiencies in deployment earlier in the programme. This funding is in the process of being added to our contract with BT, but I know that they are already working on the deployment in your parish and I hope to have this solution live in the next 6 months.*

After the planned deployment there will still be more than a third of Aikton premises without access to fast broadband, but we are currently in the process of working with the UK Government to secure more funding through the Borderlands Growth Deal initiative and the government Rural Gigabit Connectivity scheme. I can't promise anything at this stage, but I am hopeful that we will secure further funding so that we can work with communities like Aikton to provide future proof gigabit capable broadband infrastructure.

257/19 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Overgrown Bridleways/Public Footpaths
Speeding/traffic Management
First Responders
Broadband
Recycling

258/19 Date & time of next meeting

The dates of 2019/20 meetings of the Parish Council were noted and agreed.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Monday the 8th July 2019 starting at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.