

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 8th of January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), S Todhunter, G Thomlinson, T H Graham, S Young, K Oliver & A Boyle.

Also present: E Clark (Clerk).

79/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. An email from Cllr Quayle advised of her resignation from the parish council. Councillors were saddened to hear this news but accepted her resignation, wished her all the best and thanks were given for all her hardwork and dedication over the years.

80/18 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from councillors Benson, Fairbairn & MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

81/18 Declarations of interest on the agenda

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

82/18 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

83/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of November 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

84/18 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

85/18 Reports

- **Report from the Police Community Support Officer** – An email from PCSO Irving advised that a meeting was planned for 7.30pm on the 12th of February in Thursby Parish Hall.
- **Report from the County Councillor** – Cllr Fairbairn forwarded the following update; a road safety officer had looked at the four lane ends junction and advised that it was perfectly suitable for the traffic that uses the road. Priority is ofcourse given to Wiggonby to Aikton. There have been no reported accidents there.
- **Report from District Councillor** – no report received.

86/18 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Young advised that there were now four committee members and a meeting is still to be arranged.

87/18 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

- Clerk's salary and expenses £187.99
- HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE £ 37.80

88/18 Financial Statements

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

89/18 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: 2/2017/0568 – Erection of storage building – Knox Wood Animal Rescue, Knox Wood – Mr G Scott.

90/18 Correspondence

CALC – November Circular

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Mr T G Moore – Restoration of Cast Iron Finger Posts – *request price for refurb*

Allerdale Borough Council – Budget Consultation 2018/19

Allerdale Borough Council – Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations

Allerdale Borough Council - Precept Update – *CTRS Grant for 2018/19 – £21.60*

91/18 Highway Matters

It was noted that a large pothole on the Aikton to Wiggonby road had been reported on the 17th of December but still remained unrepaired.

The Park House road is breaking up again. There is ice on the road were the sewage works is and when there's wet weather sewage goes onto the drive and in the garage of Holme Lea. There are pot holes at Knoxwood (over the bridge, top of hill).

92/18 Parish Noticeboards

It was noted that the Gamelsby noticeboard had not yet been put back into position as promised - Cllr Young to chase up. Cllr Collins to obtain a price to refurbish all the parish boards.

93/18 Parish Land

Deferred until the next meeting.

94/18 Watering Hole Grasscutting

The clerk advised that the closing date for grasscutting tenders was the 31st of January 2018 and up to now only one tender had been received.

95/18 First Aid Course

First aid course to go ahead in April/May; dates to be confirmed by Cllr Young with Fiona Carruthers.

96/18 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

First Aid Course

Grass Cutting

New Councillor

97/18 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 12th of March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm.