

# AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), S Young, N Quayle, K Oliver, T H Graham, S Todhunter, & D Fairbairn (Councillor & County Councillor)  
Also present E Clark (Clerk), P MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor), G Fleckney (Parishioner) & Paul Cretney (BT).

Prior to the start of the meeting, Paul Cretney BT Contract Manager on the Connecting Cumbria Project joined the meeting to give a presentation on Superfast Broadband in the Parish. He advised that as it was State Aid Funding there was very strict criteria for how the money was spent to ensure the Government received value for money and that as many properties as possible received superfast broadband for the funding available. Phase 1 is coming to an end and is currently under budget so this surplus money will be moved into Phase 2. There are two main ways to supply superfast to properties and these are; Fibre to Cabinet – close radius to cabinet (1km), easy to deliver and Fibre to Premise – deliver fibre to a close point e.g. a telegraph pole, this method is more costly and complex but sometimes more effective to the community. Biglands, Gamelsby & Aikton do not have a cabinet in either area so Fibre to Premise will be used and will go live summer 2017. It will only be possible to order it from the big companies which are BT Retail, Zen and AATSP. Wiggonby will be covered in the next batch of funding (phase 2) which will probably be summer/autumn 2018, depending on when the contract is signed up with Cumbria County Council. Thornby will be connected to Cabinet 7 and Laithes is on the Kirkbride exchange which is already Live. For communities serving a local school and not covered by the fibre broadband roll out plan, there is the possibility of a £20,000 grant towards the costs of the new fibre infrastructure.

*Paul left the meeting at 8.20pm*

### **3.1 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **3.2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Thomlinson & Benson & PCSO Irving.

### **3.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda**

No declarations of interest received.

### **3.4 Requests for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensations received.

### **3.5 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **3.6 Adjournment of the meeting**

No members of the public present.

### **3.7 Reports**

**Report from the Community Policeman** – PCSO 5351 Irving apologised for being unable to attend the meeting but advised that

The clerk advised that the crime mapping website was still not upto date (currently on December) so in effect, of little use. A councillor advised that on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 3pm a serious assault had taken place in Aikton and the police were asking for witnesses to come forward.

**Report from the County Councillor** – Cllr Fairbairn advised that the by-election in Copeland raised issues, with A595 now having money being allocated to it, parts of it are being dueled & roundabouts being improved. It costs 7.4 million to dual a mile of roadway. There are plans to improve Workington & Maryport

railways with car parks etc to encourage people to get out of their cars and onto the trains. The Docks at Workington are also to be improved. The Moorside Power Station will mean improved infrastructure in the area.

**Report from the District Councillor** – Cllr MacDonald reported that she had called in planning application number 2/2017/0115 as it didn't accord with Allerdale's Development Plan.

*Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting at 8.45pm.*

**3.8 Reports from outside bodies** - there was no report received from the Parish Room Committee and it was noted that they had not yet had a meeting.

### **3.9 Payment of accounts**

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses	£176.29
▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£ 38.00
▪ Aikton PCC Grasscutting/Parish Magazine	£800.00
▪ Great North Air Ambulance	£120.00
▪ Aikton Parish Rooms	£800.00
▪ Wigton Swimming Pool	£200.00

### **3.10 Financial Statements**

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 28th of February 2017 were received & approved. The 2016/17 Budget was reviewed and approved.

### **3.11 Planning Matters**

A devolved decision by the clerk of no objection after consultation with the chairman & councillors on the following applications were noted;

Ref No: HOU/2017/0006 – Proposed demolition of part of the existing barn and storage building and the erection of a new garage – Wampool Farm, Kirkbride – Mr R Baird.

Ref No: 2/2017/0061 – Erection of a portal frame building for general storage – Black Brow Abbatoir, Wiggonby – Mr M J Wharton.\*

\* Clerk to contact planning to advise them that although the plans state the roof of the building will be blue it is grey.

The following applications for planning permission were considered with no objection;

Ref No: HOU/2017/0037 – Two storey rear extension – Holly House, Wiggonby – Mr & Mrs Watters.

Ref No: 2/2017/0115 – Outline application with all matters reserved for a single dwelling – Land adjacent to Mill Barn, Wiggonby – Messrs Taylor.

To note the following grant of planning permission;

Ref No: HOU/2016/0072 – Proposed two storey extension – Westfield Cottage, Aikton – Mr DCarruthers.

*Cllr MacDonald left the meeting at 9pm.*

**3.12** To note the following correspondence received & agree any action required;  
CALC – Feb Circular  
Cumbria County Council – Launch of Cumbria No Cold Calling Zone Toolkit  
Allerdale Borough Council – Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations Consultation  
Solway Firth Partnership – Jan 2017 Newsletter  
Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review Draft Recommendations

**3.13 Highway Matters**

The following highway issues were noted; Road markings are still required on the junction opposite Ashleigh farm and road repairs are still required at Thornby - the hill towards the Wiggonby t-junction (previously reported 12/1361424). There is a pot hole at the end of Brookside, fly-tipping at Waterfloss, between Aikton Parish Rooms and the t-junction there is a pot-hole and the Drumleaning/Down Hall Road (towards Aikton) is rough.

**3.14 Superfast Broadband**

The schools interest in superfast broadband & the coverage of the cabinet on the A596 to be clarified.

**3.15 Parish Land**

Cllr Young apologised for not yet visiting the archives with regards to the Watering Hole but advised that she would visit before the next meeting. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Beaty & Co for an update on the Common land at Whitriggles.

**3.16 Effectiveness of Internal Control**

The effectiveness of internal control including arrangements for the management of risk assessment were reviewed and accepted with no changes or updates required.

**3.17 Parish Assets**

The current parish assets for the year end were reviewed and agreed.

**3.18 Watering Hole**

It was noted that two tenders had been received for the 2017 Watering Hole grass cutting but one required clarification with regards to the total cost. It was agreed that the clerk should clarify the costs and then award the contract to the cheaper of the two tenders.

**3.19 First Aid Training**

Following the item in the parish magazine, six people had shown an interest in First Aid Training. It was originally suggested that ten people would be required for it to go ahead; Cllr Young to discuss with Fiona Carruthers as it could be possible that once a confirmed date was advertised other people may come forward.

**3.20 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda**

Parish Land  
Superfast Broadband  
First Aid Training

**3.21 Date & time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be the Annual Parish Meeting & the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm**