

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 12th of March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), G Thomlinson, G Benson, K Oliver, S Todhunter, & A Boyle.

Also present: E Clark (Clerk) & P MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

98/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

99/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham & D Fairbairn (Councillor & County Councillor).

100/18 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

101/18 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

102/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of January 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

103/18 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

104/18 Reports

Report from the Community Policeman – no report received.

Report from the County Councillor – no report received.

Report from the District Councillor – Cllr MacDonald reported that last Wednesday, Allerdale had agreed the budget and a pay rise for councillors which all disagreed with.

105/18 Reports from outside bodies - no report received from the Parish Room Committee.

106/18 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

▪ Clerk's salary and expenses	£175.30
▪ 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

* It was agreed that the Parish Rooms latest accounts be received before forwarding the donation cheque.

107/18 Financial Statements

The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 28th of February 2018 were received & approved.

108/18 Planning Matters

No new planning applications received.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;
Ref No: 2/2017/0568 – Erection of storage building – Knox Wood Animal Rescue, Knox Wood – Mr G Scott.

109/18 Correspondence

The following correspondences were received, with no further action required;
CALC – Feb Circular
CALC – March Circular
Wigton Baths Trust – Newsletter
CALC – Allerdale 3-Tier Meeting
Clerks & Councillors Direct – March

110/18 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; Road markings are still required on the junction opposite Ashleigh farm & potholes in the following areas; outside Gamelsby Farm, Knoxwood, Hardcake, Park House, Aikton, Thornby, Aikton to New Bampton road, road upto the Airfield, Moordyke to Park House (Waterfloss). Roof road surface at Whinnow (double bends)

Cllr Benson left the meeting 8.05pm

111/18 Parish Councillor

Cllr Boyle resigned from her role as councillor as she was moving to Carlisle, she was thanked & wished all the best. It was noted that there were now two councillor vacancies.

112/18 Parish Land

Cllr Oliver apologised for not yet visiting the archives with regards to the Common land at Whitrigglees.

113/18 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.

114/18 Parish Assets

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

115/18 Watering Hole

A tender of £300 was received for the 2018 Watering Hole grass cutting, there being no other tenders, this was authorised by the council.

116/18 First Aid Training

No update received from Cllr Young. Clerk to email Mrs Carruthers to arrange a convenient date to carry out the training.

117/18 Parish Noticeboards & Cast Iron Finger Posts

An estimate of £810 was received from Terry Moore for the refurbishment of the Aikton Cast Iron Finger Post and it was agreed that it would be favorable for it to be restored. An item to be added to the parish newsletter asking for parishioners to comment on this proposal or if they would like to contribute to the refurbishment costs. A price for the refurbishment of the notice boards had not yet been received.

118/18 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Parish Land
First Aid Training

119/18 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 14th of May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm