

# **AIKTON** PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), G Benson, S Todhunter, A Irving, S Young, C Richardson, G Thomlinson & M Housby

Also present: E Clark (Clerk), J Cummings, M Johnson (Cumbria County Councillor) & V Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

### **299/19 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **300/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Oliver.

### **301/19 Declarations of interest on the agenda**

Cllr Benson declared an interest in planning application ref no. FUL/2019/0217.

### **302/19 Requests for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensations received.

### **303/19 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **304/19 Adjournment of the meeting**

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

### **305/19 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.

### **306/19 Reports from outside bodies** – Parish Rooms committee reported that work was progressing nicely. Tickets for a race night planned for Saturday night were sold out.

Cllr Johnson, County Councillor for Thursby Division joined the meeting and apologised for not attending previous meetings but as he had fourteen parish councils to attend to he would have to miss the occasional one. The council updated him on the current parish issues and he confirmed he would assist as much as he could including defibrillator grants.

*Cllr Johnson left the meeting at 7.40pm.*

### **307/19 Payment of accounts**

The payments of the following accounts were agreed & authorised:

- Clerk's salary and expenses (£164.82 + £21.02) £185.84
- HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE £ 41.20
- Thomas Todhunter – Watering Hole Grasscutting £300.00

### **308/19 Financial Statements**

a) The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2019 was received & approved.

b) A receipt received for £2400.00 Allerdale BC – Precept was noted.

### **309/19 Planning Matters**

The council had no objection to the following planning application which was received after the issue of the agenda;

**Ref No: FUL/2019/0254** – Removal of existing steel framed livestock building & replacement of new livestock building – Roblaw Hall, Aikton – J N Harrison

The following grants of planning permission were noted;

**Ref No: FUL/2019/0217** – Roofing over existing livestock feeding area & midden – Cowans Farm, Biglands – Mr R G Benson.

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

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

### **310/19 Correspondence**

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

Clerks & Councils Direct – Newsletter

CALC – Annual Report 2019

CALC – Sept Circular

CALC – Training

CALC – Cumbria Kindness Day

ACT – Emergency Planning, Community Resilience & Neighbourliness

Allerdale Borough Council – Big Switch Initiative

### **311/19 Highway Matters**

The following highway issues were noted;

Pot holes at Hardcake, Laythes to Wampool Farm the culverts need cleaned out, drains in Wiggonby are blocked and there is a large pot hole at Thornby (next to the gate entrance). There is still a sewerage problem in Aikton.

### **312/19 Parish Precept**

a) It was agreed that the precept for the year 1 April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be increased to £5000.00 (£200.00 increase from previous year)

b) It was agreed that all the grants remain the same as 2019/20 with the exception of Wigton Pool which would not receive a grant and £400.00 be put towards the proposed parish defibrillator.

Cllr Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) joined the meeting at 8pm and advised that the landowner had been contacted in respect of the overhanging trees as they were their responsibility. The refuse collection services were back in sequence again.

### **313/19 Parish Councillor Vacancy**

John Cumming was co-opted onto the parish council and completed the relevant paperwork.

### **314/19 Watering Hole**

Grass cutting tender advert for the Watering Hole to be added to the parish magazine. It was agreed that 8 grass cuts would be required between May and September and one hedge cut.

### **315/19 Defibrillator**

It was noted that £57.76 in donations had been received for the proposed defibrillator. Community Heartbeat confirmed that the Aikton phone kiosk had been handed to them in 2016 so they would be able to assist in converting it into a defibrillator site.

**316/19 Footpaths/Bridleways**

The rights of way advised that during their survey they had found a number of issues in the area of FP202022 which were primarily vegetation; this would be dealt with by a contractor shortly.

**317/19 Items for Inclusion on the next Agenda**

Defibrillator  
Footpaths/Bridleways

**318/19 Date & time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.25pm.