

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council held as a Zoom Virtual Meeting on Monday the 14th of September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also present: E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor)

380/20 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

381/20 Apologies

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

382/20 Declarations of interest on the agenda

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

383/20 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

384/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of July 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

385/20 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

386/20 Reports

- **Report from the Police Community Support Officer** – no report received.
- **Report from the County Councillor** – no report received.
- **Report from District Councillor** – Cllr Hodgson was not present at this point.

387/20 Reports from outside bodies – parish rooms committee were successful in their bid for a grant for heating and windows from the Cumbria Waste Management Committee and were just waiting for an official confirmation letter.

388/20 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

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| ▪ Clerk's Salary £164.82 & Expenses £36.64 | £201.46 |
| ▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE | £ 41.20 |

A donation request from the Citizens Advice Allerdale was considered and it was agreed not to make a contribution.

389/20 Financial Statements

The current balances & bank reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts as at the 31st of August 2020 were noted & approved.

390/20 Planning Matters

There was no objection to the following planning application;
Ref No: FUL/2020/0179 – Change of use from agricultural to leisure for installation of two camping pods (Resubmission of FUL/2019/0197).

The following grant of planning permission was noted;
Ref No: HOU/2020/0094 – proposed single storey side extension to existing bungalow to provide additional bedroom & playroom – Oakleigh Aikton – Mr T Losh.

391/20 Correspondence

The following correspondences received were noted;
Allerdale Borough Council – Adoption of the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2)
Allerdale Borough Council – Council Tax Reduction for Residents In Allerdale
CALC – Developing your Skills Programme
CALC – Allerdale District Annual Meeting & 3-Tier Meeting
Cumbria County Council – Approve Proposal for Local Government Reform

392/20 Highway Matters

The following highway matters were noted;
Pothole outside no. 4 Brookside. Pot hole before the parish rooms turn off. On the Moordyke to Waterfloss road (Moordyke end) there is a pothole 20 yards from the junction. At Thornby there is water spurting up through the road – blocked culvert.

393/20 Parish Councillor Vacancy

It was noted that there was currently one parish councillor vacancy.

394/20 Footway Lighting

There are still two inoperative lights in Aikton – clerk to report.

395/20 Parish Profile

It was agreed that a Facebook page be created to increase the council's profile – Cllr Housby to Action.

Cllr Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) reported that a patch job had been carried out on the pot holes at Hardcake, the issue at Thornby remained unresolved as highways were unable to find the problem. The road surface from Little Bampton village to New Bampton farm had not yet been patched so was in a dangerous state. Blocked drains at Blackbrow Abattoir are still an issue. Allerdale have been busy distributing business grants etc.

396/20 Parish Personal Pride

Item to be re-entered in the parish magazine.

397/20 Defibrillator

No further update/confirmation on the £500.00 County Council Community grant.
Cllr Young advised that the Aikton Arms had raised £1100 for the parish defibrillator/cabinet. The Parish council gave sincere thanks and praise to all involved – letter of thanks to be sent to the Carol Blamire of the Aikton Arms.
Two cheques, each made payable to the British Heart Foundation, were authorised and agreed by the parish council; £600.00 for the defibrillator & £574.99 for the heated cabinet – clerk to progress the order.

398/20 Footpaths/Bridleways

It was noted that the footpath from the Vicarage to the village was blocked (Lickpot Lane). On the footpath from Crow Wood to Aikton Church, a bridge has been damaged which makes it impassable - this is part of the 'Millers Way' which runs from Carlisle to Silloth. The path is blocked from Roblaw Hall to Oughterby.

399/20 Watering Hole

The Watering Hole garden waste bin had disappeared, on contacting Allerdale it was advised that the watering hole was not eligible for a bin. The information Board required attention and the fence needs treated. The council authorised the weed killing to go ahead. Dumped rubbish had now been removed.

400/20 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

All items as per above to be included on the November agenda

401/20 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 9th of November 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

The chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.