

PRESENT

Councillor W. Bundred (Chairman) (in the Chair)
Councillor P. Lowrie

Councillor Z. Armstrong
Councillor C. Ritson

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk

ALSO ATTENDING – Councillor R. Bloxham, Carlisle City Council

989 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillors Richardson (ill) and P. Armstrong (work)
Councillor Mallinson, Carlisle City Council. (attending other meeting)
Councillor Tarbitt, Cumbria County Council (attending other meeting)

990 MINUTES

990.1 Minute of the Meeting held on 11th January 2016 was submitted.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2016, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

991 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

992 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note the following declarations of interest were made:-

Councillor Z. Armstrong declared an interest in item 1001.
Councillor Bloxham declared an interest in all planning matters.

993 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – FILLING OF VACANCY

There were five vacancies to be filled. An email of interest was received from Craig Ritson.

Councillor Z. Armstrong, seconded by Councillor Bundred, proposed that Mr. Ritson be co-opted to the Parish Council. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED to note that Mr. Ritson was duly elected as a member of the Parish Council and after signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took his place at the meeting.

994 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

994.1 LITTER BIN AT GREENMILL

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Bloxham was looking into the request for a litter bin at Greenmill and would email the Clerk with further information.

995 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

995.1 CPCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Bundred had attended a recent meeting of the CPCA Executive Committee. Minutes from the meeting would be circulated by email in due course.

996 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

996.1 BECK BURN PEAT WORKS, SPRINGFIELD, LONGTOWN (16/0017) - Discharge of conditions 6 (site access road and junction with public highway) and 27 (construction method statement) of previously approved application 13/0866.

Comments – Wrong road detailed on plan. Says A6071 and it should read A7061.

996.2 BECK BURN PEAT WORKS, SPRINGFIELD, LONGTOWN (16/0166) – Discharge of conditions 24 (ground investigation) and 28 (mining risk assessment) of previously approved application 13/0866.

No observations.

997 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

A report was submitted by the Clerk of the decisions of the appropriate planning authority on applications on which the Parish Council had previously been consulted was submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED to note the report.

998 FINANCIAL MATTERS

998.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 26.02.16

There was submitted a report by the Clerk on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statements.

The Clerk reported that the £35.00 difference from the last meeting on the bank reconciliation was from a direct debit paid to the Information Commissioner.

RESOLVED to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance of the Barclays Accounts to 28th February 2016 of £11,359.62.

998.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

- £546.05 A. Riddell – net wage to 30.03.16
- £197.20 HMR&C – PAYE

999 PARISH PLAN

Councillor Bundred reported that although the joint Parish Plan hadn't been worked on for about 12 months, consideration was given to the plan being published in the near future. Arthuret Parish Council hold the funds to publish the plan but distribution costs aren't covered. Councillor Bundred suggested a link to the plan could go on the Council's website and that he would email a copy of the plan to members in due course.

RESOLVED to note the report.

1000 HIGHWAYS ISSUES -

1000.1 FLOODING AT GREENMILL

RESOLVED to note a report from Councillor Bundred that despite the ditch being cleared, water was still standing in the area which may cause a health hazard. The Clerk would contact the MOD for someone to look at the problem as it was on their property.

1000.2 FLOODING AT GAP CORNER

RESOLVED to defer the matter until Councillor Wilson was in attendance.

1001 BUS SHELTERS

Councillor Bundred reported that traffic lights may be required on the road during the installation of the bus shelters at Blackbank. The Clerk would contact Connect Roads to see if the lights were a requirement.

RESOLVED to note the report and that the Parish Council would cover the cost of traffic lights if needed.

1002 BLACKBANK –

1002.1 PARKING ISSUES

Councillor Z. Armstrong reported on the problem parking at Blackbank which could cause problems for emergency vehicles.

RESOLVED to report the matter to Councillor Tarbitt.

1002.2 SPEEDING ISSUES

Councillor Z. Armstrong reported on the speeding at Blackbank which could cause an accident with children playing in the area.

RESOLVED to report the matter to Councillor Tarbitt.

1002.3 GRIT BIN

Councillor Z. Armstrong submitted a request for a grit bin in the area although Sarah Steele, Cumbria Highways, had said that it wasn't feasible as the road was flat.

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Z. Armstrong would consult with Councillor Tarbitt on the matter.

1003 WEBSITE

RESOLVED to note an update that parishcouncils.net had failed to respond to a request for the setting up of a website for the Parish Council. Councillor Bundred would look into the setting up of a website via gmail and would liaise with the Clerk.

1004 COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

Consideration was given to the purchasing of commemorative medals for HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday.

RESOLVED to purchase 100 medals to be distributed to children in the parish of primary school age. Any left over would be distributed to the elderly of the parish. Councillors would check within their own area for numbers of children.

1005 CALC

The following correspondence from CALC was received and noted:-

1005.1 CALC CIRCULARS– February and March 2016.

1005.2 NEW CALC WEBSITE – Email from S. Bagshaw.

1005.3 TRIPARTITE MEETING – Email from S. Hutchinson.

1006 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

RESOLVED to note that the following correspondence had been received and circulated by email prior to the meeting:-

1006.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING RESTRUCTURE – Email from Laura Woods PCSO.

1006.2 UPDATE ON DGSR CONSULTATION – Email from Community Relations Team.

1006.3 WEST, NORTH & EAST CUMBRIA SUCCESS REGIME PROGRESS REPORT – Email from Mitchell Gadd.

1007 LITERATURE AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

NOTED that the following literature is available from the office for any interested Councillors:-

1007.1 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS – 4th March 2016.

1008 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2nd May 2016.

1009 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th May 2016, 7.30pm, Moat Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting would take place beforehand at 7.00pm.

NB: Councillor Tarbitt came to the meeting just as it was closing, after attending another meeting at Nicholforest. Highways issues etc (previously mentioned in these minutes) were then reported to her.