

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 at 7pm in Greenodd Village Hall, Greenodd.

MINUTES

PRESENT Mr R Malcolm, Mrs A Burrow, Mr B Campbell, Mrs J Carson, Mr H Graves, and Mrs J Ireland
The Clerk
County Councillor and District Councillor Willis
Members of the public

652 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mrs S Hobson and PCSO's Wilcock and Baldwin.

653 MINUTES

Item 633 Appointment of Chair in previous minutes was incorrect. Should have read Councillor Campbell nominated Councillor Malcolm and was seconded by Council Graves.

654 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

655 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ETC.

Councillor Willis had been in contact with Nick Raymond from the Highways Department to discuss various issues around the Parish and pointed out that restructuring is still being carried out and there are still vacancies in the Department.

656 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Councillor Carson asked Councillor Willis if there was anything could be done about the volume of traffic using the road near Topping Ray Farm as it was becoming a problem for cyclists using the route. There was almost an accident recently whereby a car didn't see a cyclist. Councillor Willis said she didn't think warning signs would make much difference but would speak to someone who writes cycling books and advise them about the traffic on the route.

RESOLVED: Councillor Willis to contact book author.

Councillor Willis reported that she will ask that the Parish Council be kept informed about road closures and diversions etc.

RESOLVED: Councillor Willis to contact Highways and Contractors.

Councillor Campbell asked if there was any funding available for the road to be narrowed at Spark Bridge to force vehicles to slow down. Councillor Willis stated that there is no funding available for this within the roundabout funding. It was suggested that some kind of illuminated sign could be put up warning vehicles to slow down.

As the Police didn't attend the meeting an email report was read out by the Clerk. Karen Hadwin pointed out that although the report stated there were no accidents to report there was an accident at Arrad Foot on 30th May 2013.

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RESOLVED: Clerk to email John Baldwin and ask why this wasn't in the report.

Councillor Ireland pointed out to Councillor Wills that the road has sunk again at the top of Penny Bridge Hill. Councillor Ireland also pointed out the parking problem at the bottom of Penny Bridge Hill. Vehicles are parked too close to the junction therefore reducing visibility.

RESOLVED: Clerk to Email John Baldwin and ask if the Police can do anything to stop them parking.

657 UPDATE ON ISSUES FROM LAST MEETING

A Penny Bridge School Car Park – Councillor Malcolm reported that he had been in touch with Mrs Smolinski and the car park is definitely going ahead as the land issues have now been sorted.

B Speeding Issues at Spark Bridge and Arrad Foot – Issue discussed earlier in meeting.

C Parish Council Website – Clerk to take this on within duties over the next few weeks. It was agreed that something needs to be done about advertising the website.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange a meeting with Liz Clemment for the website handover and also to look at various places the website can be advertised.

658 STREET LIGHT AT OLD DOCTORS SURGERY

It was agreed that the Parish Council should pay £50 per year to the new owners of The Croft.

RESOLVED: Clerk to speak to owners and forward cheque for £50.

659 PARISH INSPECTION

The Clerk gave a brief update on issues that came up at the Parish Inspection. It was noted that:

- a) The telephone box light at Rosside will be switched off by E-On.
- b) The Bus Shelter on the A590 – a quote had been received however to be put on hold until we find out where the bus will go when the roundabout is finished.
- c) Spark Bridge speeding – the Clerk had contacted the Police and they said it isn't possible to as Sat Nav companies to put an alert on for vehicles not to use as a through road.

Rosside garages – Councillor Campbell reported that Mr Hart Jackson is going to transfer the ownership to the Parish Council but there are issues that need sorting before that can happen.

Councillor Malcolm reported that he had spoken to Mike (Longbow Forestry) about putting a fence along the side of Smithy Green wood. The fence would run alongside the wood and the edge of the parking space that the current tenant of the adjoining house uses. It was also agreed that Councillor Carson would contact Mark Southern to let him know that the Parish Council doesn't own the boundary wall.

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660 CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)

Councillor Graves reported that it was a joint meeting with SLDC. There will be a street lighting survey coming out shortly. Councillor Graves passed on from CALC a thankyou to the Clerk for completing the Police involvement survey. Concern was raised at the meeting regarding the new relaxed planning rules which could involve applying via website and no fees being charged and taking away Parish Council involvement. CALC are going to contact SLDC to say that Parish Councils should be involved.

Next meeting 26th September at Gilpin Bridge.

661 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

Next meeting to be held on 18th July 2013

662 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A planning application had been received from the Beeches at Penny Bridge. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections.

663 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Livingstones Solicitors regarding the Parish Council land asking the Parish Council to decide if any of the land needed registering. It was noted that the only Parish Council land that is registered is Sandhills Quarry. The Parish Council decided to register Newland Quarry with a view to selling. It was agreed to wait before registering any other land.

650 FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was decided that the Parish Council bank account will be moved to NatWest as there have been various issues lately with TSB.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make arrangements for account to be changed.

651 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013, 7.00pm at Greenodd Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm