

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7pm in Greenodd Village Hall, Greenodd.

MINUTES

**PRESENT** Mr R Malcolm, Mrs S Hobson, Mr B Campbell, Mrs J Carson, Mrs B Edmondson, Mr H Graves, and Mrs J Ireland  
The Clerk  
PCSO Harris  
Members of the public

679 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Mrs A Burrow, District Councillor Airey and County Councillor and District Councillor Willis.

680 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair.

681 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

689 **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

*This item is further down on the Agenda however it was agreed to deal with the matter at the beginning to allow new Councillor to be on the Committee for the rest of the meeting.*

It was noted that no request for an election had been made to the Elections Office and that the Parish Council were now free to co-opt someone on to the Parish Council. It was agreed that Karen Hadwen should be made a co-opted Committee Member.

682 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ETC.**

PCSO Harris reported that the Black BMW that was discussed at the last meeting had been checked and found to have no insurance. The vehicle has since been moved. It had been a quiet time for the Police in the area apart from damage to an oil tank in Penny Bridge and a burglary on Elleriggs Brow. There was a discussion regarding the road signs towards Penny Bridge and a question raised by Councillor Malcolm indicate what number the road should be. The sign says A5084 but maps say A5092. Councillor Carson asked PCSO Harris if the billboard on the A590 at the Barr End dual carriageway could be removed.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact Highways Department regarding removing the billboard at Barr End dual carriageway.**

Mr Tim Cook who is the Chair of Spark Bridge Village Hall Committee attended the meeting to report that the Village Hall car park is in urgent need of repair. Mr Cook would like to know who is responsible for the car park and the maintenance of it. The Village Hall Committee would also like to know the Parish Councils views on selling the piece of to Spark Bridge Village Hall Committee.

**Resolved: Clerk to look back in the rent files in an attempt to find any rent agreement. Also the Parish Council agreed to discuss selling the land.**

683 **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

**A A590 Roundabout update** – Work on the roundabout is still on target. Notice has been given of a road closure next weekend. The contract is due to complete in February but the roundabout should be operational by 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

**B Flooding** – Councillor Malcolm gave an update that all the work carried out on Alpine road and in the Osmotherley area has worked and the roads are clearing well. The only issue so far is a gutter needs clearing at the Harris. Councillor Malcolm reported that Cumbria County Council are speaking to Mr Southern of Penny Bridge Hall Estates.

Councillor Campbell reported an issue just past Little Dicks Farm and near the entrance to Saunders.

Councillor Graves reported that flooding often occurs near the telephone box at Broughton Beck.

**Resolved: Councillor Malcolm to contact Councillor Edmondson regarding the gutter that needs clearing to get a better idea of where it is. Clerk to report the other issues.**

684 **UPDATE ON ISSUES FROM LAST MEETING**

**A Electricity Update** – Penny Bridge light still has not been switched on. There is currently work being carried out at the property. Councillor Malcolm has tried to contact the new owners to see if the amount agreed by the Parish Council was acceptable but has not had a response.

**Resolved: Clerk to ask the owners if they would mind the Parish Council paying to have a separate meter fitted. Clerk also to look at the cost of a solar light.**

With regards to Eon bills, the Clerk reported that there has been no response from Eon but will keep chasing them.

**Resolved: Clerk to check again with Eon and to contact the Parish Councillors contractor to ask for an inventory of lights that the Parish Council are responsible for.**

**B Lengthsman Work** – It was reported that various people had commented on the work carried out by Mr Inglis at Broughton Beck, Spark Bridge and Greenodd. Councillor Carson pointed out that Knotweed is still a problem at Plumpton. It was agreed that there is some more work to be done near Sandhills at Penny Bridge and also on the bridge near Penny Bridge School. It was agreed by the Parish Council that Mr Inglis to be used for all future lengthsman work. The Parish Council expressed thanks to the Chair Councillor Malcolm for cutting down the hedge between Greenodd Village Hal and Penny Bridge.

**Resolved: Councillor Malcolm to contact Mr Inglis.**

**C Newland Wood** – The Clerk and Councillor Malcolm reported that the paper work is all now in the hands of the Land Registry. The main issue has been

proving ownership of the wood, however the Land Registry have everything they need.

**Resolved: Councillor Malcolm and the Clerk to keep in contact with Livingstons Solicitors to keep the process moving.**

- D Parish Council Website** – The Clerk is now updating the website on a regular basis. Anything Councillors wish to put on the site should be passed to the Clerk. The Clerk requested that a new group photograph be taken at the next meeting and if anyone has any good photographs of the Parish to pass them on so that they can be put on the Website.

685 **CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)**

Councillor Graves reported that there was an interesting presentation from Mr Richard Rhodes the Police and Crime Commissioner. He talked about his role, key priorities, Youth Justice, anti-social behaviour, rural crime, domestic violence and alcohol abuse. There was also a discussion about the level of police attendance at Parish Council Meetings. The next meeting is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Gilpin Bridge Inn.

686 **LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Malcolm reported that there was a health and wellbeing presentation and a talk from Cumbria Rural Housing Trust.

Councillor Malcolm gave out a report from Cumbria Rural Housing Trust and asked for any suggestions to be given to the Clerk as soon as possible.

687 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

All planning applications were recommended for approval.

There was a discussion about Lowick Wind Turbine and it was agreed that the Parish Council should object on the basis of landscape/visual impact, it is common land and used for walkers. It is also close to the Cumbria Way.

688 **PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**A Report from Councillor Malcolm re: proposed footpath** – Evidence forms have been passed to the Clerk. Mr Hadwin has provisionally agreed to the footpath, however there will be gates blocking the front of the garage site. Mr Hadwin would have no objections to the footpath running along the top bank. The footpath proposal forms are to be completed and sent in.

**Resolved: Councillor Malcolm to work with the Clerk to complete and send off proposal forms.**

**B Report from Councillor Malcolm re: Penny Bridge Hill Car Park** – Councillor Malcolm reported that a request has been made for the car park entrance to be sorted out. The tarmac has been washed away. Mr Watson has agreed to rebuild the garden wall next to the entrance. The Parish Council agreed that in the near future the car park could be re-surfaced one car length back.

- C Extra request** – Councillor Malcolm put forward an extra agenda item. Greenodd Village Hall requested a donation from the Parish Council to enable broadband to be installed in the Village Hall.

**Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to donate £150.**

**690 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence list was read out and it was agreed by the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Parish Council should support the request for 20 is plenty throughout Penny Bridge and Greenodd Main Street.

**Resolved: The Clerk to contact Highways to find out more information.**

The matter of dog mess was also discussed and it was agreed that it is becoming a huge problem in many areas.

**Resolved: The Clerk to contact PCSO and SLDC to see if there is anything that can be done.**

**691 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

All the accounts were agreed and the Clerks wages were approved.

**651 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 7.00pm at Greenodd Village Hall.