

EGTON WITH NEWLAND, MANSRIGGS AND OSMOTHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2018, 7pm at Greenodd Village Hall

PRESENT:

Jane Carson (Chairman), Brian Campbell (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Alice Barrett, Cllr Anne Burrows, Cllr Howard Graves, Cllr Sheila Hobson, Cllr Peter Taylor
County Cllr Janet Willis
District Cllr Andrew Butcher
Members of the Public

1051 APOLOGIES

Zara Myers has handed in her resignation because of ill health. The minutes of the meeting were taken by Cllr Hobson.

1052 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2018 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

1053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

1054 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

1. Julie Hodgson suggests that there is a need for a defibrillator in every village. She is particularly interested in one for Spark Bridge, possibly in the bus shelter and using highway lighting. She stressed the need for it to be visible to passing traffic. She has already raised £780 towards it. There was some discussion about buying through Community First Responders (CFR) versus through Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT). Cllr Graves is to supply Julie with more information from his Broughton Beck experience. The Parish Council agreed to give the same support as was given to Broughton Beck WI for their defibrillator, £500. There was further discussion about the difficulties of private ownership for maintenance purposes and Cllr Campbell suggested the defibrillator could be bought by the Parish Council. Julie was invited to the next meeting to report.
2. John Silcock presented overdue invoices on behalf of his son demanding when the invoices would be paid. The Chairman apologised on behalf of the Council but pointed out that, because of problems due to the Clerk's ill health, it had been difficult to locate all the invoices and payments correctly. Cllr Campbell will send a cheque to his son immediately.

ACTION: Cllr Campbell

3. Cllr Butcher reported on the current major delays on the A590 but thought it would be improved in response to complaints from road users. There is an enforcement order on the owner of the woods at Newland Quarry to remove their stables by 5th May.
4. Cllr Willis reported that some remedial work has now been done in Rosside to the road alongside the beck, but the work would be completed in the summer. She also reported that there was grit available for the Parish Council to be put in dumps in car parks. We can ask if we want some. There are proposals for changes to the fire services in Ulverston to day and night callout. They may also deliver emergency medical response. She was also delighted to report that the X6 is now going to stop in Greenodd on every journey. This will take effect in 56 days. She also reported that the footpath on Main St was due for repair.

1055 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Greenodd bus stop repairs - Cllr Campbell reported that we are awaiting materials prior to carrying out the work.
2. Greenodd lighting – Cllr Campbell reported that we need cabling. Hopes to report back at next meeting.
3. Broughton Beck phone box – The Chairman reported that she had conveyed the Parish Council’s thanks to Mike Griffin for his work on the phone box with a card and a bottle of wine. The Chairman will also send a letter of thanks to Carol for her work. Permission was given to Cllr Graves to arrange for a plaque about 25 x 15 cms to be attached to the backboard of the phone box to acknowledge that the phone box had been refurbished by the residents of Broughton Beck and funded by the Parish Council. The Chairman suggested that at this point, the Parish Council should ensure that an article and photograph is sent to the local press, thus advertising both the work of Broughton Beck residents, the support given by the Parish Council and the location of this defibrillator.

ACTION: Cllr Graves and Cllr Carson

4. Highways issues: (1) Cllr Burrows reported that the potholes in Spark Bridge were terrible despite being told that the job had been done after previously reporting the problem. After further complaint the work is now on the agenda for April. Cllr Burrows suggests that there is a case for right of way arrows at each end of the narrow section in the road. (2) Penny Bridge road repairs at High Garth – repairs are needed but it is a difficult and constant problem, caused by the springs in that area and drains of uncertain ownership. They may belong to United Utilities. Cllr Willis to ask Highways again for their help resolving the problem. (3) Cllr Graves was concerned about a realistic official looking road sign in Broughton Beck that was initially on the highway but is now on a private house saying “slow down children and animals”. He wanted to know if anything could be done about removing it, but, after discussion, the PC decided that it cannot take action as the sign is now on a private house.

ACTION: CCllr Janet Willis

5. Access to Crake Slipway – Ben Holmes pursued his request to have the Crake Slipway acknowledged as a B.O.A.T (Byway open to all traffic) to ensure access for emergency vehicles to launch rescue boats. He supplied a document from the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act and referred to specific clauses to reinforce his case. Cllr Campbell has already approached the County Council about the issue but reported that it is unfortunately low down on their priority list. Cllr Campbell has already drafted a letter to the County Council. Cllr Campbell will inform Ben as soon as the Parish Council hears anything. He suggested that Mr Holmes and others in the village also write letters to the County Council.

ACTION: Cllr Campbell, Mr Holmes and other interested parties

1056 SPARK BRIDGE PLAYGROUND

Lisa Burrow reported on progress since the last meeting. It was too late to make an application for funding via LAP and “Locally Important Projects” with such an early deadline. She has approached Playdale and has had a quote and a design. The quote is for £21k. The next issue is exactly where to site the playground. In discussion with Playdale, the best place would be near the village hall behind the garages away from the river and leaves, but the village hall says it would reduce their parking. The playground needs to be visible from the road for wider use. The other site is an allotment. Once there is a site for the playground it could be built in phases. Cllr Hobson suggested it was still possible to submit an application to LAP for funding at the end of this year.

ACTION: Parish Council to visit the site and Playdale to be invited

1057 SOLAR POWER INSTALLATION FOR ROSSIDE PHONE BOX

Cllr Campbell has received a quote for £250 from the person in Scales who installed a solar panel for their telephone box. Cllr Campbell to arrange a meeting with him and Cllr Hobson.

ACTION: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Hobson

1058 WEBSITE

The Chairman reported that Karen Wood, a CALC administrator can update and refresh the Parish Council website in accordance with the rules for a Parish Council website. She charges £20 per hour. "Rocket sites", a company based in Carlisle, with experience of the Wordpress system and of hosting parish council sites can host the website for an annual charge of £95 plus VAT. This includes domain name registration. The Chairman and Cllr Campbell have arranged a meeting with Karen Wood. Given that the Data Compliance regulations will come into force very shortly, the Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the transfer.

1059 NOTICE BOARD FOR GREENODD BUSINESSES

Cllr Carson has received a quote and an example of a possible sign from Ian Whalley Signs. The sign, or signs, are to be used on the triangle of land at Greenodd to advertise the local businesses within the village. There are options for the signs as either a V-shaped sign to be seen from 2 directions at £3229 plus VAT, or a single sign mounted on a post at £2052 plus VAT. Cllr Campbell had suggested that we could also mount a further sign on the gable end of the bus stop, which could be seen by those motorists approaching the village from Spark bridge direction. The design had met with the approval of the local businesses, and was welcomed by the members of the parish council. As the Parish Council should have another quote, Pauline Webster, of the Ship Inn, suggested Furness Plastics. Cllr Campbell expressed concern that, for a sign of this size, the Parish Council may need written Planning Consent and that the Parish Council may not be allowed to effectively advertise. He also expressed concern that The Britannia would not be able to be included. Cllr Carson suggested that the PC could budget for a separate sign for The Britannia at the foot of Penny Bridge Hill. Cllr Campbell also stressed the importance of all of the business "attractions" to be included to be deemed fair. Another option of the local businesses paying for the writing may be allowable.

ACTION: Cllr Carson to obtain a further quote.

1060 CALC REPORT AND COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Cllr Taylor reported that he had attended the latest CALC meeting but there was nothing to report.

1061 LAP REPORT

The meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and will be rescheduled.

1062 PLANNING

1. SL/2018/0092. Armadale Hotel residential development. There is no social housing included in the proposals. Cllr Barrett felt strongly that there should be some. There are concerns about the exit and entrance to A590 in an accident blackspot. There are also concerns about flooding. Cllr Carson had sent a letter to SLDC expressing these concerns before the Planning Dpt deadline expiry.
2. SL/2018/0079 Rossie Nook. 2 storey side extension. No objection.
3. SL/2018/0164 Penny Bridge School. Construction method statement, hedge screening. No objection.
4. SL/2018/0067 Furnace Garage Newland. 2 rooflights. No objection.

1063 CORRESPONDENCE

Footpath diversion. The Cumbria way is to be diverted from Newbiggin to Stony Crag. This has been approved.

The Chairman had received a verbal resignation form the Clerk. Written confirmation will follow. The PC will advertise in the Parish magazine and CALC for a new Clerk. Cllr Barrett reported that she may have a possibility.

ACTION: Parish Magazine, Cllr Carson, CALC, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Barrett.

1064 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Some garage rents have been received
2. Spark Bridge BT Wayleave agreement confirmed and the Parish Council will now receive payment.
3. Internet banking. Progress has been made. It needs 1 person to initiate a payment and 2 others to authorise. The payment must include a remittance advice.
4. Cllr Campbell circulated a draft budget to be approved at the next meeting.

5. Cheques signed:

Zara Myers

Greenodd Village Hall

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Doctor's surgery light

1065 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish AGM will be held on Tuesday, 1st May 2018, at 7pm. in Greenodd Village Hall. This will immediately be followed by the Parish Council AGM.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hobson for taking the Minutes.