

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7pm in Greenodd Village Hall, Greenodd.

MINUTES

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| PRESENT | Chair | Mrs J Carson, |
| | Vice Chair | Mr R Malcolm, |
| | Councillors | Mrs A Burrow, Mr B Campbell, Mrs B Edmondson, Mrs Sheila Hobson, Mrs Joyce Ireland |
| | The Clerk | Mrs Joanne Hannigan |

District Councillor Caroline Airey. PCSO Janine Wade. Members of the public Karen Hadwin, Mark Southern, Andrew Butcher, Phil Longman, Mr Carrick (Penny Bridge School)

616 **APOLOGIES**

County Councillor and District Councillor Willis, Councillor Graves, Councillor Cropley

617 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

618 **PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION FOR PREVIOUS AND NEW COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Carson presented Phil Longman with a gift for Parish Council Service which was received with thanks and a small speech. Councillor Carson also welcomed new Parish Councillors Anne Burrow and Sheila Hobson.

619 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

620 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

PCSO Wade reported that there had been an attempted armed robbery at Greenodd Service Station and an arrest had been made. She also reported that there had been 4 thefts in the area and 1 offence of criminal damage. These thefts were from rural areas and included theft of oil and machinery from farms. There was also a discussion between Parish Councillors members of the public and PCSO Wade regarding speed monitoring at Arrad Foot and Spark Bridge. Councillor Carson enquired about the Broughton Beck bench being stolen however PCSO Wade said there was nothing further to report.

Resolved: Clerk to email Diana and ask to conduct a survey at Arrad Foot.
PCSO Wade to arrange more monitoring at Spark Bridge and look at putting up the speed indicator.

In the absence of Councillor Willis the following report was from her was read out by the Clerk:

Arrad Foot

I have spoken to Victoria Upton about the speeding in Arrad Foot. Her opinion is that there is no evidence of speeding from the statistics so far. She accepts that the monitoring wasn't done where we want it bus says she is unable to it there due to lack of street furniture. I mentioned about people driving on the wrong side of the bollards and she says we may be able to do something to prevent that at a more reasonable cost. She is happy to have a look at it if we really think is a problem.

I would suggest we survey the residents of Arrad Foot and if there are enough people who think either is a problem we get a meeting together with Victoria.

Car Park for School

I have no plans to spend my £3000 before the elections in May. So if I am re-elected I will commit those funds to the car park provided we are in a position to use them in the next financial year. If I am not re-elected you will have to lobby my successor.

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Can you update everyone re the bus please I sent you the email

Doctors Surgery

Could you please ask everyone at the meeting their opinions on the current surgery arrangements at Backbarrow and Greenodd. I wish to pass them on to one of my fellow councillors who is pursuing the matter for me.

A discussion took place regarding the surgery arrangements and the general feeling was that it works as a temporary measure however is a problem for blood tests and more personal appointments. There also seems to be problems getting through on the telephone. However, appointments are often quick and staff are helpful.

Resolved: Invite someone from the Surgery to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss the future of the surgery.

Parish Council to write to PCT to find out what the future holds for the surgery and to contact Surgery to see how many patients are using Greenodd.

Councillor Airey reported that she hadn't been receiving the minutes from previous meetings. The Clerk apologised and will send previous copies and make sure the correct email address is on the computer. Councillor Airey also reported that she had spoken to Thor Atkinson regarding the trees at the end of Alpine Road. However he is reluctant to cut them. Also, the potholes down to Bencragg are really bad now and something needs to be done.

Resolved: Clerk to check email address and to add Bencragg potholes to the list before sending to Highways.

621 **HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Councillor Carson asked that any more pothole/road problems must be submitted to the clerk as soon as possible. The final list of road problems will be submitted to Highways on Tuesday 12th March 2013.

Resolved: Clerk to update list and send on 12th March 2013.

Old Hall Road

Councillor Carson reported that there had been an email from Highways which stated they could not identify a problem with the drains adjacent to Mr Butcher's land. Mr

Butcher disagreed with this stating that he had spoken to Highways in February who said they would be investigating the problem further.

Resolved: Clerk to check emails and let Mr Butcher know the outcome.

Low Smithy: Mr Southern reported that the problem of water flooding onto the road was being investigated by United Utilities and work is starting this week.

Hedge along footpath Greenodd to Penny Bridge: Councillor Carson reported that this hedge needs cutting as a matter of urgency prior to the beginning of the bird nesting season.

Resolved: Clerk to report as a matter of urgency.

622 **UPDATE ON ISSUES AND CONCERNS FROM LAST MEETING**

A Penny Bridge School Car Park

Councillor Carson reported that there had been no response from the Diocese regarding the letter that was sent. It was agreed to wait two more weeks and then step back from the negotiations.

B Arrad Foot Notice Board

Councillor Carson thanked Councillor Malcolm for sorting out the board which is now in place.

C Newland Wood

Councillor Malcolm reported that the County Council have agreed to give up the lease and is in the hands of the County Council solicitors. An appointment has been made with the Parish Council Solicitors (Livingstone's) to discuss getting together the deeds.

D Speeding issues at Spark Bridge and Arrad Foot

Spark Bridge A discussion took place and the Clerk reported that an email had been sent to Sellafield asking them to put something in their staff newsletter.

Arrad Foot See PCSO Wades report.

E Penny Bridge School Academy Status

Mr Carrick at Teacher/Governor from Penny Bridge School attended the meeting and gave a short presentation about the benefits of the school becoming an academy. This was followed by questions from Parish Councillors and members of the public. It was noted that the school hope to become an academy by January 2014.

623 **A CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)**

Next meeting Thursday 7th March 2013. Councillor Carson and Councillor Malcolm will be attending.

B Broadband Update

Councillor Malcolm reported funding as not officially been agreed for Cumbria.

624 **LOCAL ARA PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Malcolm reported that the Parish Council are holding £1855.00 for LAP in the bank. Next meeting of LAP is 24th April 2013.

625 SLDC REVIEW OF PARISHES

A discussion took place regarding the review of parishes and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write and express the view that although the Parish Council has had to co-opt four members it now has a full Committee and is working well with this number of Councillors. There was general agreement that the boundaries coincide well with the Community structures.

626 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

It was agreed that this was a good report and that everyone should keep a copy on the computer as it was a valuable reference document for Councillors.

627 CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

Councillor Carson discussed the idea of the Parish Council being more pro-active in the Parish and that it would be a good idea to enter into Cumbria in Bloom next year as it was a little too late to start planning for this year. Councillor Malcolm reported that a request had been made by a young person of Greenodd Village to have a flower display at the end of the Main Street turning area (Sheriff Well Quarry) so that it can be seen when travelling on the A590 towards Greenodd. As part of the Cumbria in Bloom for next year it was agreed that the Parish Council would look at the cost of a making this happen. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would get costs for a bus stop to be erected at the bus stop on the A590 as this is now to be used as a main bus stop.

Resolved: Clerk to price for bus shelter

628 PLANNING

Councillor Carson asked if Parish Councillors were happy with the current system in place for Councillors to look at plans. It was agreed that it works well. However the Parish Council need to bear in mind that it can take three weeks for hard copies of plans to be sent to the Clerk after they have appeared on the weekly list.

The Clerk reported that a positive response had been submitted to SLDC for the Armadale Hotel plans.

Councillor Carson also reported that Thor Atkinson is currently in breach of an enforcement order regarding the hedge on Alpine Road

Resolved: Clerk to contact SLDC and enquire about the enforcement order.

629 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council Website is now live and is regularly being updated. Anyone wanting to add things to the site should forward items to the Clerk who will then forward to Liz. A request was made to both new and existing Councillors to send in their information as soon as possible.

630 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence list was inspected and nothing reported. The Clerk asked if all Parish Councillors were happy with the current system of correspondence. It was agreed that the current process works.

631 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance at TSB 15/10/2012 £7840.96
Accounts paid since last meeting

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| Eon* | £ 13.29 | |
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| RECEIPT (holding for LAP) | | £1855.00 |
| Greenodd village hall* | £ 30.00 | |
| Robinsons* | £100.42 | |
| Hillfoot Garden Centre* | £ 65.00 | |
| AJ Tree Services* | £250.00 | |
| Clement Media Design* | £245.00 | |
| Carter (Parking @Penny Bridge) | | £ 60.00 |
| Locke (Parking @ Penny Bridge) | | £ 60.00 |
| Electricity Northwest | | £ 39.48 |
| Perks (Parking @ Penny Bridge) | | £ 60.00 |
| Eon (telephone Kiosk electricity) (not cleared) | £108.26 | |
| Balance at 15/02/2013 | | £9198.44 |
| Available to spend (£9198.44 - £1855.00) | | £7343.44 |

*Cleared at Lloyds TSB

632 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th May 2013 This is both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.