

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. M. Abbott, R. Bowness, S. Barton, K. Faulder, J. Mansfield, D. Thompson, and B. Williamson.

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk).

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor) (part of meeting)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

128/2023 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from M. Bowness and her absence was approved.

129/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

130/2023 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Mansfield and seconded by K. Faulder it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

131/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no parishioners present and no matters were raised on their behalf.

132/2023 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

On the proposal of R. Bowness and seconded by K. Faulder it was agreed to exclude the Press and Public for item 26 on the agenda because it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 & 2 Schedule, 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

133/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -

Notes of a short presentation on Community Panels and Network
Cumbria Action for Sustainability Newsletters – September/October
CCRG Winter Vaccines and Winter Weather
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Autumn Newsletter
ACT update September 2023
CALC News – July & August
Cumberland Council Newsletters.
CCRG Flood Aware? Plan and Prepare Focus Week
Community Emergency Planning Update
Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – October 2023

Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools

134/2023 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including:

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- (i) A letter had been received from Jacobs regarding the refurbishment of the historical railways overbridge at Mealsgate
- (ii) He attended the Clerks Forum on 14th September by Teams and informed members of some of the issues raised.
- (iii) The clerk had received an e-mail complaining about the early discharge of fireworks. He had referred the complainant to the police via 101.

135/2023 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

The Chair gave a verbal report which included that the railings had been repaired and work to the ridge tiles was awaited. There is a quiz on 2nd December and a Christmas party on 23rd December. The lack of heating will be investigated.

136/2023 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and was questioned regarding the lack of information regarding the ongoing road closure on the A596 in Aspatria.

137/2023 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

HOU/2023/0182	Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage (retrospective) Solway, Fletchertown, Wigton, CA7 1BG	Objection Unneighbourly Development
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(b) Decisions

FUL/2023/0180	Feed, machinery store Station House, Baggrow, Aspatria, CA7 3QG	Approved
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(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

138/2023 ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the accounts since the last meeting were ratified, and remainder were approved for payment: -

Unity Bank Trust	Service Charge	£18.00
Water Plus	Water rates (September)	£10.27
T Gear	Clerks Account (July/August)	£522.86
HMRC	Income Tax (July/August)	£100.44
Top Marks Pest Sols.	Pest Control	£55.00
WG & JB Hort. Serv.	Hedge Trimming	£237.50

ii) Balances as at

1.11.23	Current Account	£5,554.16
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Deposit Account

£4,675.94

(iii) The draft budget for 2024/24 was discussed and it was agreed to set the precept for 2024/25 at £10,100.

139/2023 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: Nothing to report as it is nearing the end of the season.
- ii) Play Park: The annual play park inspection is due anytime now.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton reported that it was dry and there had been no incidents since the last meeting.
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield attended the Fells and Solway Community Panel Workshop on 11th October, which was well attended and found it useful. The meeting was basically a brainstorming session looking for suggestions with selected representatives going on to a more focused meeting later.

140/2023 PRIDE IN THE PARISH/FLETCHERTOWN SPRING CLEAN

Due to the poor weather in the summer this is to be discussed again in Spring.

141/2023 USE OF RECREATION FIELD

Members had been circulated with a letter regarding the use of the Recreation Field by children on Quad Bikes. The contents were discussed and whilst it was disappointing that the person had found it necessary to complain it was noted that there had been no other complaints or damage to the field. On balance it was agreed to continue to monitor the use.

142/2023 BAGGROW LONNING

To be discussed further at the next meeting

143/2023 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

R. Bowness advised that he had applied for more trees and would be putting a smaller gate to the area. He will also provide a plan of the area.

144/2023 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE – MEALSGATE

The SID has not been returned as promised. The clerk had written to the Police on two occasions and has had no response. It was agreed that the issue should be raised with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner who has previous knowledge of the issue.

145/2023 DRAINAGE – PLAY PARK, FLETCHERTOWN

It had been reported that the drainage system on the play park was regularly becoming blocked by the roots of the Willow. It was agreed to kill back the Willow and then have the drains cleared in spring.

146/2023 CLIMATE CHANGE

This is becoming a critical issue and regular updates are received from various sources including: -

- (i) Solar Made Easy - online event on 16th October 2023
- (ii) Biodiversity Net Gain – Information for Local Councils
- (iii) Climate and Carbon Literacy training courses

147/2023 PLAY EQUIPMENT

The clerk had obtained a quote for a replacement roundabout from Playdale which came to £16,293.07. Further enquiries are to be made regarding other options.

148/2023 CONDITION OF 7 SOUTH STREET, FLETCHERTOWN

The condition of the above property has been raised again with Cumberland Council who are reluctant to act at this time.

149/2023 ASPATRIA LIBRARY SERVICE

The Aspatria Library building has been out of service for nearly 18 months, which was an inordinate amount of time for such a vital service to be closed. It is believed that the totally refurbished and extended building will be open in March 2024.

150/2023 D DAY 80 – 6th JUNE 2024

J. Mansfield advised that ongoing research was being carried out to identify those from the parish that were lost in the war.

151/2023 PROGRESS REPORTS

(i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th. December 2023 for delivery very early January 2024.

152/2023 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning
Restoration of bonfire site
D Day 80 – 6th June 2024
Play Park
Schedule of meeting 2024/25

At this point the Press and the Public were asked to leave the meeting in accordance with agenda item 5 (minute 132/2023).

153/2023 SOLICITOR'S LETTER

Members were advised of the advice from the council's solicitor and acting on that advice estimates will be obtained for the installation of the Height Restrictor.

154/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....

Chair