

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk) and K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

01/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from K. Faulder (Illness) and her absence was approved.

02/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

03/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded by J. Mansfield it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

04/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

05/2023 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the press or public.

06/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Public Consultation Survey from the office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Draft NALC Response – Consultation on Very Hard to Reach Broadband Areas

CALC AGM Minutes

CALC News – November & December

Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – November/December 2023

Partnership Information

Consultation on Policing Budget

Hospice at Home Christmas Tree Collection Appeal

Civility and Respect Project

List of Community Food Groups

Hyperfast GB Newsletter – December 2023

CCRG – Snow, Thank You Letter and Christmas Information

Cumberland Council – Budget Consultation
PCCU Resilience Information

Request for Financial Support from Great North Air Ambulance. On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded by J. Mansfield it was agreed to donate £100.00 to this worthy cause.

07/2024 CLERKS REPORT

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

08/2024 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

The Chair gave a verbal report which included that the ridge tiles were still in need of repair, new car park lights had been installed and that the Christmas Party held on 23rd December 2023 had been a success.

09/2024 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and advised members that he had visited Baggrow Lonning and had raised the condition issue with highways. The clerk also read a letter regarding the lonning that he had received from Highways. K. Thurlow will take matter up again with Highways.

10/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

AGR/2023/0053	Prior notification for a new building Baggrow Farm, Aspatria , CA7 3QF	No Objections
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(b) Decisions

None

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

Following the council submitting an objection to HOU/2023/0182 at the last meeting it was noticed that there was an advert in the local papers for an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the same site. The clerk contacted the Planning Department who gave a full explanation that HOU/2023/0182 had been withdrawn and that the new garage would be within Permitted Development Rights.

11/2024 ACCOUNTS

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

Water Plus	Water rates (October)	£10.49
W & B Powley	Waste land Strimming	£90.00
Top Marks Pest Sols.	Pest Control	£55.00
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£18.00
T.Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)(Arrears)	£615.71
HMRC	Income Tax (Nov./Dec.)	£132.84
WG & JB Hort. Serv.	Hedge Trimming	£237.50
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£100.00
Wigton Baths	Donation	£50.00

ii) Balances as at

3.1.24	Current Account	£4,492.10
3.1.24	Deposit Account	£4,675.94

12/2024 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: The ground is very wet currently
- ii) Play Park: The annual play park inspection has been conducted.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton reported that there had been a few warnings but no incidents to date.
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield advised that there had been no meetings since the last meeting of the council.

13/2024 CLERKS NATIONAL PAY AWARD 2023

The clerk advised the meeting that the national pay increase for Clerk equated to £1 per hour backdated to 1st April 2023.

14/2024 ALLOTMENT RENT 2024

Members considered the current rent against expenditure and agreed that there will be no increase for 2024.

15/2024 BAGGROW LONNING

This was discussed earlier (minute 09/2024)

16/2024 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project with more trees arriving in March.

17/2024 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE – MEALSGATE

The clerk raised the issue with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner who eventually contacted the officer responsible for the deployment of the Speed Indication Device (SID) who will raise the matter with CRASH and arrange for its return in the future.

18/2024 DRAINAGE – PLAY PARK, FLETCHERTOWN

This item is to be discussed at the next meeting.

19/2024 CLIMATE CHANGE

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

- (i) Climate change and Biodiversity Loss- How Local Councils can take action

20/2024 PLAY PARK

The Annual Play Park Inspection had been circulated. There are a number of issues regarding painting and simple maintenance together with issues regarding the recent work conducted by Playdale. It was agreed that the painting and simple maintenance be carried out by W. Powley and that the clerk write to Playdale regarding the other issues.

21/2024 DONATION WIGTON BATHS

A letter seeking financial support had been received from Wigton Baths Trust. As this facility is used by some local residents on the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded by J. Mansfield it was agreed to donate £50.00 to this worth cause.

22/2024 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 although this is being frustrated as the government had given the records to a private company who now charge for the information.

23/2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETING 2024/25

The clerk had produced a draft schedule of meeting dates for the municipal year 2024/25 which was approved.

24/2024 GRASS CUTTING 2024

The clerk had received a letter from the present contractor advising that he would no longer be cutting the grass in the parish. The clerk had obtained a quote from another local contractor which is slightly more expensive but still considered value for money following last year's tendering process. It was agreed to employ Mike Dowling Contracting to cut the grass in the parish for the 2024 season.

25/2024 CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE PARISH

J. Mansfield, at the request of a resident, raised the issue of the council providing Christmas Tree(s) in public spaces within the parish. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

26/2024 GRIT BIN IN FLETCHERTOWN

M. Abbott, at the request of residents, raised the issue of the council providing a grit bin in Fletchertown for the residents to grit the pavements in icy weather. Members will consider this matter and suitable locations further at their next meeting.

27/2024 PROGRESS REPORTS

(i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th. February 2024 for delivery early March 2024.

28/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning
Restoration of bonfire site
D Day 80 – 6th June 2024
Play Park
Grit Bin – Fletchertown
Christmas Tree(s) in the parish

29/2024 SOLICITOR'S LETTER

There had been no correspondence from the Solicitor since the last meeting.

30/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th March 2024 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....
Chair