

# Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk), K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor) (part of meeting) and a member of the public

Apologies: None

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

At the start of the meeting DC Claire Keyes from Cumbria Police gave a talk on fraud And its implications which was well received by those present. She was thanked for her professional presentation which gave members a lot to think about.

## 31/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from J. Mansfield (Personal) and her absence was approved.

## 32/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

K. Faulder declared a personal interest in item 25 on the agenda.

## 33/2024 DISPENSATION

K. Faulder was granted a dispensation to speak on item 25 but not to engage in the debate or decision.

## 34/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded by M. Abbott it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 35/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised by or on their behalf of the public.

## 36/2023 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

## 37/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

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

A letter of thanks for the council's donation to Wigton Baths

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – January and February 2024

Partnership Information

PFCC Winter Newsletter

Survey asking for examples on how Household Support Fund has supported people.  
 Final Call. Cumberland Council Community Panels  
 Cumbria Local Nature Partnership update.  
 Several items on the weather in January.  
 Official Portrait of HM The King. It was agreed to obtain a copy and donate to the school.  
 Town, Parish and community Councils – D Day 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. It was agreed to purchase two flags, one for the school and the other for the village hall.  
 Hyperfast GB Newsletter- Spring 2024

#### 38/2024 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) The clerk advised members of the ongoing issue with reading the water meter on the allotments.
- ii) The Data Protection Renewal had been received which is paid by direct debit saving £5.00

#### 39/2024 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

The Chair gave a verbal report which included that a new window had been ordered for the main hall and the ridge tiles were still in need of repair. She also advised that the recent quiz night had been well attended and several other events were being planned,

#### 40/2024 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting and advised members that works had been carried out to Baggrow Lonning and the contractor has promised to return and complete these in better weather. He also raised the lack of gritting on the B5299 and advised that everybody affected should be making representations to Cumberland Highways. The Aspatria Library will not be completed this spring as previously advised but should be completed in June.

#### 41/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

None

(b) Decisions

AGR/2023/0053

Prior notification for a new building  
 Baggrow Farm, Aspatria, CA7 3QF

Approved with  
 conditions

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

#### 42/2024 ACCOUNTS

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

T.Gear	Clerks Account (Jan./Feb.)	£543.96
HMRC	Income Tax (Nov./Dec.)	£107.64
Water Plus	Water rates (January)	£16.88
Ministry of Doing	Website Domain	£19.99

ii) Balances as at

6.3.24	Current Account	£4,123.62
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6.3.24	Deposit Account	£4,675.94
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iii) The effectiveness of the 2022/23 audit was discussed and it was agreed to appoint Mrs. J Rae as the internal auditor for the 2023/24 audit.

vi) The clerk had prepared a draft Risk Assessment which was approved.

#### 43/2024 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: The ground is very wet currently

ii) Play Park: Very wet at present.

iii) Flooding: S. Barton reported that there had been no incidents which affected the parish.

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield had tendered her apologies

#### 44/2024 PRIDE IN THE PARISH/ FLETCHERTOWN SPRING CLEAN

The above was discussed, and it was decided to discuss it further at the next meeting when members would have had time to consider various ideas.

#### 45/2024 RESIGNATION/VACANCY

The clerk reminded members of the resignation of Ricky Bowness. It was decided to leave the position of Vice Chair until the annual meeting in May and M. Abbott would be the new portfolio holder for allotments. There were no applications for co-option to be considered.

#### 46/2024 BAGGROW LONNING

This was discussed earlier (minute 40/2024)

#### 47/2024 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project. More trees have arrived which will be planted out when the weather improves.

#### 48/2024 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE – MEALSGATE

This had not returned as promised. The clerk to chase.

#### 49/2024 DRAINAGE – PLAY PARK, FLETCHERTOWN

Efforts to be made to find a suitable contractor to kill the willow and then clear the drains.

#### 50/2024 WINTER GRITTING

This was dealt with earlier (minute 40.2024)

#### 51/2024 PLAY EQUIPMENT

The clerk advised that he was trying to contact a contractor to carry out repairs to the roundabout. He advised the meeting of the response from Playdale which was unsatisfactory. Efforts were being made to find somebody to paint the items and carry out minor repairs.

#### 52/2024 GRIT BIN, FLETCHERTOWN

Whilst in principle it was considered a promising idea there were concerns regarding the location and the use it would provide for the community.

53/2024 D DAY 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

J. Mansfield had tendered her apologies so will be discussed at the next meeting.

54/2024 CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE PARISH

J. Mansfield was the lead on this item and had tendered her apologies.

55/2024 QUAD BIKES ON RECREATION FIELD

The council was presented with a petition regarding the ongoing use of the Recreation Field by quad bikes. The council was also made aware of the legislation and good practice regarding such use. The council were minded to prohibit the use of its land for all motor vehicles but agreed for the clerk to write to the user(s) and allow them to make written representations before a final decision was made.

56/2024 RE-POSITIONING OF SEAT – WEST STREET. FLETCHERTOWN

The seat is currently covered by vegetation and obstructed by a large vehicle. It was agreed that it would better serve its purpose if it was re-located into the nearby allotments.

57/2024 KINGS PORTRAIT

An offer had been received for the council to apply for a free portrait of the King. It was agreed to accept the offer with the portrait being displayed in Allhallows Centre.

58/2024 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

59/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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

60/2024 SOLICITOR'S LETTER

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

61/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st May 2024 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm.** (including the Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Chair

