

Allhallows Parish Council

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

PRESENT: Messrs. M. Abbott, J. Mansfield, K. Faulder, B. Williamson, J. Pegler, and G. Marr

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

159/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from S. Barton (Personal), and M. Bowness (Personal) and their absence was approved.

160/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

161/2024 DISPENSATIONS

None.

162/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of K. Faulder and seconded by M. Abbott it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

163/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

164/2024 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

165/2024 VACANCIES

Mrs. G. Marr had completed an Eligibility Form for co-option as a Councillor. Mrs. Marr was asked to retire whilst her application was discussed. On her return she was advised that her application was successful, and she completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. She was also asked to complete the Notification by Members pecuniary and other registerable interests form within 28 days.

165/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – September and October 2024

CALC News – July and August 2024.
Hyperfast GB Newsletter – Autumn 2024
Fells and Solway Community Network Event 14.11.24 and other information
CALC AGM Invitation and other Board information
Polling District and Polling place review
Launch of New Cumbria People and Nature Network Website
Cumberland Council Statement of Community Involvement
Invite to Workshops for Cumbria LNRS Mapping
Don't miss the Family Help and Prevention Professional Roadshow
Feedback on the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website

166/2024 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) He had completed The Pension Regulator re-enrolment procedure.
- ii) The clerk had been advised that there had been a National Pay Agreement for Clerks which amount to an increase of 63p per hour (less tax).
- iii) He had received notification that the CALC Subscription will rise to £219.80 in 2025

167/2024 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

K. Faulder gave a verbal update, and a report has been received from the Centre Committee was read.

168/2024 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow had tendered his apologies.

170/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

None

(b) Decisions

None

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(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None.

171/2024 ACCOUNTS

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

Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (August)	£600.00
Water Plus	Water rates (August)	£10.93
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£18.00
After Aqua Ltd	Maintenance	£280.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Sept/Oct.)	£555.85
HMRC	Income Tax (Sept/Oct.)	£107.64
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (September)	£600.00

Top Marks Pest Sols.	Pest Control	£55.00
Water Plus	Water rates (September)	£10.71

ii) Balances as at

6.11.24	Current Account	£7,869.31
6.11.24	Deposit Account	£4,851.48

iii) The clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2025/26 which was discussed, and it was agreed to set the precept at £10,300.00 for 2025/26

172/2024 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: M. Abbott advised that the allotments were very wet due to the past heavy rain.
- ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated it is very wet at present. She attended a One Day RPII Routine Inspectors Course on 9th September and was presented with a Certificate of Attendance by the Chair.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton tendered her apologies, but members were not aware of any issues since the last meeting.
- iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield attended Fells and Solway Community Panel in the newly refurbished Aspatria Library and gave a verbal report.

172/2024 POULTRY REGISTRATION

The clerk advised the meeting that anybody who keeps birds outside must register with DEFRA. Whilst it is a personal registration scheme members asked the clerk to write to Hen Pen holders and to put an item in the next Parish Newsletter.

173/2024 BAGGROW LONNING

K. Thurlow had tendered his apologies but will be asked for an update at the next meeting.

174/2024 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

This is an ongoing project, and a fuller report will be available at the next meeting.

175/2024 SPEEDING MEALSGATE AND CUMBERLAND COUNCIL 20MPH POLICY

The clerk had received information that Cumberland Council had adopted a 20mph policy. Having read the criteria he felt that the B5299 Mealsgate fitted those criteria and had produced a draft letter which had been circulated. Members agreed that it should be sent to Highways.

176/2024 DRAINAGE – PLAY PARK, FLETCHERTOWN

The clerk was still waiting for an update from the contractor regarding the treatment of the willow.

177/2024 ODD JOBS IN THE PARISH

The Chair gave a verbal update on the work of the odd job person including most public seats in the parish had been painted and some work will continue throughout the winter.

179/2024 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

No current information has been received since the last meeting.

180/2024 RE-POSITIONING OF SEAT – WEST STREET. FLETCHERTOWN

This will be done during the winter weather permitting.

181/2024 PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

A local contractor has been asked to remove the defibrillator from the damaged telephone box in Fletchertown and re-position it near the entrance to the Community Centre.

182/2024 PROGRESS REPORTS

(i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th. February 2025 for delivery early March 2025.

183/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning
Restoration of bonfire site
Play Park
Climate Change
Defibrillator
VE & VJ Day Celebrations
Streetlight – Outside Rosedene, Mealsgate

184/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday **Wednesday 6th January 2025 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 7.47pm

Signed.....

Chair