

Allhallows Parish Council

A meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7.00pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk), and two residents.

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

103/2023 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

104/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

105/2023 MINUTES

On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded by R. Bowness it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

106/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Whilst there were two parishioners present but nothing was raised under this item.

107/2023 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded by R. Bowness it was agreed to exclude the Press and Public for item 24 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.

108/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Notes of the CALC Special General Meeting held on 22nd July 2023

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Summer Newsletter

Partnership and LGR Information (11.8, 1.9.)

Databank Drop In Workington Library 26/7, 9/8, 23/8

Cumbria in Bloom July 2023 Newsletter.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter (July)

Green 2 Grow, Food, People, Nature event 15th September and 31st October

ACT update July 2023

Activities for Refugee week etc.

Civility and Respect Project

Cumberland Council Newsletters.
 Cumbria LRF Winter Workshop
 CALC Annual General Meeting 30th September 2023 10 am
 CALC News May and June 2023
 Community Panels open for Business.
 County of Cumbria & D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024
 Let's talk Bereavement Project
 Cumbria People and Nature Network
 CCRG: National Risk Register and Flood Warning Sign Up
 CALC Annual Review 2022-2023
 Fire and Rescue Plan public survey is now live.
 Communities at the heart of new fund to boost local growth and energy security.
 Hyperfast GB Newsletter – August 2023
 Digital Voice and Power outage- Community Resilience and Emergency Planning
 CAfS Newsletter – September 2023

109/2023 CLERKS REPORT

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

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- (i) Highways have announced and are consulting on 7.5 weight restrictions on various roads in the parish.
- (ii) There is a Clerks Forum on 14th September which the clerk hopes to attend.
- (iii) The clerk had received an e-mail complaining about the condition of footpaths in the parish which has now been resolved.
- (iv) There had been an invitation for councillors to attend the Fells and Solway Community Network workshop on Wednesday 11th October 2023 from 3pm to 5pm at Wigton Market Hall.
- (v) The clerk has been advised by Cumberland Council that no election has been requested for the vacancy on the council which can now be filled by co-option

110/2023 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

The Chair gave a verbal report which included that there had been a recent successful Arts Weekend. She thanked all those who helped to make it such a success.

111/2023 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow had tendered his apologies and there was no report.

112/2023 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

FUL/2023/0180	Feed, machinery store Station House, Baggrow, Aspatria, CA7 3QG	No Objections
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(b) Decisions

LBC2023/0017	Listed Building consent for the installation of an electric vehicle charging point. Whitehall, Mealsgate, Wigton, CA7 1JS	Approved
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HOU2023/0105	Planning consent for the installation of an electric vehicle charging point. Whitehall, Mealsgate, Wigton, CA7 1JS	Approved
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(c) Appeals
None

(d) Planning related correspondence
None

113/2023 ACCOUNTS

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

Bendles Solicitors	Legal Advice	£72.00
Water Plus	Water rates (July)	£43.37
WG & JB Hort. Serv.	Grass cutting (August)	£268.40
WG & JB Hort Serv.	Footpath Maintenance	£175.00
T Gear	Clerks Account (July/August)	£537.57
HMRC	Income Tax (July/August)	£100.44
WG & JB Hort. Serv.	Grass cutting (September)	£268.40
Water Plus	Water rates (August)	£10.49

ii) Balances as at

6.9.23	Current Account	£1,538.23
6.9.23	Deposit Account	£4,675.94

114/2023 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

- i) Allotments: They are looking good and there is one vacant hen pen
- ii) Play Park: There is a damaged piece of equipment which is supposed to cost £1,177.50 plus VAT to repair. The clerk is to look at alternatives.
- iii) Flooding: S. Barton reported that it was dry and there had been no incidents since the last meeting.
- iv) Outside bodies: No meetings during the summer.

115/2023 PRIDE IN THE PARISH/FLETCHERTOWN SPRING CLEAN

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

116/2023 VACANCY

The clerk read a letter from Mr. Brad Williamson asking to be considered for the vacant position of Councillor. On the proposal of R. Bowness and seconded by M. Abbott it was agreed that Mr. Williamson be co-opted to serve as Councillor.

117/2023 BAGGROW LONNING

To be discussed further at the next meeting

118/2023 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

R. Bowness advised that the seat had been taken to the site and he was working on the paths. Most of the trees had survived but he has arranged for the dead trees to be replaced.

119/2023 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE – MEALSGATE

The SID has not been returned as promised. The clerk to chase.

120/2023 HOLIDAY LETS/PARKING FLETCHERTOWN

A complaint has been received regarding the above which was discussed and noted.

121/2023 CLIMATE CHANGE

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

- (i) Sign up for our Westogether Climate Concerns event on 26th September 2023
- (ii) Cumbria Community Resilience Group Climate Risks
- (iii) How to declare a Climate & Ecological Emergency

122/2023 BAGGROW AND BLENNERHASSET CRICKET CLUB

The council has received two letters from the above regarding grass cutting at the club. The council discussed the contents and concluded that as the land in question is outside of the parish that they are unable to comment on or assist.

123/2023 ASPATRIA LIBRARY SERVICE

The Aspatria Library building has been out of service for over 12 months, which was an inordinate amount of time for such a vital service to be closed. The Cumberland Councillor will be contacted direct.

124/2023 PROGRESS REPORTS

- (i) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to the Clerk by 15th October 2023 for delivery very early November 2023.

125/2023 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Baggrow Lonning
- Restoration of bonfire site
- D Day 80 – 6th June 2024
- Play Park

At this point the Press and the Public were asked to leave the meeting in accordance with agenda item 5 (minute 107/2023).

126/2023 SOLICITOR'S LETTER

Members were advised of the advice from the council's solicitor, which was agreed.

127/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st November 2023 at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed.....

Chair

