

Allhallows Parish Council

The Annual meeting of the Allhallows Parish Council was held in the Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Aspatria on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.10pm. (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk), and a resident of the parish

Apologies: K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor M. Abbott in the Chair

62/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from D. Thompson (Work) and her absence was approved.

63/2024 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2024/25

On the proposal of J. Mansfield and seconded by S. Barton, M. Abbott was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

64/2024 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly elected Chair signed the Acceptance of Office.

65/2024 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2024/25

On the proposal of M. Abbott and seconded M. Bowness, S. Barton was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

66/2024 PORTFOLIO HOLDERS 2024/25

The existing Portfolio Holders were all re-appointed.

67/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

68/2024 DISPENSATION

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

69/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of S. Barton and seconded by K. Faulder it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

70/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following items were raised by a resident.

- (i) Concern was raised that the cut grass was not being collected by the contractor and some had been left on the public seat at Fletchertown. The contract is for cut and drop but the contractor would be asked to ensure the seat is clear of grass in the future.
- (ii) There had been difficulty with services gaining access to the Centre to read the meters which also appear to have the wrong address location. This will be raised with the centre committee.

71/2024 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

72/2024 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 – March and April 2024

Partnership Information

Solar Made Easy, Home Energy, plus more events, etc.

Public Space Protection Order and Litter Champion Event in Cumberland

CALC News – January & February 2024.

73/2024 CLERKS REPORT

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

- i) The clerk had received a request from Allhallows Centre to be able to use the Recreation Field for Flecky family Fun Day on 27th July 2024. All present agreed to the use provided Public Liability Insurance was put in place by the organizers.

74/2024 ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

The Chair gave a verbal report which included that a new window had been installed thanks to grants from Aspatria Charity Shop and the George Moore Trust. 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,

75/2024 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

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

76/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

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| FUL/2024/0035 | Erection of new stable block and storage building Acre Cottage, Watch hill, Aspatria, CA7 3SB | No Observations |
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(b) Decisions

None

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

77/2024 ACCOUNTS

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

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| Ministry of Doing | Annual website account | £294.39 |
| T. Gear | Clerks Account (March/April) | £523.16 |
| HMRC | Income Tax (March/April) | £107.64 |
| Water Plus | Water rates (April) | £11.26 |
| CALC | Annual Subscription | £186.58 |
| Top Mark Pest Solutions | Pest Control | £55.00 |
| Mrs. J. Rae | Internal Audit | £85.00 |
| Clear Insurance | Insurance | £453.12 |
| Print Point | Newsletter | £48.00 |
| T Gear | Printer Ink | £39.42 |
| Mr. Raven | Rent for Allotment Land | £150.00 |

ii) Balances as at

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| 1.5.24 | Current Account | £7609.02 |
| 1.5.24 | Deposit Account | £4,675.94 |

iii) The Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 was completed and signed by the Chair.

iv) The Accounting Statements were accepted and signed by the Chair.

v) The Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption 2023/24

vi) The period of Public Rights to inspect the accounts was noted.

vii) The audit documents will be available on the website in the near future.

78/2024 COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIO'S

i) Allotments: M. Abbott advised all is well at present but will be inspected in the near future.

ii) Play Park: K. Faulder stated it is very wet at present.

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

iv) Outside bodies: J. Mansfield advised that there appears to be very little communication from Cumberland Council.

79/2024 PRIDE IN THE PARISH/ FLETCHERTOWN SPRING CLEAN

The above was discussed, but there appears to be little interest from residents in getting involved.

80/2024 VACANCY

There were no applications for co-option to be considered.

81/2024 BAGGROW LONNING

This still needs to be completed by the contractor.

82/2024 RESTORATION OF THE BONFIRE SITE

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

83/2024 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE – MEALSGATE

The clerk had been in contact with M. Johnston who was to find out when the device would return to the parish but no doubt this slipped his memory on the build up to the Police and Crime Commissioner election. The clerk to chase again.

84/2024 DRAINAGE – PLAY PARK, FLETCHERTOWN

Mike Dowling Contraction have indicated they would be interested in the work. The clerk to obtain and estimate.

85/2024 WINTER GRITTING

The clerk had circulated a copy of the letter from Mark Jenkinson MP who is in contact with Cumberland Council.

86/2024 PLAY EQUIPMENT

The clerk advised that he was trying to contact a contractor to conduct repairs to the roundabout. Efforts were being made to find somebody to paint the items and carry out some minor repairs.

87/2024 GRIT BIN, FLETCHERTOWN

There has been no further information so this item should be removed from the future agenda.

88/2024 D DAY 80 – 6th JUNE 2024

The Parish Council, Centre Committee and Church to discuss any proposed events.

89/2024 CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE PARISH

Several Christmas trees had been ordered by a representative of the centre committee. Suitable locations to be discussed in the future.

90/2024 QUAD BIKES ON RECREATION FIELD

The council considered a Briefing Note produced by the clerk and was read and email from an interested party (omitting names). It was decided that as the field is to be no longer used by the quad bikes that no action was required at this stage and that the concerns regarding photographing of children should be reported to the police by the parties concerned. The clerk to respond. accordingly.

91/2024 RE-POSITIONING OF SEAT – WEST STREET. FLETCHERTOWN

This to be completed when an odd job man has been appointed.

92/2024 KINGS PORTRAIT

The portrait has arrived and will be installed in the centre.

93/2024 TELEPHONE BOX HOUSING DEFIBRILLATOR, FLETCHERTOWN

A door panel had been damaged in the winter storms and the clerk is trying to trace the owners of the telephone box who according to BT Payphone is Heartbeat Foundation but unfortunately, they are not responding to e-mail. The clerk to chase a response.

94/2024 ODD JOB PERSON

The latest edition of the newsletter carries an advert for the above position.

95/2024 BANK MANDATE

The clerk advised of the difficulties he experienced when trying to get the deposit account made up at year end. It was agreed that he should be added to the account to overcome the issue.

96/2024 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

97/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Baggrow Lonning
Restoration of bonfire site
Odd Job Man
Play Park
Grit Bin – Fletchertown
Christmas Tree(s) in the parish
Climate Change
39 Bus

98/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....
Chair