

LOWER ALLITHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in The Village Hall, Cartmel on Thursday 9th July 2020

PRESENT: Cllrs Lamb (Chairman), Simpson, Dean, Huggett, Sim, Anderson, Johnson, No members of the public.
The meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of the late Cllr Mrs M Bird and recognition of the service given by her to the Parish.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr, Lewis, France, D Cllr Gardner, C Cllr Sanderson

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS CIRCULATED**

The minutes of the meeting held in Cartmel Village Hall on Thursday 12th March 2020 as circulated were proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Simpson and agreed unanimously.

3. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN RELATION TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation – Councillors noted the grants available from the Foundation. Following the Covid situation it was agreed that Cllr Huggett should serve a further year as PC representative.

7. **PLANNING**

i) Pre-Planning Applications Councillors noted the correspondence from Clarke Telecom concerning the consultation about a replacement mast adjacent to Lyndene, Holme Lane, Allithwaite. Councillors were not minded to comment.

ii) Applications Recommended for Approval by the Parish Council. SL/2020/0445 internal and external alterations, The Old Coach House, Cartmel.

iii) Applications Recommended for Refusal by the Parish Council SL/2020/0359 division to form self contained annex, May Cottage, Cartmel, there is insufficient parking to service an additional dwelling. SL/2020/0371 variation to conditions (occupancy season) Burns Farm caravan site Cartmel, it will encourage residency use of the units. SL/2020/0468 1m high wooden fence, 3 Boarbank Farm, Allithwaite, insufficient information to make a decision on.

iv) Applications Withdrawn None

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

i) Actions from previous minutes None outstanding

ii) Working Group Reports

a) Allithwaite Community – Not met

b) Neighbourhood Plan – Kirkwells are continuing with re-drafting. The need for the inclusion of green spaces was questioned but agreed to as it aided in protecting them.

c) Cartmel Toilets – The toilets were closed in March because of the Coronavirus Outbreak. Cllr Johnson reported on the work needed to re-open them and maintain under the new Covid 19 cleaning regime. Councillors accepted both the impracticality and significant costs involved in re-opening. The chairman proposed “*In light of the impact of Covid 19 on the need to implement extensive cleaning and the subsequent cost of said cleaning, it is proposed to mothball the toilets until further notice.*” Agreed unanimously. The Clerk to contact water and electricity suppliers to disconnect. **Action – Clerk.** As it had been put on hold due to Covid 19, Cllr Dean was asked to contact B Shiach of Mellors and ask for firm costs for submission of a planning application. **Action – Cllr Dean**

d) Cartmel Environment Group – No progress.

e) Quarry – The quarry is open with Covid warning signs.

iii) Cartmel Village Society – To meet on Sunday 12th July

iv) St Marys, Allithwaite – To re-open for services on 19th July

v) Free mini library – An assessment had been made to re-open the libraries but it was felt that they should remain closed for a further two weeks and re-assessed then. **Action -Cllrs France, Sim**

vi) Newsletter – Newsletter is to remain internal for two weeks then circulated via Grange Now again after that. **Action – Chairman/Clerk**

vii) Clerk's Report – No report. **District Councillor's report** –No report. **County Councillor's report** – Following recent closure of schools two officers have been working with other agencies to create a programme of summer activities available for children and families. Attended a meeting with the Rural services network. Everyone seemed to be struggling generally with loss of income. They are still lobbying for a rural strategy which so far has been refused by the government.

9. **OTHER MATTERS**

- i) Memorandum of Agreement for Fish Slabs and Cross** – As requested, CCC Highways had produced the agreement for the Council to take over ownership of the Fish Slabs and Cross. Councillors approved unanimously for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign.
- ii) Cartmel Footbridge** – Cllr Dean reported that the bridge was due delivery and installation on 15th July. He had concerns that there might be a problem with levels as the road re-surfacing is not due to be done yet. He is to contact CB Arts to discuss barriers if this is the case. There was discussion about a storey board. Cllr Dean was asked to provide two or three alternative designs for Council to consider. **Action – Cllr Dean**
- iii) King George V Playing Fields** – The Chairman Proposed “*To pay the invoices for grass cutting until September 2020 in light of the inability of the management committee to raise funds due to the current Covid19 pandemic.*” Agreed unanimously. The playground is to remain closed as the committee are unsure they can meet the current Covid requirements. Concern was raised that the Cartmel playground was open and being used without any Covid precautions. Post meeting note:- Cllr Anderson confirmed that the gate was locked and signs in place warning not to use.
- iv) Suspension of TRO in Cartmel** – Councillors discussed the call from Cartmel Traders to support the TRO suspended through the summer to promote increased visitor numbers. Councillors felt that the original concept of the TRO to allow turnover of cars in the parking spaces was still valid at this time. They were therefore not minded to support a call for its suspension.
- v) Nomination of Representative for Lambert Education Trust and Allithwaite School House** – No-one at the meeting felt able to take this on.
- vi) Penny Bridge** – The Clerk reiterated the position with Penny Bridge. Council could only intervene with the permission of the owner. As no one has come forward claiming ownership, Council can take no action. The Clerk felt that any liability for accidents due to poor repair would fall to the owner of the bridge and those who have a claimed right of way over it.
- vii) August Break** – In light of the missed meetings due to Covid19 it was proposed by the Chairman that “*Council foregoes its summer break in order to progress outstanding business and meet in August*” Agreed unanimously.
- viii) Tree Planting** – Cllrs Lewis and Johnson are to progress of a project to plant trees in the Parish. **Action – Cllrs Lewis/Johnson**
- ix) Village parking during races.** The Clerk was instructed to ask Holker what provision they would be making for car parking and toilets when access to both were denied during racing. **Action - Clerk**

10. FINANCE as at 30th June 2020

i) Parish Accounts

Community Account	£70,854.55
Business Base Rate Tracker	£10,146.32

ii) Money Received (June)

Cottage Rent **£400.00**

iii) Cheques Approved (July)

Clerks Salary	£566.66
Clerks Expenses: Office Provision £26.00 Mileage £16.50	
Microsoft office £79.99	£122.49
PAYE	£141.60
Dean Shaw (orchard grass)	£242.00
Water Plus (toilets water)	£169.87 + £16.31 VAT
Cumbria Waste Recycling (cemetery bin)	£29.50 + £5.90 VAT
A Digital (Web page review)	£150.00 + £30.00 VAT
GLB Sign Services (public space Covid signs)	£70.00 + £14.00 VAT
Christina Allen (Internal Audit)	£50.00
Archie Workman (Lengths man Work)	£172.30
Cumbria Waste Recycling (cemetery bin)	£19.30 + £3.86 VAT
Dean Shaw (Orchard Gras)	£259.60
Chris Naylor (library shelving)	£59.90

Finance was proposed by Cllr Dean and Seconded by Cllr Simpson and agreed unanimously.

iv) The Year End Report was accepted.

v) The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

11. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/REPORTS/COMPLAINTS.

Cllr Dean – Informed Council that he would be meeting to discuss the defibrillator installation later that week.

Cllr Anderson – Has seen activity in The Kings Arms even though it and The Royal Oak are closed.

Cllr Huggett – There are concerns about the future operation of the Village Hall Users are reducing and aging and Covid has had an impact.

Cllr Sim – Can we ask Persimmon if they can do something about the overgrown greenery.

The meeting closed at 8-56 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 13th August 2020 at 7-15pm, in Cartmel Village Hall.