

## **Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7pm, at Beckermet Reading Rooms**

#### **1. Present**

J Edwards, D McGhee, S Meteer, K Cook,  
D Humphreys, W Johnson, M Slater, G Threader (Clerk)

#### **Apologies**

P Manning, S Caddy and K Woolley

#### **2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda**

No interests were declared

#### **3. To consider approvals of the following minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2018 were approved.

#### **4. Public participation**

None

#### **5. Appointment of new Councillors**

Michael Slater was co-opted on to the council.

#### **6. Finance**

It was resolved that the following payments requested to be made by the Clerk should be made: JE noted that the payment to the Clerk covered July and August salary. WJ noted that the payment to Works 4U had been reduced from £400 to £336.00 following discussion of their original invoice.

<b>To Pay</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Gillian Threader Clerk	July salary - £326.82 August salary - £326.82 Internet x 2 = £30.00 Travel - £8.00 Ink cartridges for printer - £23.20 & £26.10 Paper for printer - £2.60 Stamps - £7.37 Envelopes - £1.35	£752.26
Always Another Way	Grant towards Thornhill Fun Day	£375.00
Beckermet Nursery	Grant towards kitchen refurbishment	£1400.00
Namesco Ltd	Website payment for 2 years	£162.96
RBL Silent Soldiers	2 x Tommy's (WW1 commemoration)	£500.00
Remembered Trading Ltd There but not there	2 x Tommy Perspex figures (WW1 commemoration)	£65.98
Impressions Engraving	2 x plaques for schools (WW1 commemoration)	£319.20
Water Plus Ltd	Thornhill Football Club Water and wastewater bill for period 12 <sup>th</sup> March to 9 <sup>th</sup> June	£47.52
Works 4U	Plinths for Seats/Benches	£336.00
Npower	Thornhill Football Club	£14.53
Beckermet Reading Rooms	July Meeting	£20.00

## **7. Budget Update**

The budget report provided by the Clerk was accepted. JE noted that the additional income shown (£13,212.25) included monies provided by the Copeland Community Fund toward the cost of the extension to the Thornhill Football Club change rooms.

At 13 July 2018 the Parish Council had spent £6490.21, which included £1775.00 in grants approved at the June meeting.

GT noted that since the report had been prepared an additional £90.00 of income has been received for rented land and that this would be included in the next budget report.

JE noted that the Annual Governance and Accountability report for 2017/18 had been submitted to the Auditors as required and published on the Parish Council web site. In line with CALC guidance, as the gross expenditure did not exceed £25K the council had certified themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

## **8. Progress Reports**

- **Police Report**

Helen Wheelan had supplied a report covering up to 17<sup>th</sup> July, there were no major queries on the content of the report. It was noted that Helen Whelan was retiring within the next month and the Council asked the Clerk to send her a thank you letter and invite her successor, PC Ben Mitchinson to the October meeting.

- **Roads and Transport Schedule**

SM presented an up dated schedule that showed a number of the issues had been attended to by CCC however SM noted that in many cases the road repairs had been minimal to keep costs down and that it was unlikely any major repairs would be carried out in the near future. An issue regarding overgrown hedges raised by KW was discussed. It was noted that the need to trim some hedgerows for safety reasons should be raised by the Parish Council with CCC in April of each year. JE suggested that we should in future review the schedule every two months.

JE noted that Councillor Paul Turner (CCC) had told him he would keep the Parish Council up to date on discussions relating to traffic issues in Beckermeth. As he had not received any information from CCC he suggested inviting Paul Turner to October's meeting. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to contact Paul Turner to invite him and confirm his availability to attend the meeting.

- **Progress on the changing room extension at Thornhill FC**

SM noted that construction of the extension had begun and explained that a number of minor issues had been identified that may result impact on the final cost. JE noted that the cost estimate included a contingency and asked for the Council to be kept informed of any significant issues.

- **Website update report**

DM confirmed that the website was up to date. Statistics for use in June/July showed that whilst less individuals visited the site the number of hits remained the same.

- **Lengthsman project report**

WJ explained that ad hoc issues were getting done fairly quickly by the team, Possible jobs for the Lengthsman included cutting back a tree by the White Mare that was obscuring a sign and tidying up bushes on the oval in Station Crescent.

- **Update on WW1 commemoration project**

JE confirmed that the two schools in the Parish had welcomed suggestions made by the Parish Council to commemorate the centenary of the ending of WW1. As a result orders had been placed for two Perspex Tommy figures, and two plaques for the schools. In addition, it had been agreed to place a silent soldier on the entrance to both Thornhill and Beckermet. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of the Parish Council insurance would not be increased by siting silent soldiers in the Parish and that planning permission was not required. The two soldiers had now been ordered.

It was agreed that the Silent Soldier in Beckermet would be sited on the green opposite the school and moved to a more permanent position by the bus shelter in the New Year.

- **Proposal for 2 benches for OAPs at Thornhill**

DH had contacted Home Group regarding the siting and use of benches but was still awaiting a reply.

- **Update on development of Community Led Plan**

WJ explained that a public meeting was being planned for September in Beckermet to look at options for the village.

It was noted that Thornhill should develop its own Community Led Plan and learn from Beckermet's experience

- **Other projects**

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Thornhill Social Football Club (TSFC) who informed her that they no longer wanted to use the showers in the change rooms and consequently did not want to pay their share of the costs for the electricity and water. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should ask TSFC to return the keys to the change rooms and to formally notify her of their position. JE noted that the agreement between the two football clubs and the Parish Council made it clear that if one party withdraws the remaining party must cover all costs.

SM noted that immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting he had been approached by a third party about using the facilities between September and December. The Parish Council agreed in principle to any third party using the facilities providing a satisfactory agreement was put in place between all interested parties. SM said that he was planning to hold a meeting with all the interested parties. The Clerk agreed to support SM in setting up the meeting. JE asked SM to pursue the opportunity with the third party, as discussed and to keep

Councillors informed of any significant progress. JE ask the Clerk to ensure the item was included on the agenda for the September meeting.

## **9. NuGen update**

JE reminded the Council that he had written to the Secretary of State for Communities (through Trudy Harrison MP) regarding Blight in the Parish resulting from the proposed Moorside project and that he had eventually received a response from the Department for Business which basically said that this issue should be addressed with NuGEN. The Parish Council and representatives of RAM were very disappointed by the Governments response and have written to Trudy Harrison MP asking her not to accept the response received from the Department for Business and to ask the Government to put a scheme in place that addresses the issues in the Parish. No response has so far been received.

JE noted that NuGen had told him that they were planning to meet with key Parish Councils in September.

## **10. Planning Applications Received**

- Ref; CH/4/18/2285/0F1 - 11 Kirkbeck Drive; *(comments to be sent by 23<sup>rd</sup> July)*  
Demolition of existing oil house and single leaf garage and erection of single storey extension, garage at the front and sunroom at the rear.

There were no issues with this planning application.

## **11. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors**

- Risk and Hazard WG

JE reported that he had attended the June meeting on behalf of PM. NDA had reported that they were planning to publish their Radioactive waste management Strategy around end June for comment. It was noted that this was not a formal public consultation but they would welcome any comments.

- Spent Fuel Management

JE noted that concern was expressed at the meeting about the CCC approval given to SL to safely store ex B30 Magnox waste in boxes for 100yrs.

SL had provided an explanation about how they plan to end Magnox reprocessing by end 2020.

SL remains on target to end Thorp reprocessing in Nov 2018.

- CALC Exec

JE reported that PM had attended the meeting held on 14 June. The Council noted that boundary changes for Copeland are expected in October 2018.

## **12. Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council, other items including items for future agendas**

DW passed on thanks to WJ from Thornhill residents for the work she had organised via the Lengthsman.

### **13. Date and location for next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 12 September, 2018 at Thornhill Social Club.