

## **Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7pm, at Thornhill Social Club**

#### **Present**

J Edwards, P Manning, D McGhee, S Meteer, S Caddy, K Cook,  
J Nugent, G Threader (Clerk)

#### **1. Apologies**

D Humphreys, W Johnson and M Slater

#### **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 18 July 2018 were approved.

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

None

#### **5. Parish Council appointments**

##### *a) Confirmation of appointment of Parish Council Clerk and Financial Officer*

Gillian Threader's appointment as Clerk and Financial Officer Council was confirmed with the Councillors satisfied that she had successfully completed her probationary period.

##### *b) Appointment of new Chairman*

JE noted that he was standing down as Chairman after the September meeting and was resigning from the Council in October. PM agreed to continue as Vice Chairman and to chair future meetings and SM agreed to chair the meetings if PM was not

available. A new Chairman was not appointed. JE agreed to act as an advisor to the Council on Nuclear issues when the Parish Council considered it was appropriate.

*c) Appointment of new Councillors*

Julie Nugent 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 payments of £18 and £20 for February and May use of Beckermets Reading Rooms plus £13.04 for engraving relating to the WW1 commemorative project needed adding to the Finance report (shown below).

<b>To Pay</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Gillian Threader Clerk	September Salary - £326.82 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00	£349.82
Paul Douglas	Football changing rooms extension	£23,040.00 (Inc. 3,840.00 VAT)
Paul Douglas	Concrete path around extension	£660.00 (Inc. 110.00 VAT)
Playsafety Ltd	Play area inspections	£256.20
NPower	Thornhill Football Club	£61.13
J Edwards	Timpsons engraving for WW1 project	£13.04
Beckermets Reading Rooms	May 2018 meeting & clerk interviews in February 2018	£38.00
Thornhill Social Club	September Meeting	£20.00

## 7 Budget update

The budget report provided by the Clerk was accepted. JE noted that although the report showed an overspend of £5,356.89 the total spend of £31,569.14 included a total of £25,475.00 spent on the Extension to the Change Room and its supporting concrete plinth and grants to the Nursery and Always Another Way approved by the Parish Council earlier in the year. If it was assumed that the items were funded from the Parish Reserve and by the Copeland Community Fund then the actual amount

spent by the Parish Council on routine business was £6,094.14. As the actual income (Precept + rent + VAT returned from HMRC + Football Club repayments) the Parish Council had received so far in 2018/19 was £14,332.25 the Council had £8,238.11 remaining to be spent in this financial year.

JE provide the Council with a note on the consolidation of the accounts once the Change Room Extension grants had been received from the CCF, Parish Council contributions to the project had been paid and the VAT returned from HMRC in 2019/20. JE agreed to revise the note so that it included the agreed final cost of the project. SM noted that this still had to be agreed with the CCF and their final contribution to the cost was still to be approved.

JE noted that the proposed new billing structure for CALC would see the Council paying a lower amount in 2019/20.

## **8. Progress Reports**

- **Police Report**

The report was noted. The Clerk confirmed that PC Ben Mitchinson had been invited to the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

No update, but item will be included on October's agenda.

- **Rights of Way in the Parish**

A member of the public had attended the June meeting and asked for "Rights of Way" to be discussed at the September meeting. PM had walked all the rights of way approximately a year ago. JN suggested that it would be good to know all the paths and KC agreed to bring a large map to the October meeting. JN agreed to invite the member of public to the October meeting.

- **Progress on Change Room extension at Thornhill FC**

SM reported that the work had still to be inspected and final cost agreed with the CCF but the work has been completed. JE thanked SM for the excellent work he had done managing the project and keeping the estimated final cost within the agreed budget

- **Future use of football ground**

SM had been in contact with a representative from West Lakes Academy with a view to them using the football ground so long as it didn't impact on Thornhill Football Club's use of the ground but he has had no further contact since July and consequently believes they are no longer interested in using the facilities. It was noted that Thornhill Social Football Club no longer use the ground or the changing rooms and the Clerk was urged to continue to try and contact their representative so that they could return their keys for the facilities..

- **Web site update report**

DM noted that the number of website visits was significantly down over the summer and that this may be due to some web browsers marking our website as insecure. Whilst we do not need secure connections to our website as we neither hold nor transfer any sensitive data, to avoid being marked down by a user's browser we may be obliged to obtain an SSL certificate, currently priced at £60 p.a. to facilitate secure connections. DM agreed to consider this further and report back to the October meeting.

- **Lengthsman project report**

Business on the Lengthsman project was carried forward to the October meeting as WJ was not present. SC noted that the weeds in the car park opposite the cemetery required cutting back and agreed to ask WJ to arrange for the lengthsman to address the matter.

- **Update on WW1 commemoration project**

JE reported that the total cost of the project was approximately £900 for the Silent Soldiers, Perspex Tommy's and Plaques. All items had been purchased and passed to the two schools. Both schools are planning presentations, probably in November. SC to send photos of the Silent Soldiers to DM for inclusion on the website.

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

This item was carried forward to October meeting as DH was not present.

- **Update on development of Community Led Plan (CLP)**

An update was given by JN in the absence of WJ. Leaflets had been delivered to all the houses in the Beckermat giving details of the drop in meeting at the Reading Rooms, 5pm to 8pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. NuGen have paid for the preparation of the posters. JN agreed to ask Geoff Nugent (Chair of the CLP Committee) to provide electronic versions of the posters for DM to put on the website. KC/KW mentioned that some of the houses in Beckermat had not received the leaflets detailing the drop in session arrangements..

- **Parking on school green car park**

Sellafield police had been on the car park at 5.30am checking if people parking there were residents. KC reported that a yellow van been parked there day and night for 2 months, PM agreed to pass the registration number of this vehicle to police.

- **Permission to erect possible a proposed Flag Pole in the Play Park at Thornhill**

SM asked the Parish Council for permission to erect a flag pole in the Play Park at Thornhill before Armistice Day so that a Union Jack can be flown. After SM had confirmed that planning permission was not required and that there was no cost to the Council, the proposal was approved. SC agreed to meet SM to discuss suitable location.

- **Butterflies**

GT noted that details of a Natural England scheme passed had been passed to both village associations.

- **Other projects**

JE confirmed that the War Memorial has now been listed as a Grade II listed building by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

JE noted that CCC had sent a form for the proposed supply of electricity by NPower to the Football Club change rooms from 2019 to 2023 through a proposed Public Sector Buying agreement. It was agreed the Clerk would complete and return the form as this could help secure electricity at reduced prices for the football club.

## **9. NuGen update including**

*a) Notes of meeting held on 26 July*

PM reported that he had attended a meeting with NuGen on the above date where they had explained that KEPCO were no longer the preferred bidder for the Company and Toshiba were pursuing other options. At the meeting NuGen had also noted their plans to reduce manpower.

*b) Report on discussion with Trudy Harrison MP*

PM noted that he had attended a meeting with Trudy Harrison (MP) who had explained the UK Governments position on blight in the area around Moorside. The Government had made it clear that this was an issue for the developer not the Government and that the matter should be taken up with NuGEN if/when a new owner has been identified. TH had noted that the issue of blight would affect all areas of Copeland not just Beckermat.

JE noted that the meeting was response to the letter he had sent on behalf of the Parish Council and RAM to Trudy Harrison in June.

## **10. Planning Applications Received**

- *Erection of 2 buildings on the Energy Coast Business Park in Haile, application no 4/18/2305/OF1*

The concerns expressed were the size of the buildings, the possible traffic implications and the fact the end user was unknown.

- *Erection of ramp to main entrance of building to provide disabled access, Thornhill Mission Thornhill application no CH/4/18/2355/OF1*

There were no concerns noted.

- *Alterations to the existing single extension to the side of the main dwelling, including demolishing the existing building and rebuilding the extension with inherited characteristics and period features from the main property. Demolition of existing outbuilding/coach house and re-building of new building with garden room. Erection of double garage to end of existing driveway Mayfield House Beckermat app no CH/4/18/2362/OF1*

Plans were looked at after the meeting and are being circulated amongst interested councillors.

- *Erection of a single dwelling house, Mayfield House Beckermat app no CH/4/18/2361/OF1*

Plans were looked at after the meeting and are being circulated amongst interested councillors.

- *Sellafield treatment plant (SRP), including the main process building, change and welfare building and tank farm Sellafield site, Seascale app no CH/4/18/2353/OF1*

There were no concerns noted.

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

- *WCSSG held on 7 August*

PM noted that there had been discussion on whose job it was to drive “the vision of Copeland” forward as Sellafield Limited had stated that it was not their responsibility. PM noted that there is no one with clear accountability for the project.

PM noted that parking arrangements were discussed at both this meeting and the SL Parishes meeting.

- *SL Parishes meeting 10 Sept*

PM reported that SL had submitted a planning application that would allow them to indefinitely extend the life of the waste stores beyond 30years. The Council agreed that CCC and CBC should liaise more closely on this issue with the aim of maximizing the benefits to Copeland in exchange for such an approval.

### **Meetings planned before next PC meeting**

- *3 tier meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September (WJ, MS and PM to attend).*
- *Risk and Hazard Management 19<sup>th</sup> September (PM)*
- *NuGEN Parishes meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September (PM/JE)*
- *Spent Fuel Management working Group 16<sup>th</sup> October (JE & JN)*
- *West Copeland Partnership meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September*

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

KC attended a meeting on emergency arrangements that mainly covered exercises and transport.

PM noted that the Government had issued a national policy statement for waste and agreed to comment on behalf of the Parish Council. The closing date for comments was end October.

SM agreed to review the Play Area inspection reports and to explain the findings at the October meeting.

SC asked GT to contact CBC to request getting the drains and gullies swept and cleaned in both Beckermet and Thornhill.

JN raised the condition of local roads especially for cyclists, SM suggested contacting Highways England. JE asked SM to ask CBC to again address the condition of the road near Nursery Wood. The road had been repaired but was still in a very poor state and dangerous for cyclists.

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, at Beckermet Reading Rooms 7pm.