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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018, 7pm, at Thornhill Social Club

Present

P Manning, D McGhee, S Meteer, D Humphreys, W Johnson, M Slater, K Woolley,
J Nugent, S Caddy, G Threader (Clerk)

1. Apologies

K Cook

2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda

SM declared a pecuniary interest in the claim for building materials for the base of the flagpole.

. To consider approvals of the following minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 October 2018 were approved.

4. Public participation

None.

5. Finance

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted. It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be paid to the Poppy Appeal (this includes the cost of the wreaths).

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	October Salary - £340.23 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00 Stamps - £4.90	£368.13
Poppy Appeal	2 x poppy wreaths and donation	£100.00
S Meter	Building materials for flagpole base	£134.74
NPower	Electricity supply for Thornhill Football Club	£49.70
Thornhill Social Club	November Meeting	£20.00

6. Budget update

The budget report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

7. Progress Reports

- **Police Report**

The Clerk confirmed that PC Ben Mitchinson had been invited to the meeting and two emails were sent asking for a police report but no reply. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Ben Mitchinson to confirm if current policy allowed the police to supply future crime reports to the Parish Council.

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM has been chasing the outstanding issues but it appears lack of money is the issue. PM had contacted Paul Turner and would report on any further updates

- **Rights of Way in the Parish**

There was no further discussion on this. It would resume when the interested member of the public reported back on his survey and priorities. It was confirmed that Potters Lonning was a footpath; not a bridleway.

The milestone's disc on the cycleway had been replaced.

- **Football club and review agreement**

SM gave a breakdown of the costs and funding for the changing room extension, the total cost was £19750.00, the PC contributed £4,437.50 from the PC funds and there was £500.00 from a sponsor. The CCF contribution is £14812.50 of which £11880.00 has been received leaving an outstanding balance of £2932.50 (totals all without VAT, which is paid by the PC and reclaimed next year). SM was hopeful that the final amount from CCF would be received before the end of the year.

SC has the second set of keys and it was agreed he should keep them pending a review of the football club agreement which ran out in September. SM would look at the agreement and propose relevant changes. The Clerk to contact Ian

Wells regarding the possible use of the changing rooms by the Juniors, but meanwhile a new agreement would be finalised by SM.

- **Web site update report**

DM has added the Flagpole to the PC asset list and made a new page on the WW1 commemoration. A new page with submenus has also been made and this has a link to the Moorside page.

Usage of the website has remained stable but there was a spike last month after the Moorside statement.

No issues in relation to the website have been found with Google security.

As DM was resigning from next Spring, PM agreed to circulate villagers to try to find a replacement.

- **Lengthsman project report**

WJ reported that the Lengthsman had done everything he had been asked to do. It was noted that Station Crescent had not been done but was on the list.

- **Replacement of brackets, flower planters on the TVA railings**

There was no action on this item as the TVA has not met since this was last discussed. It would be dropped until a proposal came forward.

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

Awaiting a meeting of the steering group on December 6. Meanwhile, any ideas were welcome.

Other Projects

- **Maintenance of play equipment**

The rope had been successfully removed. It was decided that more time was needed to discuss costs of repairs and compare with cost of replacements. Clerk to forward ROSPA reports to JN. It was agreed this would be re-visited when the PC discusses the Precept for next year in January. SM, WJ and MS to look at the equipment prior to January's meeting.

- **Village carpark and leaflets**

KC has them and will put them to use. On occasions, vehicles are parked "permanently".

- **Community speed watch**

Awaiting further updates from Paul Turner.

- **Returning tommies**

WJ and JN to contact the schools regarding the Perspex tommies and plaques to see if photos of these in situ could be obtained for the website. They would also confirm to PM that the schools had added the poppies to the tommies. PM would then write a letter to the schools to commend them on their poppy displays.

- **Dogs on Mill Lane Playing Field**

SM explained that Copeland Council were looking at Public Space Protection Orders and would be asking Parish Councils for areas to be considered. The letters from parishioners complaining about the lack of safe dog walking areas in the village were discussed. It was decided to continue to allow dogs on the

playing field but to monitor the situation. WJ to write a paragraph for the website including the information about the Public Space Protection Orders and the recipients of the letters to write replies.

8. NuGen update

The Parish Council was one of 3 that met NuGEN recently to receive updated information. It appears that as a result of major difficulties in the Company, Toshiba had to take substantial action at its Board Meeting of November 8. This would result in 7000 redundancies worldwide. The Moorside decision was just a part of this.

The Moorside land and tenancies have now been returned to the NDA. The site will be finished by capping the 160 boreholes between Nov 21 and Christmas; by demolition of the water treatment plant; and by removal of drainage pipework from November 26.

Then, Toshiba will have no further business at the site or regarding its future.

9. Whitehaven bypass consultation

Cumbria Highways investigated minor subsidence on the embankment on the A595. There were references to several reports that were already published but contained little of substance. The possible area for the bypass is from the eastern side of Distington roundabout to Westlakes traffic lights, a distance of approx. 5 miles. There are different route proposals posing further questions, e.g. possible sites of scientific interest.

The question posed (every individual has a right to reply) is “do you support the improvement of the A595?”

Councillors suggested improving the road south of Thornhill and better access to Sellafield from both directions, which would possibly improve traffic levels and parking in the villages. SM is responding in his role as a Copeland Councillor. In view of the useful range of views of councillors, it was decided (by vote) not to submit a response from the PC.

10. Sellafield

Environment Agency consultation on Sellafield discharges

PM to circulate a response, to prepare to submit to the EA. Thorp coming to an end and Magnox has another two years. Sellafield discharges have been low. Sellafield has to apply best practices available, and discharge levels will have to be notified; so a report has to be provided to explain any anomalies.

NDA had been having meetings with local villages, but had not met for some time. It was hoped that Beckermat could be involved again.

11. Planning Applications Received

Removal of condition 2 of planning consent 4/09/2218/0 restricting use for holiday accommodation only, Barn Owl Cottage, Holm Forge, Beckermat

There were no objections to this planning application.

12. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

- *Cumbria Health Trust 25 October*

There was no member of the PC in attendance.

- *WCSSG 6 November (PM)*

PM attended the meeting; Government Audit report showing things long overdue and way over budget (NDA replied that things had improved in the last 3 years). Paul Foster, the boss of Sellafield, said the problems stemmed from some years ago. Since the Government has changed the way things are run, in the last three years projects have been pulled back and substantial savings have been made.

Long running debate over what does the future hold for this area, Bob Jones is producing a strategy. The working group next meets on 5th February and one or two PC members will attend to help to develop the strategy. In preparation the PC will organise a special meeting of its own (January 23, after publication of WCSSG's agenda)

- *PM had circulated a note on the CALC AGM*

- **Meetings planned before next PC meeting**

- *West Copeland Partnership 26 November*

KC to attend.

- *3 tier meeting Dec 6*

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

JN said the river was taking away the banking in a residents banking and they had been quoted £1100 for a survey. JN to feed back to the parishioner as it was suggested that they should contact the Environment agency.

DH asked about the defibrillator in Thornhill, it was established that the defibrillator is in the school and the school maintains it. It was decided that further enquiries would be made to seek costs of relocating and maintaining the defibrillator on the wall at Thornhill Social Club if the school were agreeable; also possibly the cost of the PC buying a defibrillator. The matter would be taken up via the First Responders.

KW said he wasn't happy about Sellafield storage time being increased from 30 to 100 years. The PC did send a written response to say they were not happy with the proposal but CCC had agreed to it.

SM and SC attended the ceremony held at the Flagpole in Thornhill, the TVA and the children raised the flag and the Headmistress made a speech, this was reported in the Whitehaven News.

SM has arranged sponsorship for flags, Union Jack, Cumbrian Flag, and for 3 Saints days: Davids, Andrews and Georges.

SM asked PM if a resignation had been received from John Edwards the outgoing Chairman, it was agreed that PM would follow this up and send a thank you letter for all the work that John Edwards had done for the PC.

sThe issue of Beckermets recycle service was discussed, following removal of the skips from the school. It was suggested that those properties currently missed out could be included upon application, and SM would provide the contact details.

14. Proposed dates for PC meetings 2019

It was decided that an extra meeting would be held on the 23rd January to prepare for the WCSSG meeting.

Date	Venue
Wednesday 16 th January	Beckermets Reading Rooms 19.00
Wednesday 23 rd January Meeting to discuss WCSSG input	Beckermets Reading Rooms 19.00
Wednesday 20 th February	Thornhill Social Club 19.00
Wednesday 20 th March	Beckermets Reading Rooms 19.00
Wednesday 17 th April Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting	Thornhill Social Club 18.30
Wednesday 15 th May Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting	Beckermets Reading Rooms 18.30
Wednesday 20 th June	Thornhill Social Club
Wednesday 17 th July	Beckermets Reading Rooms
Wednesday 18 th September	Thornhill Social Club
Wednesday 16 th October	Beckermets Reading Rooms
Wednesday 20 th November	Thornhill Social Club
Wednesday 18 th December	Thornhill Social Club

15s. Date and location for next meeting

Wednesday 12th December, at Thornhill Social Club 7pm.

