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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th February 2019, 7pm, at Thornhill Social Club

Present

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

Apologies

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 16th January 2019 were approved.

4. Public participation

One member of the public was present.

5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	February Salary - £340.23 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00	£363.23
NPOWER	Supply to TFC 1 Nov to 31 Jan	£35.87
Thornhill Social Club	February Meeting	£20.00

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

6. Budget update. The budget report provided by the Clerk was accepted. It was confirmed that the application for the 2019/2020 Parish Precept had been accepted by the Council.

There was a discussion regarding the amounts for both grants and projects in forthcoming financial year.

The agreed budget spend for 2019/2020 was

Admin £850

Audit £200

Grants £1000

Parish Maintenance £6200

Insurance £650

Room rental £400

Salary £4300

Subs £100

Travel £100

Internet £150

Projects £4000

NuGEN 0

TOTAL £17950

Income would be £13000, plus about £5000 VAT returned, so the bank balance would stay similar to today. The reserves had been significantly used this year.

7. Progress Reports

- **Police Report**

None received

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM will provide a report for the March meeting.

Beckermets residents have repeatedly asked for an extension to the speed limit on Mill Lane which was promised at the last consultation. Paul Turner will give an update after the next Highways subcommittee meeting in March.

- **Football club update**

Clerk had been unable to get a reply from TFC and it was confirmed that the relevant individual had been away. Clerk to follow up.

- **Web site update report**

DMG is still waiting to meet the lady who is interested in looking after the website. PM thanked DMG for all her input and her offer to maintain the website until a replacement is in place, even if she no longer wanted to be on the council.

- **Lengthsman project report**

There was a discussion regarding the cost and value of committing to a further 2 years in the Lengthsman scheme. There is an increase of 6% per annum which would take the annual cost from £1091.00 to £1156.00. It was agreed that the Parish Council would stay in the scheme subject to confirmation of the number of hours work the Parish Council could expect to receive from the Lengthsman. WJ explained the scheme only works if all the Parishes are in it and it is part of the West Copeland Partnership.

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

Clerk had not had one of the quotes promised, it was agreed that if this quote was unforthcoming the Parish Council would pay for the quote that had been received.

- **Community Led Plan**

After the meeting with Trudy Harrison it was clear that more evidence was needed to support what was wanted in the village. WJ said the steering group will try to engage with all groups in the village, another questionnaire is planned with just 3 to 4 questions and will be conducted door to door. Lack of transport may be an opportunity for a quick win and volunteer drivers will be sought if a need is established. The possibility of requesting the Muncaster mini bus to re-route through the village was discussed and JN pointed out that the need for this would have to be checked. DMG has set up a Community Led Page on the website for Beckermat with the option to add a page for Thornhill in the future.

Other Projects

- **Public Space Protection Order**

SM explained that dogs can be excluded from any parks within Copeland if the land is owned by CBC, due to this it may be hard to add Mill Lane. SM explained that the “no drinking” in the park at Thornhill wasn’t being pursued as it has to be evidence based. There is another consultation meeting on Monday February 25.

- **Inspection of play equipment Beckermat**

MS to meet WJ to discuss what repairs are needed to enable WJ to find out if the Lengthsman can undertake the work. MS said Playdale at Kendal would supply any parts needed and he would install them. MS also noted that some more of the tree had been removed from Mill Lane. WJ noted that dogs were still being

exercised on the school green playground as there were dog poo bags in the bin. As this land is owned by the Parish Council and not CBC it may not be possible to get a PSPO, SM has emailed CBC regarding this.

- **Inappropriate Sellafield Car Parking**

KC noted that Sellafield had provided Calder Bridge with a sign “Private parking, no unauthorised parking”. PM had asked if they might provide a sign for Beckermat, to which they had agreed, but questioned whether this would make on street parking worse. It was thought the sign would be needed only if more Sellafield workers park in the village car park, so it would not be actually requested just now.

- **Community speed watch**

PM confirmed that it is not a legal requirement to have 3 people undertaking speed watch together and it can be undertaken by 2 people at a time. In addition to KC and MS a third person had agreed to be involved (members of the public can be part of speed watch). Clerk to contact Paul Turner to find out the options for training.

- **Dogs on Mill Lane Playing Field**

See under PSPO for current update.

- **Defibrillator**

SM provided costs and specifications for the defibrillators he had priced up. It was agreed that the **iPAD SP1** in a stainless steel cabinet was the best option and would be ordered by the Clerk. Maintenance requires weekly checks and the pads have to be changed every 2 years. Thornhill Social Club has agreed to the defibrillator being attached to the wall and connected to their electricity supply. SM has found an electrician on Thornhill who will do the work for free.

- **Grass cutting contract**

Clerk to get a one year quote from current contractor.

- **Land at Station Crescent**

This land had become overgrown, SM said some has been cut back but more needs doing. WJ to check if the Lengthsman can do any further work here as MS has offered to take away anything the Lengthsman cuts down and to help if needed.

8. NuGen

All work that concerns the Parish Council is finished.

9. Planning Applications Received

28 houses Midtown Farm Beckermest ref CH/4/19/2017/001.

PM has been inundated with comments. Copeland planning will have a site visit which SM and YC will be part of, plus one member of the Parish Council, either WJ or JN.

10. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

- *CALC Executive 18 January*

It was confirmed that if the election is uncontested there will be an administration charge of £80.

- *Spent Fuel 15 January*

JN reported that not a lot was different, planning permission for the turbine and focus on shift changes. The lack of parking is leading to losing children at both the nursery and the school, parking for parents and the possibility of a bus are being considered.

- *PSPO Steering Group 17 January*

See notes under PSPO

- *Sellafield Local Parishes 30 January*

The original construction was planned for 30 years but indefinite storage has now been applied for and has been passed to the County Council for a decision. There will be a new Police building near Sellafield Park Hotel and it is intended to demolish Turbine Hall at Calder Hall, (further details in email from PM).

- *WCSSG working group 4 February*

Environmental discharges all OK, including measurements from sediment. However, *Radiation Free Lakeland* has seized on some results near Ravensglass viaduct and interpreted them differently. No resolution of this dispute.

- *GDF meeting with NDA/RWMD 20 February*

There were about 35 attendees, including individuals, community groups, Greenpeace, academics, etc. Very like NuGEN start-up, just much bigger and longer. A lot of issues e.g. what is local, impact on transport, extra workers etc.

Copeland BC will have a meeting to discuss different scenarios but this is likely to take place after the May elections.

After a vote it was decided that the Parish Council would be represented at future meetings in order to keep informed about what was happening. It was also resolved that the Parish Council would not make any submission, in case

it was misinterpreted as showing any inclination to get involved as a potential host.

Meetings planned before next PC meeting

- *PSPO Steering Group 25 February*
- *Consulting Your Community Gosforth Village 19 March*
- *Lengthsman scheme 28 February*

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

SM noted there was a meeting scheduled for 28th for Copeland Borough Councillors re the upcoming elections and suggested the Clerk contacted Stephanie Shaw re a briefing for Clerks.

SM had salvaged the old Beckermets sign and KC suggested it could be displayed at a suitable location; she would nominate where, within the village.

Clerk to follow up regarding regulations to remove the dead cherry tree in the middle of the village.

SC mentioned the white lines coming in Thornhill and asked if the Clerk could chase up getting a road sweeper around the village.

It was noted that submissions for the Beckermets newsletter (re the Parish Council elections) needed to be in by 21 Feb.

12. Date and location for next meeting

- Wednesday 20th March at Beckermets Reading Rooms, 7pm