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## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7pm, at Beckermat Reading Rooms**

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

K Cook and W Johnson

### **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:**

SM asked for two minor amendments to the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. These were agreed

### **4. Public participation**

One member of the public was present.

### **5. Finance**

<b>To Pay</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Gillian Threader Clerk	March Salary - £340.23 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00 Ink Cartridge - £22.95	£386.18
Water plus	Supply to TFC 28 Nov to 10 March	£50.48
CRUG membership	Annual membership	£10.00
Miami Lights	Brackets for planters Thornhill cheque payable to the company owner I T Statter	£147.12

Imperative Training Ltd	Defibrillator for Thornhill	£1734.00
Beckermat Reading Rooms	March 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 noted that the agreed budget spend during 2019/20 was in February's minutes. There was a discussion regarding the amount to be held in the reserve account and it was noted the reserves had consciously been significantly used in the current financial year. However, we could still afford to draw down some more in the year ahead. The insurance is currently with Zurich and this agreement finishes in May, Clerk to obtain quotes for April's meeting.

## **7. Progress Reports**

- **Police Report**

No issues were raised from the Police report that had been provided.

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

No report as no changes. Maintenance deteriorating, and a request to re-mark the Thornhill junction at the A595 had been deferred by Highways. SM hadn't received a reply from Paul Turner regarding extending the speed limit on Mill Lane. We understand that roads and transport is on the agenda for the 3 Tier meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

- **Football club update**

Clerk had been unable to get a reply from TFC and confirmed that a further email had been sent today. It was agreed this issue had to be resolved as soon as possible and DH agreed to ensure the copies of the agreement would reach the relevant individual from the TFC if there was no reply to the Clerk's email.

- **Web site update report**

DMG confirmed she had set up a page for the Community Led Plan in the same format as the Community News which will make it easy to update the page as necessary.

There has been no further contact from the person who had expressed an interest in taking over looking after the website and DMG offered to continue to maintain after the website as a member of the public. The other Councillors expressed their thanks to DMG for her offer.

- **Lengthsman project report**

It was confirmed that the new price for the Lengthsman scheme is £1156 per annum for two years. We had agreed to participate. WJ had agreed to find out the basis of the cost distribution between councils.

WJ had supplied a report to PM, and she had met with the Lengthsman and MS to look at the repairs needed in the play area. The Lengthsman confirmed he was able to replace most of the posts and MS said these would be readily available and would cost in the region of £100. There are two special posts needed for the toddler swing. SM suggested that Gen2 could be approached to see if the work could become a project for the students. It was agreed that approx. £100 could be spent sourcing the ordinary posts and that a quote from Playdale would be obtained for the two special posts.

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

The Clerk confirmed the brackets would be ready for collection on Friday.

- **Community Led Plan**

JN reported that Geoff Nugent is going to take over the newsletter. It is planned to work more closely with the BVA and they are starting to collate more information on who would use the transport options that had been discussed. So far no-one has responded to the question in the newsletter.

### **Other Projects**

- **Public Space Protection Order**

SM confirmed that PSPO's can apply to any publicly owned land. School Green Beckermat (currently just the play area) and the Thornhill play area are included in the proposed no dog areas. Mill Lane is not included at this present time but could be included in the future by written request from the Parish Council. The proposals now have to go to the committee and then on to the executive.

- **Inspection of play equipment Beckermat**

MS noted that the flagstones near the bus shelter in the playpark are becoming raised, it was agreed that MS could let WJ know that the Lengthsman could go ahead with the work to level these.

See notes under Lengthsman for further information.

- **Community speed watch**

The Clerk confirmed she had emailed Paul Turner asking for information regarding the training for speed watch but had not received a reply. It was agreed the Clerk should follow this up with another email. Subsequently, PM had met Paul Turner and obtained the police contact for the scheme.

- **Dogs on Mill Lane Playing Field**

MS reported that Mill Lane was used more than School Green for dog walking but remained the cleaner of the two areas. Clerk to email WJ asking her to contact the owner of the nursery to enquire if there was still an issue with dog fouling.

- **Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has been installed and currently the access code is available from the Post Office. SM has arranged a training session on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Thornhill Social Club, arrive 5.45 for 6pm. Anyone wishing to attend should contact SM at [sam47mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:sam47mypostoffice.co.uk)

- **Land at Station Crescent**

The Lengthsman has cut back the bushes on the end of the land that been the cause for complaint and overall the land is now much tidier.

## **8. Grant Application**

Beckermets Reading Rooms submitted a grant application for £2,500 for urgent repairs to the kitchen roof and ceiling. After discussion it was decided that there was support in principle, but the amount of work wasn't clearly defined and only 2 quotes had been obtained. It was decided to carry this item to the April meeting and PM would write to KC to clarify the additional information needed before a grant could be approved.

## **9. Planning Applications Received**

- Midtown Farm Beckermets ref CH/4/19/2017/001
- Sunroom At Side Of House To Replace Conservatory Saraman, Bankfield, Beckermets
- CH/4/19/2089/0G1 Removal Of Condition 1 Of Planning Approval 4/09/2074 (Two Storey Prefabricated Building) To Provide Permanent Planning Permission, Sellafield Site, Seascale

No comments on the above but the application for Midtown Farm/Hunter Rise has been withdrawn in its current form but could possibly be re-submitted.

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

- *WCSSG-Risk and Hazard 20 March*

PM reported that there was positive movement on the old pile fuel and Magnox ponds. Fuel, sludge, bits and pieces, and skips were being exported. There was a Japanese consultant at the meeting for an exchange of information who explained that most of the people had been able to go back to the Fukushima area..

- *Consulting Your Community Gosforth Village 19 March*

No report as no one from The Parish Council had attended.

- *PSPO meeting 25 Feb*

See notes under item 7, Other Projects, Public Space Protection Orders

- *Lengthsman scheme 28 February*

See notes under item 7, Lengthsman

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

- *Three Tier meeting 27 March*

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

Following contact with Sellafeld, the Police are monitoring the wearing of passes and speeding: Morass Road being the main area of concern for the village.

PM noted that the traffic consultation regarding the A66 said all of the A66 was to be made dual carriageway, but this may only refer to the A66 east of Penrith and not the stretch of that road between Workington and Penrith. In the past, the PC had asked that effort be directed to the A595 between Whitehaven and Carlisle, and KW agreed to look at the consultation.

KW suggested it would be worth trying to get the dykes on the roadside flushed earlier this year before there was too much growth, Clerk to follow up with CBC.

DMG asked for clarification of the date she would cease to be a Councillor as she is not standing for re-election and it was confirmed that would be effective from the date of the election.

SM raised the contents of the website newsletter and PM said he tries to give DMG something each month for inclusion on the website to keep it fresh.

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

- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at Thornhill Social Club, 18.30pm**
- **Annual Parish Meeting followed by**
- **Parish Council Meeting**