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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2019, 19.00 at Thornhill Social Club

Present

P Manning, S Meteer, D Humphreys, D McGhee, M Slater, K Cook, W Johnson,
S Caddy, J Nugent (arrived 19.09) and G Threader (Clerk)

Apologies

K Woolley

2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda

K Cook declared an interest in item 11.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 March 2019 were approved.

4. Public participation

None

5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	April Salary - £340.23 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00 Stamps - £4.20	£367.43
CALC membership	Annual membership (NALC 85.63 CALC 177.88)	£263.51
Npower	Electricity to Thornhill Football Club 01 Feb to 31 March	£25.06
Thornhill Social Club	April Meeting	£20.00

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted. It was agreed the Clerk would contact D Fawcett to confirm if he required half of his fee at the start of the grass cutting season.

The year-end financial outcome was accepted by the Councillors.

6. Budget update.

. The budget report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

7. Progress Reports

- **Police Report**

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

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM confirmed there had not been any progress on the current issues. Clerk to follow up getting an earlier cut on the road to St Bridget's church.

- **Football club update**

Clerk to chase to confirm if the revised agreements were accepted and if so to get these signed.

- **Web site update report**

DMG noted that the website usage was average with 150 to 200 users and a number of double hits. Downloads were mainly of the meeting minutes. DMG has asked that from May 2nd when she will no longer be a Councillor that instructions or changes to the website are sent to her by the Clerk, Chairman or Vice Chairman and WJ can send updates for the BVA. There followed a discussion about individual values for land and buildings owned by the PC.

- **Lengthsman project report**

WJ said she has asked for a breakdown of how the contributions are calculated as she had noted that St. Bees were being asked for the same contribution as BWTPC in spite of St Bees having a larger population. SM agreed to provide the relevant population statistics to enable WJ to try and get the contribution reduced.

One resident had reported that they thought the shrubs on the land at Station Crescent had been over pruned and they still wanted twigs and branches picked up. It was noted that the Lengthsman had only pruned the shrubs at one end of the land but further pruning would now have to wait until the autumn.

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

SM has successfully installed the brackets.

- **Community Led Plan**

The next meeting is April 17 and there is nothing new to report prior to the meeting.

Other Projects

- **Public Space Protection Order**

The play area on the south side of the beck has gone through with all dogs excluded. Clerk to write to CBC (Janis Carrol) as the post box and telephone box appear in the exclusion area. MS suggested a fence behind the carpark (a possible job for the Lengthsman) which would solve the problem by creating a clear boundary.

- **Inspection of play equipment Beckermat**

SM had contacted Playdale regarding the specialist replacement posts required but they want photographs before they can give a quote. It was agreed that the Lengthsman can order the ordinary posts needed with help from MS to the previously agreed budget of £100.00.

It was agreed that MS would follow up with Playdale, it was also suggested that the possibility of using shoes around the post base be investigated.

- **Community speed watch**

There had been no further updates on when training will be available, clerk to send the names and contact details of the volunteers to Paul Turner so he can contact them directly.

- **Dogs on Mill Lane Playing Field**

Nothing to report.

- **Defibrillator**

SM had organised a 2 hour training session attended by 11 people on the 16 April at Thornhill Social Club, the session was delivered by a member of the North West Ambulance team. SM has a bulletin on Facebook for another session and already has 7 people interested and it was suggested that there could be a future training session in Beckermat.

- **Condition of PC noticeboards**

The clerk had contacted WJ to raise the condition of the PC noticeboards and the possibility of getting the Lengthsman to do the required work. The clerk explained that both noticeboards had lost most of their varnish over the winter and moss had started to grow on the Beckermat noticeboard.

- **Road between Beckermat and St. Bridget's**

Clerk to follow up on this and ask for the cut to be undertaken earlier before the roadside vegetation becomes too overgrown.

8. A66 Improvement Plan

KW has agreed to continue to help out with reports on the A66 Improvement Project, it was noted that this only includes the A66 west of Penrith.

9. Parish Council Insurance Renewal

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain new quotes from Zurich to include the changing room extension plus to find the cost with and without the addition of the defibrillator.

10. CALC Membership Renewal

It was agreed to renew the CALC annual membership.

11. Grant Application

- *Beckermat Reading Rooms, amount applied for 2,500 for urgent repairs to the kitchen roof and ceiling*

KC explained that the repairs to the roof and kitchen ceiling were urgent as the Reading Rooms can't be rented without a usable kitchen. KC also explained that the proposed work would be a long term fix and not a temporary repair. When asked about other work that the Reading Rooms may require KC explained that a further project was work on the main room and a new floor for the disabled toilet but this could possibly be undertaken with a grant from the community fund.

At 20.07 KC left the room while the Councillors voted, the outcome was to grant the full £2,500.00.

12. Planning Applications Received

- *CH/4/19/2112/0F1 Erection of a Single Dwelling House (Re-submission) Mayfield House Beckermat*
- *CH/4/19/2122/TPO Application to Fell, Reduce and Maintain Various Trees Situated Within A Conservation Area, Mayfield House Beckermat*
- *CH/4/19/2117/0G1Removal Of Condition 1 Of Planning Approval 4/10/2118/0 (ISO Freight Storage Compound And Single Storage Modular Building) To Provide Permanent Permission, Sellafield Site, Seascale*

The 2 planning applications regarding Mayfield House were left with PM who will pass them on to other Councillors.

13. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

- *Three Tier meeting 27 March*

Working together, volunteers for jobs e.g. washing road signs, litter picking, cleaning road gutters etc. (volunteers have to be registered and show they have been trained). The general PC view is that it is hard to get volunteers without insisting on registration and training. Public Health issues such as domestic abuse, mental health etc. were raised and the Parish Councillors asked how anyone gets to know about what is available, it was suggested that

information could be included in the PC information. The Copeland Tourism grant is 1.75 million, $\frac{3}{4}$ million from Sellafield and 1 million from elsewhere. A lot of the proposals were vague, e.g. University of Cumbria to put on more Tourism related courses, the only firm proposal was off road cycle paths for Drigg and Carleton.

Meetings planned before next PC meeting

- *Sellafield Parishes 17 April (postponed till after the elections)*
- *WCSSG 7 May*
- *West Copeland Partnership 29 April*

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

SM asked for a review of the grants and donations policies adding to May's agenda, clerk to forward the current policies to the Councillors.

KC raised the issues of the pathways at Yeorton Brow and PM said he would follow up the old letters.

12. Date and location for next meeting

- Wednesday 15th May at Beckermest Reading Rooms 18.30pm
- Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by
- Parish Council meeting