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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15^h May 2019, 18.50, at Beckermet Reading Rooms

Present

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

Apologies

W Johnson, J Nugent and S Caddy

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 20 March 2019 were approved.

4. Public participation

Paul Turner County Councillor

5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	May Salary - £340.23 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00 Postage (VAT & TFC contracts) - £3.17 Envelopes - £1.00 (5 x A4) Paper for printer - £3.02 Expanding files (2019/2020 filing) - £10.80	£381.22
Zurich Insurance	Year 1 of 5 inc. changing room extension and defibrillator	£607.03
Egremont Town Council	Lengthsman scheme year 1	£1156.46
Beckermet Reading Rooms	May Meeting	£20.00

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

PM noted that last year's accounts had been audited and were now ready for electronic submission by the Clerk. Overall the audit was satisfactory, there were two very minor recording errors that were insignificant. It was recommended that a separate VAT recording system was kept instead of having to extract it from the main spreadsheet. The calculation of the fixed assets, 20% write down on b/fd value, plus new asset giving a figure of 75k was accepted as wholly reasonable.

The VAT for grant work on Beckermeth Reading Rooms was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk should contact Steven Brown, the chief financial officer at CBC on this matter.

The VAT return for the football club changeroom was also expected soon.

. Budget update.

The budget update was accepted.

7. Progress Reports

- **Police Report**

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

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

PT gave an update on the Community Speedwatch project, there is a new police officer who is undergoing training to become a trainer. PT said it may be better for teams to do each other's villages but PM suggested that should be individual choice. Equipment needs to be located and ideally would be funded. It is on the agenda for the next CRASH meeting. PM said the PC get very little funding from Sellafield/Drigg compared to other local parishes. PT to find out who is Sellafield social advisor so PM can make enquiries. SM queried how it was decided who got funding from Copeland Community Fund as they had given 600k towards the new base for Wasdale Mountain Rescue. The possibility of enquiring about funding via the chairman of the CCF was discussed.

PT will find out where the proposals for the Beckermeth traffic calming had got to.

- **Football club repairs and update**

The condition of the home and away doors was discussed. It was agreed SM would investigate the amount of work required to ascertain if the doors needed replacing or if repairs were possible.

- **Web site update report and antivirus renewal**

It was agreed the Clerk would contact DMG for advice regarding renewing the antivirus cover for the PC laptop.

- **Lengthsman project report**

WJ had checked the PC's charges for the Lengthsman scheme with those being paid by St. Bees and is satisfied that they appear to be fair.

MS had been to tidy up the land at Station Crescent from the work carried out by the Lengthsman. Some residents had helped and asked if the bushes could be removed and the area grassed. The residents had offered to do this themselves if the PC gave them permission. After a discussion it was decided that PM would put a flyer through the doors of the Station Crescent residents asking their opinion on the proposal. Closing date June 10. If there is a positive response the PC would pay for the topsoil and allow the work as the PC has been overseeing the land.

- **Community Led Plan**

No update.

Other Projects

- **Public Space Protection Order**

It was agreed that a picket fence would make one point of access from the carpark. This would make it legal for dog owners to get their dogs out of parked cars and for people walking dogs to use the post box. MS to talk to WJ so she can arrange for the Lengthsman to erect the fence.

- **Play equipment Beckermat**

MS had emailed Playdale but the swings are not theirs so MS sourced like for like playground standard tantalised posts at Jacksons which will cost approximately £200.00. PC agreed this expenditure. This will be an extra job for the Lengthsman. MS confirmed that he had not yet looked at "metal shoes" for protecting the base area of the posts.

- **Community speed watch**

See notes under Roads and Transport.

- **Road between Beckermat and St Bridgets**

Paul Turner agreed to email the highways agency for a response to the PC request for the dykes to be cut back on the Beckermat to St Bridget's road. MS suggested requesting all the PC dykes be cut back earlier might get a positive response.

- **Grass cutting issue**

It was agreed that the grass cutting on the preservation area with the cherry trees would be suspended for the moment while alternative solutions were considered.

8. A66 Improvement Plan

Clerk to update K Woolley by email as he is continuing to pursue this project on behalf of the PC.

9. Parish Council Insurance Renewal

It was agreed to stay with Zurich Municipal on a 5 year plan at £607.04 per annum, this figure includes cover for the changing room extension at Thornhill Football Club and the new defibrillator located on the outside of Thornhill Social Club.

10. Grant Application

- *Beckermets Reading Rooms*
- *VAT*

See notes under item 5, Finance, the grant has been agreed in principle.

11. Grant and Donations Policies

SM had proposed some alterations to clarify parts of the Grant Policy and these were accepted after a small modification.

12. Planning Applications Received

- *Demolish bungalow and erect double garage Little Chesters, Morass Road, Beckermets ref CH/4/19/2159/0F/1s*

It was noted that this is now a rental property and although there was some concern that the village was losing a residential property no objections were raised.

There were no objections to the 3 previous planning applications from April.

13. Land Rental

It was decided to leave the rent of land at the current amount of £90. Clerk to send request for payment as the rent is due in June.

14. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

- *Sellafield Parishes 17 April (postponed no new date)*
- *Community Led Plan 18 April (carried to June)*
- *WCSSG 7 May*

PM sent an email on 8th May covering the contents of the meeting.

15. Notification by member of a Parish/Town Council of Pecuniary and other registrable interests

The completed forms were handed to the Clerk (forms to be scanned and originals sent to CBC).

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

Katie Milburn is the new contact for Community Led Housing in Copeland, SM has looked in to this and at the present time there are no groups in Thornhill interested. SM had previously suggested that more bungalows are needed in Thornhill, the PC doesn't own any land that could be used. Modular bungalows have been built in Cleator Moor

and SM will look through the system. It was agreed that SM will liaise with the Clerk re communication with Katie Milburn.

DW suggested benches in the cemetery; it was thought that there are already some there. The current situation to be checked out.

17. Date and location for next meeting

- Wednesday 19th May at Thornhill Social Club 19.00