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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19^h June 2019, 19.00, at Thornhill Social Club

Present

P Manning, S Meteer, M Slater, W Johnson, J Nugent, S Caddy and G Threader (Clerk)

Apologies

K Cook and D Humphreys

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 19 May 2019 were approved subject to one typing error and the re-wording of one sentence.

4. Public participation

None

5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	June Salary - £340.23 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00 Postage for Pecuniary Interest forms - £1.97 Stamps -£4.20 Padlock for Thornhill Play Area - £11.95 Black XL ink cartridge for printer - £22.70	£404.05
Waterplus	Water supply to TFC 11 Mar to 27 May £40.06	£40.06

M. Slater	Posts from Jacksons timber purchased on behalf of the PC for repairs to play equipment in Beckermet	£320.00
Thornhill Social Club	June Meeting	£20.00

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

6. Budget update.

.The budget update was accepted and the Councillors confirmed they were satisfied with the additional information being supplied by the Clerk.

7. Progress Reports

- **Police Report**

No police report had been supplied as responsibility for the reports to the Parish was passed to Steve Bragg last week, he is based at Whitehaven.

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM had contacted Keith Hitchin regarding the contents of the Highways group meeting regarding any decisions for proposed changes in Beckermet but had heard nothing back. SM also questioned why there was nothing on OneGov, but it is possible that some of the content was confidential. At the moment there is no money to fund anything that is agreed, but if there is a traffic regulation order then there would have to be a consultation. To date, there is concern that villagers have not been involved in the proposals. PM said Paul Turner had offered to come to the next PC meeting. PM offered to go to the next Cumbria Highways Roads Committee meeting on 4th July.

(After this PC meeting, 2 councillors accepted an invitation to see the proposals at CCCs Lillehall office on July 8)

- **Football club repairs changing room repairs, change room extension rent request and electricity tariff update**

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the previously agreed rates for supply of electricity to TFC.

An application to rent half the changing room extension had been received from an individual connected to TFC, after discussion it was decided that the PC did not want to rent to an individual as this could prevent another team from renting the facilities, Clerk to reply to the applicant.

The Clerk had been unable to find any joiners willing to give a quote for repairing the changing room and disabled toilet door and it was decided that 3 new PVC doors would be the best option. SM had checked that the quote he obtained last year was still valid and included frames, threshold and locks. Clerk to order.

- **Thornhill School Playing Field and Sport England Site Validation for Thornhill Playing Fields**

2 years ago the PC applied to have Thornhill School Playing Field transferred to the PC as the school didn't need it, CC turned this application down. The school is possibly going in to trust with an asset transfer. Currently the school playing field is unkempt and the PC voted to send a letter of interest to the school to see if there would be an interest in transferring the land to the PC as an asset transfer or similar scheme. SM to send a draft letter for the Clerk to send to the school.

Sport England site validation for Thornhill Playing Fields was submitted last year, SM to forward the required information to the Clerk to ensure it is fully registered this year.

- **Web site update, anti-virus renewal**

Clerk to renew the virus protection with the quote obtained.

- **Lengthsman project report**

The next meeting is the 6th July and WJ will supply a report. WJ was asked to arrange for the Lengthsman to treat the weeds on Sellafield Road as far as the 30 mile an hour sign.

MS had sourced the timber for the swings and bridge and paid on his own account, invoices provided and a cheque raised for £320.00. WJ to ask the Lengthsman where the timber should be delivered as MS offered to drop it off at a suitable location. MS thought making the metal cuffs to prevent damage from strimming would be possible and this has been left for him to investigate.

WJ and MS to meet the Lengthsman and ask him to source and erect a small picket fence at the School Green Playground.

- **Community Led Plan**

There had been a meeting on Monday 17th and plans for the next questionnaire were decided. The next BVA newsletter (now written by Geoff Nugent) will note there will be a questionnaire in the following newsletter.

There was a discussion regarding funding received by neighbouring parishes. PM said a meeting with Sellafield was needed regarding the best way to secure funding. SM mentioned the Copeland Community Fund (for specific projects) and Sellafield social inclusion as other possible sources of funding.

Other Projects

- **Public Space Protection Order**

No new updates.

- **Play equipment Beckermat**

See the notes under Lengthsman project report.

- **Playsafety playground inspections**

It was agreed the Clerk should book the annual playground inspections.

- **Community speed watch**

The Police have this matter in hand and the PC will be notified of any updates.

- **Road between Beckermet and St Bridget's**

The dykes have now been cut so this issue is resolved.

- **Grass cutting issue**

It was agreed that the no further grass cutting on the preservation area with the cherry trees would take place for the foreseeable future.

8. Smart Meter Proposal for Mill Lane

Everyone agreed that the proposed siting of the Arqiva Smart Meter Mast on the grass opposite the school and in front of the housing on Mill Lane Beckermet was totally inappropriate at the entrance of the village. It was agreed that PM would draft a letter from the PC to Daly International (UK) and that the Councillors would write individually.

9. North West Coastal Path

The expected update on the 3rd of June was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, PM had chased this up and all the path is done apart from the part in Beckermet, possibly due to issues with the railway. The issue is whether the path is reverting back to beside the railway or if the approx. 3 mile diversion is staying.

10. Land at Station Crescent

Following the poll of residents on Station Crescent there were 6 votes to remove the shrubs and 2 to keep them. After discussion it was decided that the over pruned shrubs would be removed and the area grassed over, the PC agreed to pay for any top soil needed. The shrubs at the other end will just be tidied for the moment awaiting any further feedback from the residents.

11. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

There were no objections or comments to the contents of the review, Clerk to check if a reply is required.

12. A66 Improvement Project

PM to reply to the Highways England with the reply drafted by Keith Woolley.

13. Planning Applications Received

- *Midtown Farm revised application for 24 Houses*

The main change from the original application is the reduction from 28 houses to 24 houses but no other issues have been addressed and the water planning is still very vague. The Councillors agreed that more housing was welcome in the village but there were issues with the site that hadn't been addressed in the planning application. After discussion it was agreed that PM would write re the main issues of concern; entrance to Hunters Rise poor visibility exiting to Morass Road, water egress on to Morass Road, increased traffic through the village.

- *Standby Emergency Generation Project-Re-Profile. Retaining Wall and Fence Sellafield Sit, Seascale (plans on CD) CH/4/19/2183/0F1*

There were no comments on this planning application.

14. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

- *Sellafield Parishes*

The SFM is still trying to get an MOD representative to a meeting. Dounreay is sending fuel but trying to get as much as possible processed. By August/September all the magnox will have arrived at Sellafield. The skips in the ponds at Sellafield are at the decommissioning stage. It would be 2027 before a new plant recently agreed would be up and running. There are still plans for a smaller reactor but this is still just a suggestion. The GDF process has been launched but will have to consider lengthy safe storage above ground.

- *Parishes Council Forum*

Main topic was the Mitie strikes and the effect these were having on traffic. Drones are being used to manage the situation. There is a no fly zone over Sellafield and the immediate area although a license can be obtained if a business has a legitimate reason for using a drone.

- *Risk and Hazard - postponed.*

Meetings planned before next PC meeting

- JN will confirm the date of the next SFM.

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

SM asked WJ and JN if either of them were interested in taking up the role of acting Vice Chair as neither of them were present at the May meeting, both said they were happy for SM to continue in the role.

16. Date and location for next meeting

- Wednesday 17th July at Beckermest Reading Rooms 19.00