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Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019, 19.00, at Beckermot Reading Rooms

Present

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

Apologies

W Johnson and D Humphreys

2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda

PM declared his intention to resign, probably at the September meeting, as he was putting his house on the market.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 June 2019 were approved subject to one correction and the addition of one sentence.

4. Public participation

None

5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	July & August Salary - £680.46 July & August Internet - £30.00 Travel - £8.00 Virus protection for PC computer - £19.95 Postage form to CBC - £00.70 Stamps -£8.40 Envelopes (letter & A4) - £4.05 Paper for printer- £3.99 Pins for noticeboards - £1.00 Black XL & colour ink cartridges for printer - £47.50 2 x Disabled parking signs for TFC - £15.58	£828.56

	1 x No dogs except assistance & guide dogs sign for new fence to play area - £8.93	
CBC	Uncontested election costs	£80.00
NPower	Npower bill for electricity supply to TFC	£41.48
Beckermet Reading Rooms	Grant for kitchen ceiling and roof repairs	£2,500.00
Beckermet Reading Rooms	July Meeting	£20.00
Kevin Dickinson UPVC Ltd	3 doors and related fittings for TFC	£1650.00 Once fitted

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted. The Clerk summarised the progress made with setting up an account for employer and employee tax with HMRC. It was agreed that the Clerk's pay would be an agenda item for September, and she was asked to see if she could obtain details of current pay scales.

6. Budget update.

The Budget update provided by the Clerk was accepted.

. 7. Progress Reports

- **Police Report**

Brief report for the period 1st June to 1st July, locations not noted, 2 reported thefts and 1 road traffic collision.

The 2017 survey on Morass Road showed the average speed figures as 30.9 mph southbound and 30.7 northbound. The Black Beck area had 7 collisions between 2014 and 2017, and these were counted as being in Beckermet.

Roads and Transport schedule

No updates to report.

- **Football club repairs**

The 3 new doors are being fitted on 18th July.

- **Thornhill School Playing Field**

The Clerk confirmed there had been no reply to the letter sent to the school in June. SM noted there is a meeting of the Governors planned for September and it was decided to leave further follow up until September.

- **Web site update**

The Parish Council would like to thank Donna McGhee for taking on the care of the website and maintaining it so well.

- **Lengthsman project**

The access ramp to the disabled toilet door at Thornhill Football Club had proved to be a much bigger job than originally thought. Works4U had used an excavator and 4 men and have said this had cost £500; and are reluctant to do any more work on the project- stating it is not their job to lay concrete and make a path. The question of offering a donation was discussed, and a vote tied. The casting decision would be with WJ, as she was absent and was best placed to decide, as the liaison with the Lengthsman.

It was suggested that it might be necessary to employ a builder, but SM agreed to complete the work; and asked for authorisation to buy the necessary concrete at approx. £120 to £130. This was agreed. After discussion SC suggested that any further projects for the Lengthsman should be agreed via email, to avoid souring relations with Works4U.

One resident had complained that the grass around the cherry trees in the preservation area had not been cut and appears unkempt- the area that the grass cutter had ceased to do because of a dispute with another resident. A possible job for the Lengthsman: MS agreed to look at the area and provide feedback.

- **Community Led Plan**

Geoff Nugent has bowed out of the CLP to concentrate on the newsletter. The questionnaire is to come later in the year and details will be in the newsletter.

Other Projects

- **Play equipment Beckermat**

MS has the wood for the repairs but Works 4U haven't given a time they want them taken to the play area.

- **Playsafety playground inspections**

The Clerk has received confirmation that the playground inspections are going ahead in August.

- **Community speed watch**

Waiting for the Police to provide an update.

8. Smart Meter Proposal for Mill Lane

PM had replied to the proposal stating that the Parish Council didn't like the idea of the mast opposite the school on Mill Lane, and included SM's suggestion that the Industrial estate at Yeorton Brow would be a more appropriate location. The parish got a positive response to the letter. However, a member of the public who had also written objecting to the site got a negative response.

9. Land at Station Crescent

The land is tidy now, 18 tons of topsoil has been used and the bill for this is to follow. The council noted that MS had done an excellent job and it was agreed that the Clerk should write and thank the member of the public that had helped.

10. Coastal Path

The consultation that was due to start on the 12th June actually took place the following week. The path north of Sellafeld will follow the railway line so the long detour has gone. After discussion it was agreed that PM will write and express the Parish Council's approval of the revised route.

11. Hedge over highway in Beckermat

A resident had written to the Parish Council stating that the speed indicator camera was facing the wrong way (the direction has since been reversed). The same resident had also expressed a concern regarding an overgrown hedge. SM said the hedge in question had more than 300mm overhang when he checked but had been cut in the last few days. The Councillors agreed that the hedge was now satisfactory.

12. A66 Improvement Project

PM has sent comments to the consultation based on the reply drafted by Keith Woolley.

13. Beckermat Reading Rooms grant

The work has been completed and a cheque for the grant was issued at the end of the meeting.

14. Planning Applications received

- *Midtown Farm revised application for 24 Houses*

PM had sent in the PC's comments following last month's meeting; since then a further letter was being circulated by residents. A resident has contacted SM in his role as a Borough Councillor with concerns regarding the egress on to Morass Road; SM will reply. JN said the village opinion was split over the proposed housing. KC thought the traffic study had not been done at the right time to take in to account the additional traffic from and to Sellafeld.

15. Documents forwarded to us

- *Sellafeld Planning Applications*

There were no issues with any of the plans outlined.

- *North West Coastal Update*
Covered under item 10.
- *CBC open space study*
Clerk to fill in the form as far as possible and to consult the Councillors for any further information needed.
- *ACT Gazette*
KC to investigate if any of the grants for village halls could be applied to Beckermets Reading Rooms.
- *Content of training Sept. 19*
Councillors to inform the Clerk if they are interested. Clerk to check her availability to attend.
- *Community cancer nurse service for North Cumbria*
Clerk noted that this document was seeking suggestions for what support was needed, people could either attend a session or send suggestions by email.

16. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

- *CALC*

The issue of what would happen regarding buildings like Beckermets Reading Rooms if the governors and trustees gave up was raised. PM asked KC to find out the position with the Reading Rooms.

There is a project funded by the Community Fund to give the coast a higher profile; Drigg is to improve the cycleway. An annual coastal challenge is planned with obstacles being left in place permanently for the public to use.

- *Three Tier Meeting*

GDF. Copeland Council have no position on this until the new Councillors are up to speed understanding the issue. PM had previously submitted his opinion as an individual that none of the downsides had been considered e.g. protest groups. The revised version had 83 responses, and included his comments, but the document said that the developers would sort it out.

Copeland is the only area in Cumbria that has not produced a plan although it is supposed to be imminent.

- *PC Meeting with CCC regarding road changes in Beckermets*

The money required should be available in the next financial year. It is likely there will be an informal consultation early spring 2020. Capita have produced a scheme for CCC and there is no suggestion of closing any roads. PM interpretation of the options is; 1) gateway at each entrance to the village, rumble

strips, signs and paint on road, 2) speed cushions with the design and locations open to discussion, 3) 20mph zone through village which would mean there has to be no more than 100metres between slow down features (natural and artificial).

SM noted that the 20mph limit in Thornhill doesn't meet the criteria, he also suggested that checking the Whitehaven news under legal notices for any updates.

Meetings planned before next PC meeting

- *SFM 23 July*
- *WCSSG 6 August*
- *Three Tier Meeting 24 July*

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

MS suggested there should be a recruitment drive for more Parish Councillors. After some discussion, it was agreed this would be an agenda item for September, to decide how it might be done. PM was attending BVA meeting 18 July and will raise the issue.

PM explained that there would be a County Councillor, a Borough Councillor and a Parish Councillor at the next Three Tier Meeting and they would be talking about life as a Councillor.

SM stated that the recycling centre at Thornhill had been removed without any consultation. SM has sent a couple of emails about the impact on waste, cardboard being the biggest issue. SM has started the process to get the railings replaced/tidied where the recycling centre has been removed and will liaise with the Clerk re a written reply.

18. Date and location for next meeting

- ***Wednesday 18th September at Thornhill Social Club***