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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2019, 19.00, at Beckermets Reading Rooms

Present

S Meteer, D Humphreys, K Cook, M Slater, Eric Jewitt, S Caddy, J Nugent
& G Threader (Clerk).

SC notified the Councillors of the death of Ann Morton, a former long serving Parish Councillor.

Apologies

WJ

2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda

None

3. To consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on December 18. Also to include any matters arising from December's minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 December 2019 were approved.

4. Public participation

None

5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	December Salary - £389.33 Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00	£412.33
Beckermets Reading Rooms	January meeting	£20.00

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

6. Budget update.

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7. HMRC and Tax update re salary etc.

The Clerk explained that she has been paid net of 20% of her salary for July, August, September, October, November, December and January to offset the tax owed (£515.63) and this should be finalised before February's meeting.

8. Review of 2020 meeting dates

KC asked for the final meeting of the year to be held at Beckermets Reading Rooms, this had already been booked and it was agreed the Clerk would resend the meeting dates for 2020.

9. Annual Invoice - Beckermets Enclosure – C112, 001

The Clerk had received some information regarding a nominal annual charge to the PC for the use of the cemetery payable to Leconfield Estates Petworth (thought to be connected to mining rights). The sum is 13p per year and was previously paid until 2056.

10. CBC Footway Lighting policy position review

It was decided not to respond to the CBC Footway Lighting Policy following the advice received from CALC.

11. Progress Reports

- **Cumbria Police Report**

The Egremont, Cleator Moor and Rural Police report included a paragraph noting that problem parking outside schools and nurseries was currently being targeted.

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM had been informed that there wasn't a problem at Kersey Bridge. SM had reported the flooding at Oaklands to Highways England and had copied Paul Turner in on this matter, PT had agreed to raise the issue at the next meeting between Cumbria County Council Highways meeting with Highways England.

SC raised the ongoing issue (from February 2019) regarding the road markings at Thornhill, SM had emailed Highways England again but the survey for marking still appears to be outstanding. However he had been informed the road markings would be renewed shortly.

SM had emailed to say there was a problem with the system as when he reported the road markings at Beckermets and the system showed them as done when they weren't. SM has been told that contractors have been instructed to replace the road markings. MS stated that the PC should keep following this up, JN wanted something in writing to show the PC had taken action in case there was an accident, SM will write again.

- **Football club update**

The issue of the amount of litter left after a football match was raised and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the club asking for them to arrange litter picks after each match. SM had raised the issue of whether the litter problem could be policed if there was a no littering sign.

- **Web site update**

The Councillors discussed the amount of work put in to maintain the website by the member of the public looking after it. It was decided that the Clerk should invite the individual to March's meeting for an annual review.

- **Lengthsman project**

SM outlined the Copeland Pride of Place scheme where 2 men do odd jobs around the parishes and talked about the possibility of getting some jobs in the parish done by them (that weren't being done by the Lengthsman). JN wanted the outstanding work at the School Green Play Area (posts for the swings and the swing bridge) completed and it was agreed that the Clerk would email Works 4 You to get a definite date that the work would be completed by. It was agreed that any outstanding work would be discussed again at the February meeting.

- **Thornhill Playpark (Litter Collection)**

The weekly litter collection at Thornhill Playpark has been confirmed by CBC at a cost of £2.35 weekly and this will be billed on a quarterly basis.

- **Community Led Plan (update on grant/donation application see item 13}**

JN said a number of questionnaires had been returned and they hope to have in the region of 60 to 70 completed, currently the consensus is for a shop. When one individual is back all the completed questionnaires will be looked at and the findings will be summarised.

Other Projects

- **Play equipment (current situation)**

See notes under Lengthsman, work is still outstanding.

- **Grass round cherry trees**

JN had been unable to see the relevant person who parks by the cherry trees. KC said people wouldn't want bark or artificial grass and EJ agreed with this. KC said maybe people could be asked for suggestions via the newsletter. EJ wondered if a local would trim the area. SM proposed that the area is left as it is at the moment, JN seconded this so no further action is required at this time.

- **Tree Planting (update re cherry trees)**

SM informed the meeting he had not progressed this any further at the moment but would report any progress at the February meeting.

- **Seat in Beckermet Cemetery**

Clerk had received a price of £1260 plus VAT, delivery and installation for a new bench, additionally a reconditioned bench could be supplied but a price hadn't been given. It was agreed the Clerk would obtain the details for a refurbished bench. EJ suggested that maybe some of the relatives of people interred in the cemetery might be interested in donating towards a bench. SM said the PC could possibly make a contribution, also he would word a poster for the Clerk to print and display on the noticeboards to see if anyone is interested in contributing to a bench or had suggestions for locations within the Parish.

- **Update on List of Contractors**

No further updates to report.

- **Grass cutting contract**

The current contractor had provided a quote for this year's grass cutting and offered to keep the same rate for the next 3 years if the PC would grant a 3 year contract. MS proposed the PC accepted the 3 year contract and SC seconded the proposal, all members agreed. Clerk to notify the contractor and ask him to provide an hourly rate for ad hoc jobs which would guarantee a minimum of 2 hours work.

- **School Green Fence**

SM wanted people that are not on Facebook the chance to quote for the work. Clerk to send a screenshot of the Facebook advert to JN who will print and put on the Beckermet notice board, details to be sent to the Clerk by 1st February and all quotes to be in by 12th February. Clerk to put the advert on the Thornhill noticeboard. SM will deliver the final specifications to the Clerk so that they can be scanned and emailed to the interested parties.

12. Copeland Local Plan – Issues and Options Draft 2019

The closing date for comments is the 20th January.

13. Grant Application for Community Led Plan printing

JN said she wanted to start using the newsletter to promote the work done in the Parish by the PC, anything written would be sent to SM for clearance before printing.

JN to complete the Grant Application form and raise at February's meeting as the Donation form will not be suitable for the amount being applied for. Clerk to resend the appropriate forms.

14. Planning Applications Received

- *Single Storey Modular Building Sellafield Ltd, Seascale CH/4/19/2434/OF1*

JN and MS looked at the plans but no objections were raised.

15. Documents notified to us

- *Parish Council Forum*
- *Local Focus Hub Meeting*
- *Police Ask Local Community To Help Tackle Local Crime*
- *Launch of Pass The Baton Campaign*

No further information was requested.

16. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors

There was no PC representative at the 3 tier meeting on 9th January.

Meetings planned before next PC meeting

January 27th West Coast Partnership meeting, KC will attend.

WCSSG (West Cumbria Site Stakeholders Group) 4TH February would be attended by MS, SM to notify that MS would be the PC representative.

EJ agreed to attend the next 3 tier meeting, SM said the meeting dates would be available on the CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils) website.

JN to attend SFM and NNWG on 21st January.

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

EJ noted that he had received a complaint regarding the condition of Middlebank Suspension Footbridge, EJ agreed to visit the bridge himself to assess the condition and repairs needed and requested that the bridge was an agenda item in February.

SM explained that he had reported the trees that had been cut down at the playing field on 3 occasions starting on December the 18th and had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner. SM Had received a reply asking if his data could be shared with other agencies.

None of the other Councillors had any points to raise.

The Clerk gave JN one of the noticeboard keys so she could put a poster for the fencing on the Beckermets noticeboard.

18. Date and location for next meeting

- Wednesday 19th February at Thornhill Social Club

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