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## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 19.00, at Thornhill Social Club**

### **Present**

S Meter, K Cook, M Slater, E Jewitt, S Caddy, J Nugent, D Humphreys, T Barlow & G Threader (Clerk).

Prior to starting the meeting SM asked if everyone was happy with having face to face meetings in the current format i.e. individual tables 2 metres apart. Everyone agreed they were happy with the current arrangements. It was agreed that SC would sign in via the QR code on behalf of the PC as not everyone has a phone capable of downloading the Track and Trace app.

SM also noted that he would like all emails sent to the Councillors rather than the Clerk forwarding them all to him.

### **Apologies**

None

### **2. To declare any interest in items on the agenda**

None

### **3. To consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 21 October, also to include any matters arising from October's minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 September 2020 were approved but the following points were noted. The village notice boards still need cleaning and varnishing before the winter, EJ is going to do the Beckermest notice board. There had been no reply to the letter sent to Works 4 You, the Clerk confirmed she had resent this and had an acknowledgement but no other correspondence. SM had been able to get an email address for the Stonemason, Clerk to email the photos and relevant information in order to get a quote.

### **4. Public participation**

None.

SM noted that a member of the public had cut down a lot of briars at Mill Lane playing fields and had sent an email asking what the PC was going to take to maintain the area. SM suggested that someone should approach the member of the

public to see if they would be interested in becoming a Councillor, EJ offered to do this.

## 5. Finance

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Gillian Threader Clerk	October Salary - £389.33 (- 20% £77.87 for tax) Internet - £15.00 Travel - £8.00 Reconditioned ink cartridges for printer - £27.98	£440.31
NPower	Electricity for TFC 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept (bill date 15 Oct)	£9.29
WaterPlus	Water for TFC 19 March to 17 Sept (bill date 09/10)	£37.93
Poppy Appeal	Wreath for Poppy Appeal	£50.00
Thornhill Social Club	October meeting 21/10/2020	£20.00

The Finance report provided by the Clerk was accepted.

## 6. Budget update.

The Budget update provided by the Clerk was accepted.

## 7. Audit

Documents submitted by the due date and a confirmation email received.

## 8. HMRC and Tax update re salary etc.

The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £675.00 had been sent to HMRC with a covering letter asking for someone to contact her. Nothing has been received as yet.

## 9. Coronavirus Covid 19

See opening remarks, SC will sign in to TSC on behalf of the PC, the records are kept for 21 days. Any Councillors with symptoms to contact the Clerk.

## 10. Copeland Local Plan – preferred options consultation

SC has taken the documents and plans, he will pass them on to KC.

## **11. Smart Meter Mast Update**

Still no further update.

## **12. Defibrillator for Beckermat**

It is believed the defibrillator is still in the White Mare, TB agreed to confirm this before the next meeting.

## **13. Traffic in Beckermat**

SM checked that everyone had received the email he forwarded from Paul Turner, this said that traffic calming measures may be subject to available funding. JN said the addendum to the planning for Hunter Rise was that something would be done for some type of traffic calming measures and she didn't want the £16900 spent on another survey when a Gateway and a 20mph limit were what was needed. EJ said the 20mph was needed as a minimum plus something needed to be done near the school. KC said the PC shouldn't pay for a school patrol because Highways won't put a 20kmp speed limit in. EJ and MS want the speed limit in before construction starts. SM thought there may be road markings and a coloured surface used. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda and to invite Paul Turner to a future meeting probably after Christmas.

## **14. Gate for Millfields – update**

EJ had drawn a plan for the gates required and done an estimate for the cost of approximately £1500.00. This triggered a discussion about the delays in getting work done if 3 quotes were obtained for every essential job in the Parish. MS offered to do the work at no charge to the PC if the relevant materials were purchased. SM proposed suspending the financial regulations and asked what limit everyone would like to see before 3 quotes were required. EJ proposed £500 before VAT and the other Councillors agreed. SM said he will check the financial regulations and the matter would form an agenda item in November.

## **15. Poppy Appeal**

See Item 5 Finance

## **16. Planning Applications Received**

No new applications received.

- **Updates**

Hunter Rise, see item 13 Traffic.

It was noted that no one had seen any updates regarding the removal of the section 106 at The Old Forge Beckermat, SM said the information would be available online.

## **17. Proposed dates for meetings 2021**

The Clerk proposed meeting dates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in each month. SM asked if everyone was happy to continue meetings on Wednesdays and all agreed. No locations for meetings were proposed and it was agreed these would be arranged on a month to month basis while Covid 19 guidelines continue.

## **18. Progress Reports**

- **Roads and Transport schedule**

SM has written to Cumbria Highways regarding the white lines at St Bridget's Old Church Road and the bushes at Kersey Bridge.

- **Football club update**

. SM has completed an application for a grant application from Electricity North West under the scheme "Empowering Our Communities" for solar panels for TFC, the grant applied for is £7,700.

- **Community Led Plan**

TB said there would be a newsletter in a few weeks' time, it would update on the analysis of the questionnaires with short, medium and long term objectives. The long term objectives included writing to the relevant authorities e.g. for a bus service, short term objectives included the village clear up. A lot of activities are on hold due to the Reading Rooms being closed.

### **Other Projects**

- **Play equipment (current situation)**

SM noted that 2 bolts were needed for the buffer seat and noted there were a small number of issues arising from the playground inspections that required actioning. SM asked if anyone was looking at the issues from the reports, JN agreed to do this and asked the Clerk to forward the reports again. SM to check details for the bolts needed and forward to the Clerk.

- **Seat in Beckermet Cemetery**

SM noted that the bench had been installed but it needed 2 more brackets, previously the seat had been in the crematorium and hadn't needed to be anchored down. CBC will put 2 more brackets on and SM will photograph the bench so the Clerk can get it added to the asset list.

- **Benches for Potters Lonning**

MS and EJ had checked and there are no bases at either end of Potters Lonning, it was agreed that 2 new benches the same as those at School Green would be ordered, SM noted that the PC had reverted from financial regulations as identical benches had already been purchased. It was agreed

the benches would be delivered to EJ, MS and EJ will sort the necessary bases/concrete.

- **Any other updates**

The Clerk explained that the member of the public maintaining the website had informed her that there would be some major changes from mid-2021 that would change the website, it was agreed the Clerk would ask for more information that could be discussed at next month's meeting.

JN had looked at possible fencing for the soil near the bus shelter but is going to wait until he leaves have gone.

SC said he was still trying to source the replacement planter for Beckermat and will update at the next meeting.

MS asked if the Parish Council could thank the residents of Beckermat for the clear up. The PC have noted the effort of the residents and the amount of work undertaken which is greatly appreciated.

KC explained the Reading Rooms were still awaiting a risk assessment and JN has been trying to organise this with guidance from CBC.

The Clerk was asked to contact CALC to enquire if there were any booklets available for new Councillors.

#### **19. Reports from meetings attended by Councillors**

KC asked about the plans for new power stations with small modular reactors, SM explained that all the relevant information was available online but could be years away.

TB noted that the BVA was not meeting again at the moment due to the rule of 6 and the Reading Rooms currently being closed.

#### **Meetings planned before next PC meeting**

None notified.

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

JN attended a Spent Fuel Management meeting via Zoom to update on the current situation with spent fuel reprocessing. Sellafield has got permission to start again, this should have been finished by the end of the year but Covid has changed that. The majority of plants are back up to working at about 85%.

SC noted that a member of the public had raised the issue of the condition of the fence to the football field. SC said the wire was OK for the moment but that some work in the future was probably going to be necessary, it was agreed to make this an agenda item for next month's meeting.

#### **18. Date and location for next meeting**

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Thornhill Social Club