

Drigg and Carleton Parish Council**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL****Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October 2021**

Members present Mr J Jennings (Chairman), Mr A Pratt, Mr J Naylor, Mr K Murray, Mrs S Browne and Mrs J Whyte.

Clerk: Mr D Millington.

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO): Mrs J Robinson.

1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th September 2021.

There were no amendments to the Minutes of 14th September 2021.

2. Resolution to approve and signature of Minutes.

A proposal by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Jennings, that the Minutes of 14th September 2021 were a true and accurate record was agreed unanimously by members and subsequently signed by the Chairman as such.

3. Apologies for absence.

Mr K Hitchen. Mr Hitchen had provided written information about his absence which was accepted by members. Members agreed unanimously a proposal to waive the attendance rules for Mr Hitchen until further notice.

4. Financial Matters.**4.a) Finance Report**

Mrs Robinson (RFO) presented an updated financial statement showing no change since the September review, which was noted and accepted by members.

4.b) Consideration of payments:

Penalty Notice from HMRC:

- Mrs Robinson noted that the appeal against the Penalty Notice from HMRC has been accepted. To avoid future problems with HMRC payments, members agreed a proposal to set up a direct payment debit from the Parish Council account to HMRC.

Action 10/1: RFO to arrange for a direct payment mandate to HMRC.

- There were no outstanding payments to consider.

5. Actions and matters arising from previous meetings of Council

Action 6/3: Mr Pratt to ask Police Community Support Office concerning pavement parking on Holmrook Hill. Ongoing

Action 9/1: RFO to pay the HMRC if appeal is not resolved. Complete

Action 9/2: Mr Hitchen to ask Cumbria Highways what routine inspections are scheduled for the Parish. Ongoing

6. Report from County and Borough Councillors.

County Report:

Mr Hitchen had provided a written report from County concerning recent drain surveying work adjacent to the Village Hall. The report from Highways noted that earlier in the year they had raised concerns about flooding in that area, following a planning application for building development in an adjacent field. They had decided that a new surface water survey would be undertaken with a view to developing a scheme that would reduce the flooding risk there. The first part of this survey has now been undertaken. The response added that the entire scheme from the highway to the outfall at the river Irt will need to be considered and that the survey would require the co-operation of the relevant landowners and the highways authority.

7. Public Participation:

- One member of the public attended as an observer
- One members of the public attended to inform members that as a result of raising some specific issues with Highways, some remedial action had been taken on limited cut back of side hedging on a bridleway and a repair to a bridleway gate. However, it was noted that much more work needs to be done.

8. Main Business:

8.1: Highways matters:

It was noted that speed measuring road strips had been installed by Highways on a section of the B5344 on either side of the hall. It was thought that this was to obtain traffic speed data ahead of the removal of the speed bumps at Rose Cottage.

8.2: PROW: In response to further concerns raised about the condition of bridleways, it was reiterated that funding in support of improvement work was not available via the Parish Council, but could be made available via the Drigg Charity if suitable projects were identified and sponsored.

8.3: LLWR; The Chairman reported on topics raised at the last liaison meeting. The Minutes of the meeting will be circulated when available. Topics included:

The business will be rebranded as Nuclear Waste Services.

LLWR reported that they had received complaints about early morning noise from the site. They responded that this was due to the delivery of an unusually large delivery of aggregate which would not re-occur on a routine basis. LLWR reported that investigatory borehole for work for Near Service Disposal is expected to be complete by end of October. LLWR have indicated that consideration is being given to the creation, for their use, of an office/conference centre at the south end of the site, an area previously put forward as having the potential to be returned to the community.

8.4 Village tidying: The Clerk reported that the contractor who plants and maintains tubs and baskets has indicated that he will retire at the end of the year and that an advert for a new tender will be required.

8.5: Community Communications: The web site has been updated.

8.6: Community Led Plan: It was noted that a meeting for Drigg Charity trustees was held in August to conduct an initial review of the Action Plan, which has now been updated by the Chairman.

8.7: Any Other Parish Matters

Copeland Local Plan: Focussed Pre-publication Draft Change Consultation.

The Clerk responded that a draft response had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting. Members present agreed to accept the wording of the response.

Action 10/2: Clerk to respond the Draft Change consultation as agreed.

9. Receive communications placed before the Meeting.

There were no new issues raised.

10. Planning Applications:

- LDNP Ref: 7/2021/4121 Lower Saltcoats Farm. Conversion of existing barn into holiday flats. After discussion, member present agreed a proposal that they did not wish to raise objection to this application.

Action 10/3: Clerk to respond as agreed.

- CBC Ref: 4/21/2411/OF1 Land adjacent to Partfield House, Drigg: resubmission of previously withdrawn application for change of use of land from woodland to a site to provide 8 motorhome bays and 8 self-contained cabins, with internal access road and associated buildings and services as detailed in the application.

Following discussion, members agreed that they wish to object to this application. Many of the details and concerns in the original application remain; mainly, but not only:

The development is not sympathetic to its surroundings. Traffic concerns remain about access and exit to the site at the required, existing pinch point on the B5344. Drainage concerns and

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lack of information on whether the proposed arrangements for handling surface water are adequate to avoid flooding off site. The permanent loss of woodland and wildlife. It was agreed to request a site visit prior to determining the application.

Action 10/4: Clerk to respond as agreed.

11. Cumbria Association of Councils.

- It was noted that the CALC AGM will take place on Zoom and will include a proposal that Parish Council elections should be moved to 2022 to coincide with new authority elections.

- Clerk to circulate CALC notice on arrangements for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Action 10/5: Clerk to circulate the notice

12. Received Reports from representatives. There were no new issues raised.

13. Matters to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting:

See Agenda

Members were invited to submit items for inclusion 5 working days ahead of the scheduled date of meetings.

The Clerk was requested to include a footnote on future Agendas to request that members of the public who wish to attend and address the meeting identify themselves and indicate the topic they wish to raise ahead of the meeting date.

Action 10/6: Clerk to add a footnote to the Agenda about Public Participation

14. Date of the next meeting.

Tuesday 9th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Distribution;

County & District Councillors; K Hitchen, A Pratt & D Moore.

Parish Councillors, Drigg Charity Trustees and D&C Community web site

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