

Drigg and Carleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th September 2021

Members present Mr J Jennings (Chairman), Mr J Naylor and Mr K Murray.

Clerk: Mr D Millington.

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO): Mrs J Robinson.

1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th July 2021.

There were no amendments to the Minutes of 13th July 2021.

2. Resolution to approve and signature of Minutes.

A proposal by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Jennings, that the Minutes of 13th July 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 A Pratt, Mr K Hitchen and Mrs S Browne

4. Financial Matters.

4.a) Finance Report

Mrs Robinson (RFO) presented an updated financial statement which was noted and accepted by members.

4.b) Consideration of payments:

Penalty Notice from HMRC:

It was reported that a Penalty notice for failure to file PAYE returns on time during the quarter ended 5 July 2021 had been received. Mrs Robinson explained that an appeal against the fine had been lodged with HMRC and their response was awaited. Members noted that payment of the fine was required by 27th September 2021. Members agreed a proposal that, if a response from HMRC was not received before that date, the RFO was authorised to make payment of the £100 fine.

Action 9/1: RFO to pay the £100 fine to HMRC if no appeal is resolved before 27th September 2021

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 7/1: Mr Hitchen to provide an update from Cumbria Highways about speed control measures and removal of speed bumps outside Rose Cottage. Complete

Action 7/2: Clerk to respond to the additional information supplied about the application for an agricultural building at Hill Green. Complete

Action 7/3: Clerk to respond to the application at Caldhu Cottage. Complete

6. Report from County and Borough Councillors.

See Highways matters.

7. Public Participation:

- One member of the public attended to remind members about an Additional Focussed Pre-publication Draft Consultation on Potential Changes to the Copeland Local Plan 2021- 2038. Members noted that the paper for the consultation had been received after the meeting Agenda had been advertised and were now being circulated, with a closing date for comments by 17th October 2021

- Two members of the public attended to inform members about their concerns over the condition of public rights of way and the condition of the B5344. It was agreed that these topics would continue to be discussed at future meetings.

It was agreed that Mr Hitchen would be requested to ask Cumbria Highways what routine schedules of inspection were in place for highways and by-ways in the Parish including surface conditions and gully inspections and cleaning.

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

8. Main Business:

8.1: Highways matters:

- Comments on removal of speed bumps outside Rose Cottage.

It was reported that during August Cumbria Highways had circulated a proposal to replace the speed bumps outside Rose Cottage with a priority give-way restriction and requested feedback. Highways have since reported that the proposal had received generally unfavourable comments; not least from LLWR about the disruptive effects this would have on their HGV movements. Because of the comments received, the proposed scheme would not go ahead. However, the speed bumps outside Rose Cottage would be removed and the affect of this on traffic behaviour would be monitored.

- Overnight camping at Drigg Beach.

It was noted that a communication from a parishioner about overnight campervan use of the beach carpark had been received. It was agreed that the landowner would be contacted with a view to displaying prohibition notices.

8.2: PROW:

Adverse comments on the condition of many of the public rights of way were raised by the two members of the public who attended and it was agreed that these would be followed up.

8.3: LLWR; The Chairman noted that the next liaison meeting date had been set in October.

8.4 Village tidying: There were no new issues raised.

8.5: Community Communications: There were no new issues raised,

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 is now being updated.

8.7: Any Other Parish Matters

- Co-option into a vacant Parish Councillor position.

Members noted that a vacancy for a Councillor had been advertised for some time and that an eligible parishioner had now indicated a willingness to be co-opted to the Council. Mrs Jo Whyte had accepted an invitation to attend this meeting. The members present unanimously supported a proposal that Mrs Whyte be co-opted. Two other Councillor, not present at this meeting, had also supported the proposal. On that basis Mrs Whyte was formally co-opted onto the Council. Mrs Whyte signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office made and signed by the Clerk as a Proper Officer of the Council dated 14th September 2021.

9. Receive communications placed before the Meeting.

There were no new issues raised.

10. Planning Applications:

- CBC 4/21/2404/OF1 Erection of detached garage and extension of an existing games room at Woodside , Smithy Banks

It was noted that this was a revised application previously seen, received after the Agenda for this meeting had been circulated. After discussion, members did not wish to register any objection.

Action 9/3: Clerk to respond to the application as agreed.

11. **Cumbria Association of Councils.** There were no new issues raised.

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

14. **Date of the next meeting.**

Tuesday 12th October 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Distribution;

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