

Drigg and Carleton Parish Council**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL****Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November 2021**

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

Clerk: Mr D Millington.

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO): Mrs J Robinson.

1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th October 2021.

There were no amendments to the Minutes of 12th October 2021.

2. Resolution to approve and signature of Minutes.

A proposal by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Pratt, that the Minutes of the meeting of 12th October 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 repeat of a standing apology.

Mrs S Browne due to work commitments.

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

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

4.b) Consideration of payments:

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

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

Action 10/2: Clerk to respond to Copeland Local Plan Draft Change Consultation as agreed. Complete

Action 10/3: Clerk to respond to Lower Saltcoats Farm application as agreed. Complete

Action 10/4: Clerk to respond to change of use of land adjacent to Partfield House Drigg as agreed. Complete

Action 10/5: Clerk to circulate CALC note on Queens Platinum Jubilee. Complete

Action 10/6: Clerk to add footnote to future Agenda header about public participation. Complete

6. Report from County and Borough Councillors.

- Mr Pratt reported that the County Boundary change proposals are now outlined in a Structural Change Order which indicates the intention to name our Council Area (Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland) as Cumberland. The intention is that Cumberland will have 46 members with elections taking place in May 2022 then 2027, then every 4 years thereafter. These intentions are subject to Parliamentary approval which is likely to take place in March 2022.

- Mr Pratt also reported on several campaigns which are soon to be launched, with details to follow:

- A Winter warmth scheme which will use Parish Councils to promote in rural areas.
- A scheme by EoN to promote greener homes with grants towards green initiatives including improved insulation.
- Copeland community forest scheme; looking for nominated land areas.

7. Public Participation:

One member of the public attended as an observer

8. Main Business:

8.1: Highways matters:

It was noted that the speed measuring road strips installed by Highways on a section of the B5344 on either side of the hall had now been removed. Members requested Mr Hitchen to seek feedback from Highways on any results so far.

Action 11/1: Mr Hitchen to seek information from Highways about results from the speed measurements taken outside Rose Cottage.

8.2: PROW: The Clerk shared a letter from a parishioner which repeated concerns about the condition of bridleways. Following discussion, it was re-iterated that funding in support of improvement work was not available via the Parish Council except by significant increases in the Parish Precept, Funding could be made available via the Drigg and Carleton Community Benefit Fund 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.

Action 11/2: Clerk to advertise for tenders for floral tubs and baskets services.

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

- Invitation to join the Mid-Copeland GDF Community Partnership:

Following discussion members unanimously agreed a proposal to accept a seat on the Community Partnership. The Chairman accepted a nomination to represent the Parish Council, subject to meetings being compatible with his current work commitments. Members also agreed a proposal that Mr Pratt could sign for the Parish Council to formally accept a seat on the Partnership at an imminent meeting on 10th November.

Action 11/3: Clerk to respond to the invitation as agreed.

9. Receive communications placed before the Meeting.

There were no new issues raised.

10. Planning Applications:

LDNP Ref: 7/2021/4132 Higher Saltcoats Holmrook. Demolition and reconstruction of two outbuildings on a similar footprint. After discussion, members agreed unanimously a proposal to raise no objections to the application.

Action 11/4: Clerk to respond 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 14th December 2021: to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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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Action 11/3: Clerk to respond to the invitation for the Council to join the Mid-Copeland GDF Community Partnership as agreed.