

ASKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 5th 2018

Present

Mr Lowther (in the chair), Mr Cann, Mrs Harker, Mrs Robinson
Mr MacInnes (LDNPA rep.)
Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

76.1 Apologies for absence.

Mr Calland - on holiday
Mr Slee (EDC) - another meeting.
Mr Hughes (CCC) - away.

76.2 Declaration of interests in agenda items.

None were made.

76.3 Minutes of the meeting held on January 8th.

Having been circulated they were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed as such by Mr Lowther.

76.4 Chairman's report.

Nothing to report.

76.5 Public participation.

No members of the public were present.

76.6 EDC, CCC and LDNPA reports

EDC and CCC councillors were not present.

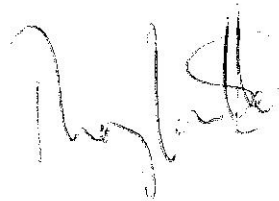
LDNPA - Mr MacInnes reported that there had been a successful event with Prince Charles to celebrate the World Heritage designation.

The review of the National Park Plan would be put out for consultation with public sessions in the near future.

The Ullswater valley would be more widely publicised as a tourist destination.

The bridge at Pooley Bridge would be rebuilt later in the year and a temporary footbridge would be put in place during the work.

Mr MacInnes left the meeting.



76.7 Finance.

Bank balance at 28/2/18 5379.33
29/3/18 5194.67

The statements were signed by Mr Lowther.

All cheques had been cleared.

Paid since the last meeting;-

ADCC - PO usage of the hall	100.00
R. Ireland - website	68.87
ADCC - use of hall	70.00
Clerk's expenses	114.66
CALC workshop - GDPR	70.00
	323.53

Payments were approved.

Cheques had been signed by Mr Cann and Mrs Harker.

Photocopies of the cheques and the stubs were signed and initialled.

The Clerk reported that new audit regulations were in place and she had attended a workshop explaining them.

The VAT claim had been submitted late so the refund would be received in the next financial year.

76.8 Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk explained that she had attended a workshop on the new regulations which would come into force at the end of May. Information was passed to councillors for consideration and if necessary a special meeting would be convened to discuss the implications and implementation of the regulations.

76.9 Helton Defibrillator.

The Clerk had been unable to obtain any information regarding the electricity supply to the phone box but the apparatus was in place.

The Memorandum of Understanding necessary for the apparatus and the agreement regarding responsibility for maintenance were taken by Mr Lowther for completion.

76.10 Replacement of computer.

Bampton PC which jointly owns the Clerk's computer had suggested that it was due to be replaced as it was bought in 2012. Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

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76.11 Updates on matters discussed at previous meetings.

a) Interpretative boards.

Mrs Robinson reported a successful grant application to LDNPA which would require some match funding.

Mr Lowther said that James Lowther would probably contribute towards the project and he would ask him.

There were to be four boards altogether.

Mr Cann had been working on the wording but it was agreed that there should be advice from someone experienced in interpretation for the layout and visual appearance of the boards. Parishioners should be consulted also.

A working party would meet in early June.

b) Footway lighting.

It was agreed that Mr Cann and Mr Lowther should walk round the village and check where lights are at present and consider where they are needed and for what purpose.

c) Village greens.

There was considerable discussion of matters raised by Mr Calland regarding damage being caused to the greens by encroachment by vehicles. Ruts were being caused and corners of the grass cut up. It was decided not to contact individual householders regarding parked vehicles.

The Clerk would contact EDC about the rubbish collection vehicles which were causing some of the damage.

d) Web-site.

The Clerk would ask Mr Johnson if there is a contact address for the council on the site.

All of the councillors were content to have their contact details listed.

e) Roadside mirror.

Mr Lowther would sort the matter out with the shop owner.

76.12 Councillors' concerns.

Mrs Harker raised the problems over potholes and the general bad condition of the roads.

76.13 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was decided that it would be held on Monday May 21st and that the interpretative boards and the general care of the greens and the village as a whole would be the topics. James Lowther would be invited to talk on the latter. Refreshments would be provided.

76.14 Items for the next agenda.

— Audit
— AGM - Chairman's report.

76.15 Dates for next meetings.

Thursday May 10th
Monday July 23rd
Monday September 24th
Monday November 26th.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.

Tasks agreed.

TL -Memorandum of Understanding and maintenance agreement for defibrillator.

TL - approaching Jim Lowther for contribution towards interpretative boards.

JC, AR - working party for interpretative boards.

JC and TL - walk around village to assess lighting.

TL - roadside mirror.

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