

Askham & Helton Parish Council – Draft Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th May 2020 virtually via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T Lowther (In the Chair), L Harker, M Holt, J Banks, G Calland, C Whitaker

Apologies: N Hughes

In Attendance: C Bell – Locum Clerk

90. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st January 2020 were amended by adding 3 points and approved.

90.1 2 Large stones to be moved at Brook Terrace

90.2 Helton Boulders to be removed

90.3 Give thanks to Tom re grass cutting with gift. Voted all in favour – up to £20.

91. DECLARATION OF INTEREST /REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

None

92. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

None

93. REPORTS

None

94. FINANCE

(i) Orders for Payments

1. Christine Longmire Artist (50% cost)	£200.00
2. Gary Calland, mower fuel	£50.00
3. Zurich Insurance	£257.60
4. Askham and District Community Centre	£10.00
5. Locum Clerk Salary	£ 368.00
6. Lloyds – Mower Service	£558.13

Total OFP: £1443.73 to be paid by cheque

(ii) No other financial matters

(iii) Accounts. Councillors have all looked at accounts and happy with them. Internal audit to be done by C Leece. Cllrs voted all in favour.

95. Matters of Information

A. From the Chairman – nothing

B. From the Clerk

- Clerk wants to have effective way of communicating to parishioners. Guided by councillors they inform clerk of 3 notice boards, newsletter and website.
- Cllrs to finalise clerk contract of employment.
- Cllrs voted in favour for Clerk to change address on bank from previous clerk and to fill in bank mandate for BACS payments.
- Cllrs delighted with possibly 2 more councillors, both representing Helton. Clerk to confirm number of seats on parish.
- Grass cutting in Askham and Helton. Cllrs discussed in depth taking comments from residents into consideration. Contract with Lowther will continue for this year, whilst a letter drop will be done to ask views from residents. This will be done at some point this year. Once feedback is received the council will make a formal decision as to how they will do grass cutting the schedule next year.

C. From Members

Thanks to J Banks from Highways for speedily repairing potholes.

96. Updates from previous meetings

- Interpretative Boards. To install as soon as MH & JB can. Council to purchase a couple of bags of cement to complete installation.
- Roadside Mirror. CW to install mirror this week if weather allows.
- Helton Defibrillator. GC checked on defib and seems in good order.
- Prevent long articulated vehicles coming around the corner at Askham Bridge. Clerk to email issue to Lowther PC as it's on their patch.
- Grass cutting/wildlife area (previously discussed), dog fouling and cats. CW reports that residents that have problems with nuisance cats have to deter the cats themselves (sprays/scarers/repellers etc), have a word with the owners of the cats and if not resolved Eden District Council can be contacted.
- Cycleway/Footway from Askham to Helton. If the current one is not fit to use then there is an alternative (and safer) option of going via Whale. The 2 Billion pound grant that will be rolled out by government is not aimed at rural areas but towns and cities to take the strain off public transport.

97. Planning

Applications

1. 7/2020/3024, Widewath Mill, Helton, Penrith, CA10 2QB, Proposed conversion of former water mill & change of use for holiday letting purposes

AHPC: Objected

LDNP:

2. 7/2020/3045 at Hilltop Farm House, Askham, Penrith, CA10 2PG, Revised Alterations

AHPC: No Objection
LDNP:

3. 7/2020/3057 at Keld Head Farm, Askham, CA10 2PG, Repaint Stone Window frames at front of farmhouse and change the current colour

AHPC: No objection
LDNP:

98. Date of next meeting: 22 July 2020 at 19:30

Meeting closed at 20:16