

Askham & Helton Parish Council – Draft Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd September 2020 virtually via Zoom and in the village hall at 7:30pm.

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

Apologies: T Lowther

In Attendance: N Hughes – CCC, D Bliss – Lowther, C Bell – Locum Clerk

110. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2020 (Via Zoom) were approved as a correct record.

111. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION: G Calland in OFF.

112. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM:

D Bliss on parking. Entire Lake District been inundated with tourists and although Askham tourist number have increased, we have not experienced negative impact of destruction as seen in other areas of the LDNP. D Bliss suggests a voucher scheme for local residents to park at Old Mill. Tourists don't want to pay £2 to park and chose to park elsewhere for free. Suggested that relevant signs are erected to prevent tourist parking in inappropriate areas. J Banks suggest to add 'where to park' not just 'no parking' signs. Outside church is common land and suggested that 'church parking only' signs go up. D Bliss states that it's unfavourable for Lowther to stop people from parking on Helton common as visitors enjoy the walks and views from Helton. The do however realise that it potentially damages the land for commoners, but feels that the PC can address this matter if they wish.

N Hughes on Minibus Route from P Bridge to Lowther would be great and would relieve parking issues. Electric cars not the short-term solution for the LDNP.

S Thomas on footpath between Askham & Helton. The ageing Helton community has a great need for a safe footpath to walk to shop incl mobility scooter use. Large family groups also use the path and can be dangerous with heavy farm traffic and cars driving too fast. Looking in to the possibility on approaching landowner and creating a safe footpath. D Bliss advises to contact Tirril community as they have just worked together (alongside ERT) to create a new walkway. There might be funding available. C Whitaker to work with S Thomas on proposal to create options for new/safer path.

113. REPORTS

LH – no meeting had as yet – no update.

N Hughes: Unitarisation of Cumbria to move to a single tier government had previously been tried and not convinced it will happen this time. Blueprint to come

out pre Christmas. LH states that if Unitarisation happens then parish councillors will have to get formal training on things like planning.
N Hughes encourages people to use local busses as they might cease to run otherwise.

114. FINANCE

(i) Orders for Payment: Approved by councillors.

1. Gary Calland, Mower Fuel, Phonebox repair	£ 199.99
2. Locum Clerk Salary 18h p/m	£ 432.00

Total	£ 631.99
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Bank Balance as at 28.08.20: ££9,424.51

(ii) Outstanding Financial Matters: To make PC aware that village hall will be requesting donation for refurb.

115. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A: From the Chairman: N/A

B: From the Clerk:

Clerk requests change of bank as not getting anywhere with Natwest. Suggest to go over to Barclays as their systems are more efficient, user friendly and customer service is better. Councillors approve change of bank.

Clerk requests opening of Viking Account for stationary. Will not order/pay without approval from councillors. Councillors voted in favour.

Clerk received request from Fellrunner Bus service for donation. LH suggest £150, seconded by JB, councillors voted all in favour.

M Drinkwater sends her thanks for beautiful painting.

C: From Members: Wild flower meadows – C Whitaker to invite member to next meeting.

116. TO RECEIVE UPDATES

- Interpretive Boards. One completed, other will be put up in due course.
- Helton Defib. Looks great with new lick of paint. To external signs
- Grass cutting template – not to go ahead – resolved
- Lower Green Seat Repair. Clerk to ask D Bliss if they can fix it
- Parking – see open forum above.

117. PLANNING

Applications

1. 7/2020/3084 at Low Nook, Askham, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 2PG
AHPC: No Objection

Decisions

1. /2020/3058, Low Rough Hill, Askham, Penrith, CA10 2QL, Erection of Greenhouse

AHPC: No Objection

LDNP:

2. 7/2020/3074, Punch Bowl Caravan Park, Askham, Penrith, CA10 2PF, Variation of condition 2 (to allow all year round use) on planning permission ref 7/2004/3157- use of land as caravan site

AHPC: No Objection

LDNP:

118. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19th Nov 2020, 7:30 in the Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 21:05