Askham & Helton Parish Council – Draft Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st January 2021 virtually via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs L Harker, T Lowther (In the Chair), M Holt, J Banks, M Westgarth

Apologies: G Calland, C Whitaker

In Attendance: C Bell – Locum Clerk, N Hughes (CCC)

128. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th NOVEMBER 2020 (Via Zoom) were approved as a correct record.

129. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION Clirs LH, MH & JB orders for payment

130. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM None Received

131. REPORTS

N Hughes reports that the Highways team has done a good job at repairing potholes at Church Hill. Askham/Celleron rd remains a problem as water continuously run down the road. J Banks from Highways aware of this and will be repaired in due course.

Parking at the Church remains an informal arrangement but this invites visitors parking inappropriately – aware that this is not a parish matter. No update on Askham bridge.

132. FINANCE(i) Orders for Payment: Approved by councillors.

ASKHAM & HELTON PARISH COUNCIL Orders for payment 21st January 2021

 Locum Clerk Salary 18h p/m Askham & District Community Centre 	£ 432.00 £ 120.00
Gary Calland – Mole Catching reimbursement	£ 72.00
4. Malcolm Holt – Xmas tree light and cable reimbursement	£ 88.97

Total £ 712.97

Bank Balances as at 01.01.2021 Natwest Current account – £7568.79

(ii) PRECEPT:

Clirs discussed the matter taking into account the budget from the last meeting and decided that the Precept will remain the same stable at £6000. Voted all in favour.

(iii) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllrs L Harker points out that the donation of £120 is to cover costs for newsletter produced by a local resident.

133. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A: From the Chairman: Not moved two large stone yet as tractor needs mending.

B: From the Clerk: Matters in hand to gain online banking and finalise contract. J Banks nominated to represent A66 Trans Pennine project.

C: From Members: None

134. TO RECEIVE UPDATES

- Interpretive Boards: No progress due to bad weather and Covid

- Lower Green Seat Repair: No progress due to bad weather and Covid

- Parking: Re Askham Common. Lowther to put a gat at cattle grid with parking signs stating there is no parking allowed. They have been placing letters on windscreens of cars reminding them that they should not return to park on fell but instead park in Askham and at Sawmill. Helton Fell remains problem with cars parking and issue moving forward as LDNP won't permit more car parks.

- Helton Bridle path flooding. Lowther has put sign up redirecting users to use a boggy area. Many residents upset about this. T Corbet, LDNP looking into matter. Clerk to draft letter to Rights of Way Officer at LDNP.

135. PLANNING

Applications

1. EDC Planning Consultation - 20/0939

AHPC: The councillors have no objections against this application and have full trust

in planning officers to ensure that compliance with requirements for bat boxes, roosting sites are fulfilled and that all other environmental issues are dealt with accordingly.

Decisions

1. T/2020/0154 at Holly Cottage, Helton, Penrith, CA10 2QA

AHPC: No Objection LDNP: Approved

2. T/2020/0151 at Castle Villa, Helton, Penrith, CA10 2QA

AHPC: No Objection LDNP: Approved

3. T/2020/0146 at Robin Cottage, Askham, CA10 2PF

AHPC: No Objection LDNP: Approved

Clerk reminded CLLRS to read LDNP pieces on Planning and Biodiversity, as we need to respond with comment by mid Feb. Clerk to remind CLLRS.

136. Date of next meeting – Thursday 18th MARCH 2021, 19:30. Location TBC

Meeting Closed at: 20:02