

Askham & Helton Parish Council – Draft Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th March 2021 virtually via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs L Harker, T Lowther (In the Chair), M Holt, M Westgarth, G Calland, C Whitaker

Apologies: J Banks

In Attendance: C Bell – Locum Clerk, 6 members of the public

137. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st January 2021 (Via Zoom) were approved as a correct record.

138. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION

None received

139. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Several public members report on the damage being done by excess of cars on the fell road and making logistics hard for farmers and perhaps impassable for emergency services. Questioned whether Mossy Beck Bridge is suitable for heavy vehicles. Satnav diverting tourists up private tracks/farms due to missing – no through sign that need replacing. Potholes worsening on fell road and in places they stretch across the width of the road. Some suggestions include a notice in the local paper, signage, large stones and ditches. Askham PC will communicate with landowners to help address problems; also contact Highways to make sure correct signage is in place and advertise information in local newsletter and paper.

140. REPORTS

Cllr Calland reports that Askham Bridge has been repaired and has reported potholes at bridge and nr church.

141. FINANCE

(i) Orders for Payment: Approved to pay by councillors.

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Orders for payment

18th March 2021

1. Locum Clerk Salary 18h p/m	£ 432.00
2. Askham & District Community Centre	£ 50.00
3. BeDot Media Group – Web Domain	£ 71.86
4. Lowther Forestry Group Ltd	£1884.00

Total	£ 2437.86
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(ii) ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE:

Clerk requests 'Scribe' accounting software to save on time, accuracy and improve transparency of finances. To start in new financial year.

Voted all in favour.

(iii) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None

142. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A: From the Chairman:

- Reports meeting with Mr Bliss where they proposed to plant 30-40 trees on village greens. Areas around trees will be left un-mowed for wilding purposes.
- Cllr Lowther will request from Highways a blue sign to indicate village hall

B: From the Clerk:

- Online banking progress and compensation of £250 from Natwest.
- VAT of £443.63 will be received in next coming days
- Revised salary in accordance with NALC pay scale to scale 21 – voted all in favour.

C: From Members:

Cllr Calland feeds back on community worry about pop-up campsite. Clerk to establish acts and feedback.

143. TO RECEIVE UPDATES

- Interpretive Boards: Mr Holmes will install them
- Lower Green Seat Repair: Started by Cllrs Holt and Whittaker
- Parking: Current issue included cars parking in front of residents access. Cllr Calland to email clerk leaflet to print more to leave on cars.

- Helton Bridle path flooding – LDNP responded to letter. Blocked again from recent flooding. Matter on-going.

-Footway Lights: Policy from Askham PC not to adopt any footway lights, but would request EDC to maintain light nr Westcroft bungalow for next 12 month as elderly people live nearby and need it.

-Monty at Helton: Cllr Westgarth to try and reinvigorate interest in saving the Monty. Cllr Harker suggests sharing information in the newsletter and Cllr Holt suggests sharing information on the Community Facebook Group.

144. PLANNING

Applications

1. 7/2021/3026 at The Hollies, Askham, Penrith, CA10 2PG. Erection of oak framed gazebo with seating and barbeque area.

AHPC: No Objection

LDNP:

Decisions

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.

EDC: Full Approval

145. Date of next meeting: MAY 2021 - in Village Hall/Zoom TBC. AGM – TBC.

Meeting closed 20:55