**Askham and Helton Parish Council**

**Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting **Date:** Tuesday, 7th December 2021

**Venue:** Askham and District Community Centre

**Present:** Tom Lowther (TL), Laura Harker (LH), Mary Westgarth (MW),

John Banks (JB), Malcolm Holt (MH).

**Apologies:** Chris Whittaker (CW), Gary Calland (GC), Neil Hughes (NH) CCC

**In Attendance:** Sandie Watson (Clerk/RFO)

**Members of Public:** 1

**Minutes**

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| **Item** | **Key Points/decisions** | **Action** |
| 01/12/35  Apologies | Cllr Whittaker – Work Commitments  Cllr Calland – Work Commitments  Cllr Hughes – Council Meeting  The Council resolved to accept the apologies received. |  |
| 02/12/36  Declarations of Interest | 1. Register of Members Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.  2. Personal Interests.  Cllr Holt, item 9/31 - 7/2021/3195 Polbeck Barn  Cllr Harker, Cllr Westgate, Cllr Banks, item 10.3 - Fitness Equipment  3. Prejudicial Interests. None received. |  |
| 03/12/37 Outcomes of actions/progress reports | Fallen dry stone wall in Helton has been repaired. |  |
| 04/12/38  Minutes | The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 28th September 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. |  |
| 05/12/39  Public Open Forum | Parish newsletter – please submit any articles by Wednesday 8th December 2021. |  |
| 06/12/40  Planning Applications: | **Applications:**  **7/2021/3195** Polbeck Barn, Askham, CA10 2PG resolved no objections  **T/2021/0197** 1 Old School, Askham, CA10 2PF resolved no objections  **Pending Responses from LDNP**  **7/2021/3157** Barn South of Helton Head, CA10 2QA  **T/2021/0146** Land Opposite Helton Inn, CA10 2QA  **T/2021/0150** The Old Inn, Helton, CA10 2QA | **SW** to action |
| 07/12/41  Helton Green | Following discussion, the council resolved to circulate a questionnaire to Helton residents to seek opinions on the grass cutting. | **MH** to action |
| 08/12/42  Tree Planting in Askham | Following positive responses received from a circulated questionnaire the council resolved to agree to the tree planting proposal. |  |
| 09/12/43  Car Parking in Askham | Following improvements to car parks in the village and when adequate signage is in place the council resolved to remove the excess no parking signs in the village. | **MH** to action |
| 10/12/44  Funding applications | 1. The council resolved to contribute £106.40 towards the Fellrunner bus service.  2. The council resolved to pay £56.00 for the newsletter to be printed.  3. The council resolved to contribute £500.00 towards the fitness equipment. |  |
| 11/12/45  Financial Report | The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation to the council before the meeting. The council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2020/21 update. | **SW** to action |
| 12/12/46  Budget | Following discussion, the council resolved to adopt the budget for 2022/23. The precept will be on the agenda for the next meeting.  Due to the re-organisation of local government SW and LH to find out if any future elections will be billed to parish councils. | **LH & SW** to action |
| 13/12/47  Payments of account | (i) The Orders for Payment were approved: Clerks Wages and Expenses £532.08; Stationery £10.41 | **SW** to action |
| 14/12/48  Queen’s Platinum Jubilee | The council agreed to investigate placing a beacon up the fell. LH to check with Barton PC regarding placement of beacon. Cllr Harker said there will be a tea party organised by the Community Hall Committee. | **LH** to action |
| 15/12/49  Financial Regulations | The council resolved to adopt the financial regulations. |  |
| 16/12/50  Correspondence | The Monty: MW gave an update on progress. Update to be included in village newsletter. |  |
| 17/12/51  Items for agenda and dates of next meetings | Monday, 24th January 2021 at 7pm at Lowther Village Hall  Precept  Askham and District Community Centre will be closed during January for re-decorating, **please note change of day and venue for the January meeting.** | **SW** to action |

**Meeting closed 20.20pm**