

ASKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 26th 2018

Present

Mr Lowther (in the chair), Mr Cann, Dr Smith, Mrs Harker, Mrs Robinson
 Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)
 3 parishioners
 Mr Slee (EDC), Mr Hughes (CCC).

79.1 Apologies for absence.

Mr Calland,
 Mr MacInnes (LDNPA)

79.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

Mrs Harker – item 7b – member of the Hall committee.

79.3 Minutes of meetings held on May 10th.

Having been circulated they were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed as such by Mr Lowther.

79.4 Chairman's report.

Mr Lowther had nothing to report.

79.5 Public comments and concerns.

A parishioner was concerned about parking in the layby near The Nurse's House and the bungalows belonging to Eden Housing which was preventing residents from using it. Eden Housing would be contacted for clarification of its purpose - for residents or general use.

Mike Johnston asked when a broadband supply would be installed in Helton. Mr Cann said that there had been problems with Lowther over the necessary electricity supply and that he should be contacted for assistance.

Mr Johnston also reported that the retaining wall below Helton green was in bad repair with fallen stones on the road. Lowther's estate manager, Mr Bliss, would be contacted.

79.6 EDC and CCC reports.

EDC – Mr Slee.

Now that a full time CEO was in place there would be a full review of services and committees.

CCC – Mr Hughes.

He would like to hear of any problems caused by Kendal Calling.

There was only 400.00 left of his grant allocation so any applications needed to be made quickly.

He had chased up the issue of blocked gullies but no action had been taken yet. The Helton junction had been reported but no action taken. He stressed that it was important to respond to the LDNPA plan.

79.7 Finance.

Bank balance at 29/7/18 11,248.35

Cheques issued at the last meeting countersigned by Mr Lowther after the meeting and cleared.

Mr Lowther signed the bank statement.

To be paid;- Clerk's salary 300.00

Payment was authorised and the cheque signed by Mr Cann and Mrs Harker.

New mandate forms had not yet been taken to the bank by councillors without a current mandate.

b) Grant application from ADCC for 1500.00 towards refurbishment of the small meeting room.

Information regarding the work had been circulated to the council by Mr Slee.

Following some discussion Mr Cann proposed that 1500.00 should be given. Seconded by Mrs Robinson and unanimously agreed.

No cheque was issued as the current cheque book was empty.

79.8 Updates.

a) Helton defibrillator.

Mr Calland had reported that it had been approved and installed and was only awaiting installation of the electricity supply. Mr Lowther would complete the memorandum of understanding and maintenance agreement. The insurance would be checked.

b) Footway lighting.

Mr Cann and Mr Lowther had discussed the matter but it was not dark enough at present to check where lights are needed. The first objective was to erect a light at Helton Cottage.

c) Interpretative boards.

Mr Cann had circulated draft content for the boards.

Notes for the boards from parishioners had been given to Mrs Robinson.

It was suggested that a phone app for information could be added to the boards. The Helton board would be put halfway up the hill.

There was co-operation with Lowther.

d) Village greens.

Mowing was being done and Mr Lowther would contact the farmer about the mowing of the top part of the green.

Parking on the greens was discussed as it was a problem still particularly when the pool was busy. It was agreed that discussion was needed over the use of the field adjoining the car park.

Dr Smith suggested that the council should carry out a health and safety risk assessment and this would be discussed before the next meeting along with the costs of event risk management for larger events.

e) Road safety mirror.

To be finalised when permission had been obtained from Lowther for installation.

79.9 Planning

New application;- 7/2018/3100 Keld Head Farm, Askham, CA10 2PG
Renovations to farmhouse.

Approval;- 7/2018/3008 Helton Cottage, Helton, CA10 2QA
Alterations and extension.

79.10 Data Protection Policy

The proposed policy would be circulated for discussion at the next meeting along with a privacy notice.

79.11 Councillors' concerns.

None reported.

79.12 Next agenda.

GDPR

79.13 Date of next meeting.

Monday September 24th.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

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