

ASKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 25th 2019

Present

Mrs Harker, Mr Lowther, Mr Banks, Mr Holt, Mr Whittaker
 Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)
 Mr Bowness (parishioner) Mr Hughes (CCC) arrived late.

Mr Lowther took the chair.

Mr Bowness was thanked for his work as mower volunteer.

88.1 Apologies for absence.

Mr Calland - away on business.

88.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

88.3 Minutes of meeting held on September 23rd.

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

88.4 Public comments and concerns.

Concerns had been expressed to Mrs Harker regarding potholes on the road below The Punchbowl and a blocked drain at Helton.

There were also concerns about large stones placed at the end of a parking bay on the green that were causing problems to residents. It was proposed by Mr Lowther, seconded by Mrs Harker and agreed that the stones should be removed.

Mr Banks, CCC Highways would be contacted regarding these issues.

Mr Holt informed the council that Hilltop Farm owners would need to place a skip on the green in the Spring. There were no objections.

88.5 EDC, CCC and LDNPA reports.

CCC and LDNPA not present.

EDC - Mrs Harker had nothing to report.

88.6 Finance.

Bank balance at 30/9/19 10,214.33

30/10/19 9,839.33

Cheques issued in September cleared.

LAA

Cheque issued to ADCC in May not yet cleared.
Mr Lowther signed the statements.

Accounts to be paid;- Clerk's salary	300.00
JC Leece - audit	35.00
T Holme -diesel	148.00
	483.00

Payments were authorised and cheques signed by Mrs Harker and Mr Lowther.

Bank balance following clearance - 9356.33

b) Financial report, budget and precept.

The half yearly report prepared by the clerk had been successfully audited.

It was approved.

The draft budget was discussed and approved. The precept was agreed at 6000.00.

Mr Hughes arrived. He reported that there were no road works scheduled for the parish in the near future.

88.7 Helton defibrillator.

The council had been informed by the First Responders that replacement pads for the equipment in Helton were necessary. A suitable supplier had been suggested and it was agreed that the pads should be purchased at a cost of 91.80 (VAT inclusive).

It was agreed that Mr Calland should be asked to fulfil the role of 'guardian' of the defibrillator.

88.8 Updates.

a) Interpretative boards.

Mr Lowther would contact Mrs Robinson and offer to proof read the text for the boards.

The art work had been finalised.

b) Mirror at The Cross.

Mr Whittaker had spoken to Mr C. Lowther who had agreed that the mirror could be put on his property and contacted LDNPA regarding whether planning permission was necessary. He reported that the mirror and fixing pole would cost 400.00 (excluding VAT). It was agreed he should pay up front and be refunded at the next meeting.

c) Parking issues.

Mr Calland not present to give a report.

LA

Helton Fell problems were ongoing.

d) Buses at Askham Hall.

Mr Whittaker had contacted Alba re. their buses reversing for long distances up the village and the problem has been resolved with buses now reversing at the bottom of the hill and driving up forwards.

88.9 Planning.

Permission granted;- 7/2019/3098 Setterah Park, Helton CA10 2QA

Engineering works associated with restoration of River Lowther.

7/2019/3110 Hilltop Farmhouse, Askham CA10 2PG

Double glazing in replacement windows and new rear door.

New application;- 7/2019/3135 Hilltop Farmhouse, Askham, CA10 2PG

Alterations to windows and doors on front and rear elevations. Internal alterations.

No objections were expressed.

88.10 Councillors' concerns.

No matters raised.

88.11 Items for the next agenda.

Risk management assessment.

Assets register.

Computer.

88.12 Date of next meeting.

Monday January 27th 2020

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

L. Haver

27/1/20.