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**Minutes of Allonby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2021.**

**Attendance**: Mr R Hart (Chair),Mr A Barnard (Vice-Chair), Mr G Browes, Mr A Jones, Mrs P Jones, Mr J Hanley, Mrs N Wingfield

2 members of the public were present – Ms Susan Anderson, Mr Tyler Hanley

Also in attendance: Councillor Tony Markley

**Clerk**: Mrs M Walker

**Apologies for absence**: Councillor Jim Lister

Prior to the meeting commencing proper, the Chairman asked that Matters arising not on the agenda be included on the agenda and also as a standard item Feedback from C.C.C. and or Allerdale B.C. be included. He also wished to congratulate the Clerk on behalf of all Councillors for her recent award on the Queen’s Birthday Honours List of a British Empire Medal for services to the community during Covid 19.

**Requests for dispensation** – none

**Declaration of interests** – none

**To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th May 2021**  – the minutes were agreed by full Council.

Public Participation Session – there were no issues brought to the meeting.

Matters Arising not on the agenda –

Councillor Alan Jones reported that his name had been missed off the report of the recent meeting between the Leaks Engineer and Councillors regarding the toilets. He reported that there was still an issue with the toilet block as water was still not coming into the urinals. The gentleman’s toilet would not be able to be re-opened until the matters was resolved.

Defibrillators in the village – The Chair had discussed with David Owen (HT at school) the responsibilities of looking after the defibrillators in the village and had suggested that the Parish Council take over the responsibility for all four machines. The North West Ambulance Service had been in touch with the Clerk and offered to check on a regular basis all of the defibrillators. The fourth defib was currently at the Chairman’s house and it was agreed that Councillor Pam Jones would ask the P.C.C. if this fourth machine could be sited outside Church. Councillors were in agreement for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility.

Bike Store – Councillor Barnard asked if the notice on the bike store could be extended as there was now a potential offer for someone to take over Solway Cycle Hire business.

Police and Crime Commisioner – Councillor Barnard had been in touch with Andy Miller (?) and Leanne Petit regarding the traffic speeding issues that we had. The data was not encouraging or bad enough to suggest that we would get any kind of traffic calming measures in the near future. There had only been two serious accidents in the last five years. It was agreed that Councillor Barnard should invite our new PCSO Nicola Rodney or Leanne Petit to attend a future P.C. meeting to discuss this issue. Councillor Wingfield stated that it needs to be made clear to all villagers that Parish Councillors were doing everything that they possibly could do to address the problem. The bus stop that had been vandalised was still waiting to be scheduled into the works.

Feedback from County/Allerdale: Councillor Tony Markley reported on the following

* The new Highways Information Asset Management System (HIAMS) will be launching on the Cumbria County Council website on Tuesday 29 June 2021. A demo was available for anyone that wanted to see it.
* New funding to go ahead for Maryport, to include better bus services etc.
* Environment Bid has been unofficially successful.
* Crosscanonby road end – stone ready to be delivered, license not yet granted. Work to start on 21st June. Road end will be closed for ¾ months but not sure whether cycle way will be closed.
* Local Government Reform imminent.
* Cycle Track from Allonby to Silloth to be opened next week.
* Business start up grants being issued.
* New Fish festival being launched in Maryport in August?
* Residents Week……..
* Campervan issue – mobile water units to be made available potentially.
* No response as yet regarding West End green concessions.
* Funding bid for flowers – money for Allonby from Hayley Bishop. Councillor Pam Jones asked if the church could bid for some of the money. Councillor Markley suggested that the Graveyard Committee rather than the Church should apply.
* Underspend on money from Cycleway – to be spent on improving disabled access, tarmacking gravel end towards Blud Dial and re-surfacing pot holes by the playpark. County was consulting with owners of properties by the park. Councillor Markley would be seeing Jo ? and hopefully make this happen. The Parish Council could simply not afford these repairs. If these repairs did not happen this year, they never would.

Beck – nothing to report.

Grass Cutting – Councillors had now received the cutting regime by Tivoli. Now that Tivoli had taken over Allerdales contract, it was in our hands to inform them what we wanted in terms of grass cutting and when. After much discussion, it was agreed to ask for a copy of a contract that we had never received and to ask in future that the grass cutting start mid April and be cut each month until the beginning of October, thereby cutting the number of cuts from 12 to approximately 7. This would release some money to be spent elsewhere.

Allerdale Council proposals for West End Green Concessions – Although the Chair had sent an email to Allerdale regarding our feelings on this, to date we had not received a reply.

Overnight parking in the village – The Chairman and Councillor Markley had raised this issue at various meetings they had attended recently as it was an ongoing problem in both Silloth and Allonby. We need clearer, larger signage. The Clerk had received a quote from Mike Taylor for some aluminium signs. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to go ahead and order the signs. She would also get in touch with either Jim Scott or Kyle Hillier to obtain some fence posts. Either Councillor Hanley or Simon Ringrose would knock them in for us.

Reports from Committees – Councillor Barnard informed the meeting that he hoped that Forum meetings would re-commence in July. He thanked Allonby Angels via the Clerk for their recent donation of £200.00.

Councillor Browes reported that the Village Hall Committee was meeting tomorrow. He remarked that the Village Notice Board need a refurbishment that he was happy to undertake. As no one seemed to have a key, the Chair asked the Clerk to contact Anne Bradley to see if she still had one.

Councillor Pam Jones issued her thanks on behalf of the Graveyard Committee for the recent donation of £100.00 and also thanks to Allonby Angels for their £200.00 donation. There was a large quantity of hay that needed collecting at the moment from the graveyard. Councillor Wingfield suggested asking Georgina and Councillor Hanley suggested asking James Williamson.

The Chair on behalf of the History Group thanked the Clerk (Allonby Angels) for the recent cheque donation of £200.00

Planning – All Councillors had received notification of the application for part use of Aden House as an Air B&B, Councillors did not have any objections to this.

Finance – The payment schedule was approved. The Chair informed the meeting that new pickers were needed for the Litter pickers as they had not been replaced in ten years. The Council agreed to a donation for these. The Clerk commented that we were still in limbo with regard to trying to find a new bank that would be fit for our purposes. The Unity Trust Bank had been suggested by CALC and all Councillors agreed to have a look at their website prior to the next meeting.

Correspondence – most correspondence was received by email and forwarded on to councillors.

A request had been received from Friends of Allonby Green for a donation. It was agreed that the Clerk should check when the PC last made a donation and if it was last year, then a donation of £100 was agreed.

The Clerk received a free periodical each quarter that featured news from Parish Councils around the UK. She passed it around for Councillors to view.

Four copies of the Solway Firth Partnership magazine had been received and were distributed to Councillors.

Website – a meeting was needed between our new website provider, Councillor Browes, the Clerk and the Chair. The Clerk agreed to arrange this as soon as possible.

**Items for next agenda**: As per this agenda including a standard item ‘Matters arising not on the agenda’ and ‘Feedback from County Council/Allerdale’

**Date and time of next meeting**: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27th JULY at 7.30p.m. at the Village Hall, unless otherwise notified,

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.