



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2024

Attendance	Action/ Decision
Councillors: A. Jones (AJ) (Chair), P. Jones (PJ) N. Wingfield (NW), J. Hanley (JH) and J. Potter (JP). K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT) Members of the public: Two J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)	
1/4/24 Apologies for absence None	
2/4/24 Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were received. No requests for dispensations were received.	
3/4/24 Minutes RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2024 as a true record.	
4/4/24 Public Question Time Two parish members were in attendance regarding the vacancies on the Parish Council.	
5/4/24 Clerk's Report JR reported that nothing further had been received from the External Auditors regarding the AGAR for 2022-23. The internal audit for financial year 2023-24 had been carried out with no issues raised. A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr S. Collier An update from Cumberland Council had been received regarding the discussions with the Parish Council. The comments regarding the toilet block, grass cutting and play park were noted. It was agreed to await further proposals from Cumberland Council.	
6/4/24 Progress reports for information a Car Parks – There were no developments to report regarding the car parks. b Play Park – A visual and physical check of the play park had been carried out by S. Ringrose. c Toilet Block – JH reported that he had cleared a blockage at the toilet block. AJ had completed the additional information required by the Zurich Insurance to provide a quotation for insurance. Despite several attempts, without success, to instruct a chartered surveyor to provide a figure for the reinstatement costs it was agreed to use the figure of £100,000. The application for capital improvements for the toilet block and play park were discussed.	It was agreed to set up a Working Group to discuss requirements for the play park.
7/4/24 Cumberland Councillor's Report KT provided an update on the issues within the parish during the meeting. KT reported that the Westnewton to Allonby road had been marked up for repair.	
8/4/24 Planning (a) Applications Received: None	



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<p>(b) Decisions: OUT/2024/0001 - Plot 1 & 2, Land adjacent to North Lodge, Allonby, CA15 6QQ Proposal: Outline application with access for two dwellings. REFUSED</p>	
<p>9/4/24 Finance</p> <p>(a) The financial report had been circulated with the agenda. This was noted by Members. Balance at 31 March 2024 - £10,614.41.</p> <p>(b) Income Received: Cumberland Council – First Instalment Parish Precept £8,400.00 HMRC – VAT Refund £1,780.67 received in the previous financial year</p> <p>(c) The following accounts were authorised for payment: P. Jones – Toilet Block Supplies £115.25 Clerk’s account April 2024 £201.05 HMRC PAYE April £46.80 S. Ringrose – Repairs/visual and physical check of play park £79.00 CALC – Annual Subscription £196.26</p> <p>(d) Asset Register – The updating of the Asset Register is still in progress.</p> <p>(e) Budget Forecasting – The financial accounts at the year end had been circulated. The budget will be monitored on a regular basis</p>	
<p>10/4/24 Correspondence for information</p> <p>CALC News</p> <p>Environment Agency – Allonby Beach Channel Reinstatement – The Environment Agency had informed the parish council that the works were planned for 2 April and will take no longer than 2 days to complete.</p> <p>Email from Cumberland Council regarding the discussions with Cumberland Council and Allonby PC</p> <p>Marine Management Organisation – Allonby Bay HPMA Workshop</p> <p>NALC Newsletter</p> <p>Cumberland Council – Consultation on Public Space Protection Order and Litter Champions Event in Cumberland.</p> <p>CALC – Banking is changing</p> <p>CALC – Public Space Protection Order Presentation</p> <p>Save the Date – Allonby Chalet Owners are organising a celebratory afternoon tea on Saturday 22 June</p> <p>CALC – Allotment questionnaire</p>	<p>Correspondence received was noted.</p> <p>NW agreed to pass the questionnaire to the Allotments Society</p>
<p>11/4/24 Noticeboard</p> <p>Members noted that S. Ringrose had carried out some repairs to the noticeboard at the bus shelter and AJ had revarnished the board. It was proposed that the Village Hall Committee be approached regarding their intentions for the noticeboard outside the Village Hall. The Parish Council would consider providing a match to replace the board adjacent belonging to the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>12/4/24 Allonby Bay HPMA</p> <p>NW reported that she had been unable to attend the online meeting on 15 April. Correspondence had been received from the Principal Marine Conservation Manager, Marine Management Organisation who are planning a workshop at the end of May to engage stakeholders to understand what activities are taking place and the potential management options.</p>	<p>It was agreed to await confirmation of the date in May</p>



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<p>13/4/24 Community Ownership Fund</p> <p>NW reported that an expression of interest had been submitted to the Community Ownership Fund. An application had been submitted for £135,000 for capital improvements at the play park and improvements to the toilet block plus £27,000 from the Revenue budget. The Parish Council is required to match fund the application by £27,000.</p> <p>NW had circulated to Members details of other sources of funding that the Parish Council can apply for.</p>	<p>Members to consider the other income streams available. It was suggested that letters of support from local businesses would help support the PC's applications. JP agreed to speak to the school.</p> <p>JH to obtain prices for fencing and drainage</p>
<p>14/4/24 Vacancies/Co-option of new councillors</p> <p>Members considered the expressions of interest received in the vacancies on the council. On the proposal of NW seconded by JH, resolved that Natalie Glencross be duly co-opted.</p> <p>On the proposal of AJ seconded by PJ resolved that Keith Appleton-Derrick be duly co-opted. The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council will be notified of the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. Collier.</p>	<p>The notice of vacancy to be displayed in the Parish and the RO notified.</p>
<p>15/4/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</p> <p>JH reported that a date is to be agreed for the work at the play park.</p> <p>JR to circulate a draft Safeguarding Policy</p>	
<p>16/4/24 Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 7.30pm.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.59 pm.</p>	