



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2025

Attendance	Action/ Decision
<p>Councillors: K. Appleton-Derrick (KAD), J. Hanley (JH), A. Jones, (Chair) (AJ), P. Jones (PJ) and J. Potter (JP)</p> <p>K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT)</p> <p>Members of the public: None</p> <p>J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)</p>	
<p>128/01/24 Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Glencross and N. Glencross.</p> <p>The reason for absence was noted and accepted.</p>	
<p>129/01/24 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received.</p> <p>No requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
<p>130/01/24 Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2024 as a true record.</p>	
<p>131/01/24 Public Question Time</p> <p>No members of the public were in attendance.</p>	
<p>132/01/24 Clerk's Report</p> <p>JR reported that</p> <p>Cumberland Council in conjunction with CALC are holding a Health and Wellbeing Conference on Wednesday 12 February in Wigton Market Hall. Parish Councillors are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>CALC had circulated details of a New Flood Warning Service that is about to be tested. Parish Councils are invited to register to help test the new service if in area that would receive flood warnings.</p> <p>CALC had provided information from Active Councils on moving to a .gov domain name. Although not mandatory at the moment Members agreed to consider having .gov domain and .gov.uk councillor email addresses in the future The issue with the current email system was noted.</p> <p>Guidance on events planned for VE Day had been circulated.</p> <p>A response had been received from the tenant of the Cycle Store advising he is in the process of updating his website with a view to commence trading from Easter 2025.</p>	<p>The tenancy agreement will be reviewed at the next meeting</p>
<p>133/91/24 Cumberland Councillor's Report</p> <p>KT reported that the work on the car park had been delayed due to funding issues.</p> <p>KT also reported that the deadline for applications for the Community Panel is 5 February.</p>	
<p>134/01/24 Progress reports for information</p> <p>a Car Parks – KT provided an update earlier in the meeting</p>	



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<p>b Play Park – Fund raising is ongoing. Play Area Inspection Report 2024 – Members discussed the Inspection Report and considered the recommendations.</p> <p>c Toilet Block – Members discussed an overdue invoice received from WaterPlus sent to a former Clerk. The invoice stated £441.69 was overdue and the debt is scheduled to be passed to a debt collection agency. The Chair had responded to WaterPlus advising that the parish council has no record of the account number quoted. Any outstanding invoices must be historic.</p>	<p>Agreed to instruct S. Ringrose to carry out the urgent repairs. It was agreed to order the matting.</p> <p>Agreed that a sensor is required in the accessible toilet</p>																						
<p>135/01/24 Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications Received: None</p> <p>(b) Decisions: FUL/2023/0233 – Old Mill House, Main Street, Allonby, Maryport CA15 6PJ Proposal: Conversion of vacant mill to a dwelling - GRANTED</p>																							
<p>136/01/24 Finance</p> <p>(a) The up-to-date financial report had been circulated with the agenda. Balance Unity Bank £17,957.01</p> <p>(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:</p> <table data-bbox="235 926 1019 1392"> <tr> <td>Clerk’s account December</td> <td>£198.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk’s account January</td> <td>£208.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE January</td> <td>£ 49.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments made</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>JRA Sim – (Replacement cheque)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eon (DD)</td> <td>£ 34.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£ 51.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K. Hetherington – Cleaning</td> <td>£304.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eon</td> <td>£ 35.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£ 52.03</td> </tr> </table>	Clerk’s account December	£198.19	Clerk’s account January	£208.04	HMRC PAYE January	£ 49.00	Payments made		JRA Sim – (Replacement cheque)		Grounds Maintenance	£300.00	Eon (DD)	£ 34.04	Water Plus	£ 51.62	K. Hetherington – Cleaning	£304.00	Eon	£ 35.77	Water Plus	£ 52.03	
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<p>137/01/24 Correspondence for Information</p> <p>CALC – Training January – July 2025 CALC – Help this Winter 2024 leaflet Cumberland Council’s Have You Say consultations CALC – Latest from Fells and Solway Community Panel CALC – Health and Wellbeing Conference CALC – New Flood Warning Service Testing CALC – Litter Campaign Cumberland Council – Youth Provision Cumbria Police – Fraud Prevention Newsletter Cumberland Council – Draft Council Tax Base figure Cumbria Police - Neighbourhood Policing Pledge</p>	<p>Correspondence received was noted.</p>																						



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138/01/24 Fund Raising KAD provided an update. An application had been submitted to the Lottery. An application is in the process of being completed to submit to the Fells and Solway Community Panel for funding towards resurfacing the disabled access path from the Play Park to the toilets.	
139/01/24 Noticeboard outside Village Hall No progress to report.	
140/01/24 Parish Plan No further progress since the last meeting.	PJ and JP agreed to look at putting together a questionnaire for residents to complete
141/01/24 Memorial Benches AJ reported that the partly completed register of memorial benches had been forwarded to Julian Smith at Cumberland Council for missing information to be added from their records.	No update received from Cumberland Council
142/01/24 Parish Maintenance KAD reported that he, together with volunteers from the village, had organised a clean up day. Projects include repainting the bus shelter, refurbishing the Welcome to Allonby sign and painting the fencing at the play area.	
143/01/24 Vacancy It was noted that no expressions of interest had been received.	Vacancy to be advertised in the Parish
144/01/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda None	
145/01/24 Date of next meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 February 2025	
Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.45pm.	