



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2025

Attendance	Action/ Decision
<p>Councillors: K. Appleton-Derrick (KAD), M. Glencross (MG), N. Glencross (NG), J. Hanley (JH), A. Jones, (Chair) (AJ), and P. Jones (PJ).</p> <p>K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT)</p> <p>Members of the public: Two</p> <p>J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)</p>	
<p>146/02/24 Apologies for absence</p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Cllr. J. Potter. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.</p>	
<p>147/02/24 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received and no requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
<p>148/02/24 Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2025 as a true record.</p>	
<p>149/02/24 Public Question Time</p> <p>A member of the public in attendance advised Members of their intention to site a fish and chip van on the land opposite Jacks Surf Barn. The member of the public further advised that they had consulted Cumberland Council Highways and businesses in Allonby. No objections had been raised.</p>	<p>Members responded that the land is not within the ownership of the Parish Council but had no objection in principle to the proposal.</p>
<p>150/02/24 Clerk's Report</p> <p>JR reported that:</p> <p>Cumberland Council had forwarded notification that a temporary cycleway closure (B5300 Allonby cycle track) had been put in place to allow Cumberland Council to carry out timber footbridge decking expected to commence on 6 February 2025.</p> <p>A request had been received from a resident of Great Clifton asking if they could pay for and install a memorial bench at Allonby in memory of their mother recently passed away.</p> <p>Notification had been received from CALC that the Government has launched a public consultation on 17 February in areas chosen for the Devolution Priority Programme. The consultation will seek views on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined Authority for the local government areas of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. The full consultation document can be found on the GOV.UK page https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution The cut-off date for the consultation is 11:59pm on 13 April 2025.</p>	<p>It was noted the work had been carried out.</p> <p>It was agreed the request should be forwarded to Cumberland Council</p>
<p>151/02/24 Cumberland Councillor's Report</p> <p>KT reported that the work on the car parks which had commenced this week is a temporary repair. In the next 6-12 months the car park opposite Twentymans will be resurfaced with tarmac. The entrances to the other car parks will also be resurfaced with tarmac.</p> <p>KT suggested that the Parish Council should consider applying to all the Community Panels for funding.</p>	



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152/02/24 Progress reports for information

The Chair had written to the Leader of Cumberland Council to suggest that a follow up meeting should be held to review developments subsequent to the meeting held on 19th February 2024. It was suggested that the following should be discussed:

The condition of the Car Parks;

Recommendations in the Play Area Inspection Report;

Mole infestation on the Village Greens;

Toilet Block Costings; and

Lack of action in implementing Lord Benyon's recommendation to the designation as an HPMA.

It was noted that a meeting had been organised for 7th March with the MP and representatives from Cumberland Council.

a Car Parks

It was noted that work had commenced on a temporary repair of the car parks.

b Play Park

It was noted that the urgent recommendations in the Play Area Inspection Report had been actioned including the removal of apparatus, repairs and part replacements to various apparatus, repairs to fencing and gate. A total of ten visits had been made to clear the mole infestation at the play park, the football pitch, grassed areas and overspill car park. The repair work is ongoing.

c Toilet Block

It was noted that the toilet block will re-open fully the weekend before Easter.

A new lock had been fitted to the store door.

The Chair reported that to-date a response had not been received from Water Plus in relation to the alleged overdue invoice.

Signage to be installed at the Play Park

153/02/24 Planning

(a) Applications Received: None

(b) Decisions: None

154/02/24 Finance

(a) The up-to-date financial report had been circulated with the agenda. Balance at Unity Bank £17,035.41 as at 9 February 2025.

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account February £209.09

HMRC PAYE February £ 48.80

Vicarage Field Caravan Park – Xmas Lights £ 36.98

Cumberland Council – Play Area Inspection £ 72.00

S. Ringrose – Repairs to Play Area £653.00

J R Cox – Repairs to Play Area £378.00

M. Grisedale – Mole Catching £380.00

Payments previously made:

Allonby Village Hall – 50% Clock Maintenance £129.00

Water Plus £ 52.00



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<p>155/02/24 Correspondence for Information Cumberland Council - Planned Cycleway Closure - B5300 Allonby Cycle track Cumbria Police Newsletter FREE NHS App Champion Workshops Sellafield Ltd - SL 2025 Beach Monitoring programme CALC Newsletter CALC Royal Garden Parties 2025 Keep Britain Tidy - Let Us Know How Your Council Will Support the 10th Great British Spring Clean CALC – Devolution update</p>	<p>Correspondence received was noted.</p>
<p>156/02/24 Fund Raising KAD advised there was no update to report. The outcome of the application to the Lottery is still awaited.</p>	
<p>157/02/24 Noticeboard outside Village Hall No progress to report.</p>	<p>It was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance until an update is received from the Village Hall Committee</p>
<p>158/02/24 Parish Plan It was noted that a questionnaire will be circulated to residents and is in progress.</p>	
<p>159/02/24 Memorial Benches AJ reported that a response from Cumberland Council is still awaited.</p>	
<p>160/02/24 Tenancy Agreement – Cycle Store Members reviewed the current tenancy agreement and RESOLVED to increase the current rent to £30 per week. An agreement would be drawn up for signature by the current tenant for a six-month period to be reviewed after the six months. The tenant would also be advised that the Parish Council require access to the metres in the store.</p>	
<p>161/02/24 Vacancy It was noted that no expressions of interest had been received.</p>	<p>Vacancy to be advertised in the Parish</p>
<p>162/02/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda The signage into the village and repairs/replacement of posts on the cycle path were discussed.</p>	
<p>163/02/24 Date of next meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 March 2025</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.41pm.</p>	