

DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

A. Austin
G. Franks
L. Hall

Also Present:

M. Johnson, Allerdale Borough Councillor
J. Lister, Cumbria County Councillor
J. Rae (Clerk)

54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Bennett, Dockeray and Storey. As the Chair and Vice Chair were not present Cllr Hall was elected to Chair the meeting.

55 MINUTES 18 JANUARY 2021

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 18th January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

57 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 18 JANUARY 2021

Cllr Hall advised that the blocked pipe on the Moor Row to Kelsick road and the broken corner sign at Kelsick road ends reported at a previous meeting are still outstanding.

58 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had requested to join the meeting.

59 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Allerdale Borough Councillor – Cllr Johnson reported on the following: the Workington Town deal had been awarded, £60 million has been given out in business support grants, the Borough Council has assisted with track and trace and with the supply of laptops in schools. Cllr Johnson also reported that the Local Government Reorganisation consultation is now live and since the last Parish Council meeting he had been elected Leader of the Borough Council.

Members recorded their congratulations to Cllr Johnson on his appointment.

Cumbria County Councillor – Cllr Lister reported that the County Council's budget had been agreed and the options for the Waverbridge/Dundraw road is still pending.

Cumbria Police – No matters were raised. The newsletter for the Wigton area had been circulated.

60 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

The Parish Council's financial position was provided for Members information. Balances as at 28th February, 2021

Treasurers a/c	£582.45
Business a/c	£710.00

(b) Payment of accounts: The following accounts were authorised for payment

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£259.39
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£ 48.20
Donation Granted to Solway Plain Magazine	£ 30.00

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that Mr. L. Hayton be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the parish council's accounts for financial year 2020/21.

61 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received:

HOU/2021/0050 - The Old Chapel, Dundraw, CA7 0DP
Installation of a 450 ltr above ground LPG gas tank No objections

(b) Decisions: None

62 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following matters were raised:

Pot holes on the B5302 near Waverbridge
Road surface breaking up B5302 Waverbridge to Moor Row

Cllr Austin reported that the drain on the corner of the Dundraw/Waverbridge road next to the Chapel has been crushed, caused by the school bus turning at this corner. Highways are aware of this issue and previously suggested kerbs should be installed. Cllr Lister was requested to follow this up with Highways.

Cllr Franks proposed that a letter be sent to the Assistant Director for Highways at the County Council suggesting that when the surveys are carried out on the Waverbridge to Dundraw road this should be for a minimum of 2-3 weeks and undertaken when lockdown restrictions have been lifted to get a true picture of the vehicles using the road. It was also suggested that the back road to Kelsick should be included in the survey.

63 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email.

- West Cumbria Friends of the Earth - Trees and nature recovery
- MP/CALC Planning Reforms - EPC2-21 - Model Design Code - NALC consultation briefing
- CALC - Note of the Allerdale 3 tier meeting January 2021
- Census 2021 - Your Questions Answered
- Cumbria Highways - Highways Customer Feedback Survey
- CALC - Face to Face Meetings
- CALC - Nature Recovery event 25th February
- CALC – Local Government Reorganisation Consultation
- CALC - Virtual Local Government Reorganisation Event - 18 March
- CALC Circular February/March

64 DONATION REQUEST

A request for financial assistance towards the production costs of the Solway Plain Magazine was considered by Members. RESOLVED to grant a donation of £30.00.

65 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The consultation on the four options put forward for Cumbria is now live and runs until the 18th April. CALC will be holding an online meeting on 18th March for the principal authorities to present their proposals as submitted to Westminster for parishes to consider before completing the consultation. Members were encouraged to complete the online consultation.

66 PARISH PLAN

No additional items were added to the plan.

67 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTUTE MEETINGS

Provisional meeting dates had been circulated with the agenda.

Members noted that the regulations that allow local authorities to hold meetings remotely apply to local authority meetings that are to be held before 7th May 2021. Without any further action from the government local councils must return to face to face meetings from May. It was agreed to monitor the situation and wait until mid April to decide on the date for the May meeting. This will depend on whether it is safe to return to face to face meetings or whether the regulations to allow virtual meetings are extended

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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