

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: J Stephens, N Harrop, R James, J Mattinson, K McMillan, K Armstrong, H Reb, E Trafford & S Langcake.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk) & G Oliver (parishioner).

- 1) **Apologies** - No apologies for absence were received.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st of November 2018.
- 3) **Public Participation** – Mr Oliver joined the meeting to provide an update on the proposed Christmas lights in the trees on the Avenue. He advised that a resident next to the phone box had offered to supply the power source from her shed. The 150m outdoor cable would stretch across the trees overhead and would not cross the road. There would be 240v through the cable. The approximate cost would be £400.00.

Mr Oliver left the meeting – 7.45pm.

At the chairman's discretion item 15 was brought forward to this point. The council unanimously agreed that in the circumstances they would be against the lights in the Avenue proceeding this year due to concerns in respect of the voltage (should be no more than 110v in public). Matter to be looked into for next year including costs to convert one of the lamp posts for use as a supply.

An objection email from Mr Gattward of High Close in respect of planning application ref no: 7/2018/2322 was circulated.

- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** – PCSO 5356 Smith advised on the following incidents reported; between the 29th September and the 9th November 2018, a compound was broken into in the Bassenthwaite area. During this incident building equipment and materials were taken. Police would like to encourage members of the public to keep all tools and materials in a secure outbuilding or shed. On the 12th November the Police received a report of a Fail to Stop Road Traffic Collision which occurred in the Bassenthwaite area. On the 27th November 2018 the Police received a report of a threatening phone call. Advice was issued to those involved. On the 1st December 2018 the Police received a report of a wallet being taken from a Hotel in the Bassenthwaite area. Police would like to remind members of the public, not to leave any valuables unattended.
An email from Inspector Gale advised that the 10 weekly meetings introduced last year are to be put on hold until further notice due to current staffing issues. The local PCSO and policing team can be contacted any time if there are any concerns or queries regarding the community.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) An email from Alan Bowe thanked the Parish Council for their cheque of £500 towards the grass cutting in St John's Churchyard in Bassenthwaite. He advised that there were many complimentary remarks regarding the tidiness of the area in the summer months.
 - b) An update email from Allerdale in respect of the transfer of Footway Lighting to Town & Parish Councils advises that work continues to take place between them & the County Council to establish ownership and numbers of lights; this should be completed by June 2019. Following

completion of the inspection and surveys, town and parish councils will be advised of the actual number of lights intended to be transferred. The proposal is to ask Town & Parish Councils to pick up the energy costs of the lights from April 2020 and the maintenance costs from April 2021. This phased approach should allow the Town & Parish Councils time to look at their budget provision in respect of the transfer of the footway lighting stock.

- c) An email from CALC advises that Town and Parish councils cannot be forced to take on footway lights from ABC. Parish and town councils are statutory local authorities and, as such, they will make a decision on any assets being offered to them when they (the parish/town council) has all the information it needs to make an informed decision. In the letter, Allerdale BC explains that it has not yet fully ascertained which lights it owns and it still has to complete the technical surveys of footway lights in the district. This is important as ABC must ascertain that the footway lights are in a fit condition to transfer to another local authority (ie the parish council). This will still take some time and until they carry out these tasks, they will not be in a position to formally engage with individual parish councils. However, Allerdale BC is making parish councils aware of its intention to enter into talks around transferring these assets at some point in the future.
- d) DEFRA is currently consulting on the purpose, governance and funding of protected landscapes such as National Parks and AONBs. This is a long overdue review and the deadline for responses is on 18th December 2018. There is more information on the DEFRA website.
- e) A letter from Val James on behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal thanked the parish council for their kind donation of £25.00. Donations collected in the delegated section of the village totalled £266.97, an increase of £60.00 on last year.
- f) The pads on the defibrillator have now been renewed with the old pads being donated to the Community heartbeat to be used for training purposes.

8) **Payment of Accounts & Receipts Received**

The following payments were considered & approved for payment;

(a) Clerk's Salary 01.10.18 – 31.12.18	£451.18
Expenses – (Postage 22.80 Printer Ink 37.73 Stationary 9.48)	£ 70.01
(b) HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£112.80
(c) Community Heatbeat (support 31/8/17 – 31/8/19)	£302.40

The following receipts received were noted;

(i) Rivendell – Wayleaves	£ 10.00
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- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 30th of November 2018 is £16,964.56 on all three PC accounts, the bank reconciliation as at the 30th of November and a review of the 2018/19 budget were all approved.

- 10) **Budget & Precept for 2019/20** - the budget for 2019/20 was considered and approved. It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 2019/20 be kept at £7350.00 as per the 2018/19 precept. It was advised that the CTRS grant had now been phased out.

11) **Planning**

- a) **Ref No: 7/2018/2291** - Proposed extension & alterations to Spa Bedroom wing to form new sitting areas to 8 no. ground floor bedrooms & new balconies to 6 no. first floor bedrooms - Armathwaite Hall Hotel, Bassenthwaite – **No Objection.**
- b) **Ref No: 7/2018/2322** - Kestrel Lodge, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, CA12 4QX - Variation of conditions 8 (no more than 30 tents) & 9 (winter period closure) on planning application 7/2015/2064 - Proposed conversion of farmer hostel building to 3 no. local needs dwellings and change of use of recreation field to 30 pitch tent camping site (using existing toilet

block) – **Objection** – *application exceeds the original planning permission, overdevelopment.*

- c) **Ref No: 7/2018/2312** - Armathwaite Hall Hotel, Bassenthwaite, - Extension to existing spa to form new external hot tub adjacent to existing hot tub – **No Objection**
 - d) **Ref No: 7/2018/2237** - Change of use of traditional building to comprise 2 no. holiday let units - Field Barn, Dower House, Scarness – **Withdrawn 30/10/18.**
 - e) **Ref No: 7/2018/2272** – Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2015/2199: relating to condition 5 (low carbon) and condition 7 (landscape) – Castle Inn, Bassenthwaite – **Complies with Conditions**
 - f) **Ref No: 7/2018/2231** - Change of use to erect eight prefabricated camping pods adjacent to Highside Farm with associated access, parking and drainage provision – High Side Farm, Bassenthwaite - **Approved 31/10/18.**
 - g) **Ref No: 7/2018/2198** - Proposed extension and alterations to spa bedroom wing to form new sitting areas to 8 no. ground floor bedrooms and new balconies to 6 no. first floor bedrooms – Armathwaite Hall Hotel, Bassenthwaite – **Approved 24/10/18.**
 - h) **Ref No: 7/2018/2299** – (Notification of Intention) - Steel portal framed building – Highmoss, Bassenthwaite – **For information only no comment required.**
- 12) **Highways** – an inoperative light on the Green is to be repaired tomorrow. After three years, the Underskiddaw/Bassenthwaite stone at Mirehouse has not yet been replaced, enquiries to be made with highways. The old dog bin on the Green has been replaced with a new bin on the side of the road the vehicles don't park. North of Dodd Wood cafe the drains require jetting.
- 13) **Reports** – no reports received.
- 14) **Hearse House** – an offer of £70,000 on the Church Room/ Hearse House has been accepted and is being progressed.
- 15) **2018 Christmas Lights** – discussed following item 3.
- 16) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 30th of January 2019.
- 17) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 7th of February 2019.

Thanks were given to all those involved in this year's Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, an enjoyable time was had by all.

The chair closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.