

# Bassenthwaite Parish Council

## Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

**Also Present:** E Clark (Clerk) & 4 members of the public.

- 1) **Apologies** – Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor) & Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor)
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th of November 2019.
- 3) **Public Participation** – Peter Winter a town planning consultant joined the meeting to gauge the council's reaction to the possibility of the owners of land opposite the parish room constructing a new dwelling for their use and a car park for the parish room. He was aware of the problems caused by the lack of car parking and that the parish room committee had in the past, approached local land owners about releasing some land for the use of a car park. He advised that he had had pre-application discussions with the LDNPA's planning officer at a number of sites around the village and that part of the field opposite the parish room was the preferred site. Proposal to be added to the February agenda so a full discussion and decision can be made.  
The prospective purchaser of Hearse House/Church Rooms informed the council he intended to live in the property once renovated.

*The members of the public left the meeting.*

- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** – No report received from PCSO 5214 Crome.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
  - a) A letter from Allerdale Borough Council outlines their proposal regarding the future of footway lighting in Allerdale. Their new proposals are; Town/Parish councils will be asked to pick up the energy costs of lights within their parish from April 2021 with approximate costs being advised by the end of February 2020. Costs will be based on an updated inventory of individual lights which were recently submitted to ENW. Lights no longer required can be removed or switched off. As and when fittings or bulbs need replaced they will be replaced with LED lamps which going forward will reduce energy costs. Allerdale Borough Council will continue to pick up the maintenance costs for the foreseeable future.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts & Receipts Received**

The following payments were considered & approved for payment:

(a) Clerk's Salary 01.10.19 – 31.12.19	£451.18
(b) Expenses – (Postage 22.14 Printer Ink 17.90 Envelopes 0.75)	£ 40.79
(c) HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£112.80

The following receipt received was noted;

(a) Green Farm Cottage – Wayleave	£ 10.00
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- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 is £17,298.00 on all three PC accounts. The bank reconciliation as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 was considered & approved.
- 10) **Budget & Precept for 2020/21** - the budget for 2020/21 was considered and approved. It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 2020/21 be kept at £7350.00 as per the 2019/20 precept.

- 11) **Planning**
  - (a) **Ref No: 7/2019/2254** – Installation of sewage treatment package to replace old brick septic tank – Birks Hill, Bassenthwaite – ***Approved by LDNPA 13/11/19.***
- 12) **Highways** – water is running across the road on the A591 between the church and Highside. A catch pite and drain at Park Wood need attention. Bottom of The Rake, water is coming out of a manhole. There are pot holes throughout the village and the Scarness road, over the bridge. School Road & North Row End have been swept.
- 13) **Reports** – no reports received from councillors who have attended meetings of other organisations.
- 14) **Bassenthwaite Youth Club** – as requested the council received the latest CRB check for the youth club leader and details of an account payee which was Bassenthwaite Sports Committee. These were both accepted by the council and it was agreed that the donation is intended to pay for parish room hire for Youth Club sessions only. The council approved a £100.00 donation and a cheque was signed accordingly.
- 15) **Hearse House** – documents for the sale of Hearse House, from Cartmel Shepherd, were circulated to councillors by email. Cllr Stephens & Cllr Harrop were authorised to sign the documents.
- 16) **Bassenthwaite School Community Playground** – an email from Bassenthwaite School asked for support from the council in order to try and secure a lottery grant to assist with the purchase and installation of play equipment which would be open for community use outside of school hours. Councillors were asked to complete a survey. The council unanimously agreed that they were wholeheartedly in favour and in full support of the scheme.
- 17) **The Village Green** – the council agreed to accept the quotation from Tivoli as it was the more competitive of the two quotes received. Clerk to request that the work be carried out as soon as possible.
- 18) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.
- 19) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.

*The chair closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.*