

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: N Harrop, R James, K Armstrong, H Reb & E Trafford

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk), Louise & Susie Smith (Kestral Lodge Campsite)

In Cllr Stephens absence, Cllr Harrop chaired the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Stephens, Mattinson & McMillan and County Cllr Bowness.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th of December 2018.
- 3) **Public Participation** – representatives from Kestral Lodge Campsite joined the meeting to make representations to the council to explain the planning application 7/2018/2322. It was explained that the site would remain the same size, use in the winter months would be minimal and the 5 small vans (T5 type) would be instead of 5 tent pitches not as well as, so the site would remain the same size 30 pitches. Nothing extra is being applied for just a slight variation. This application has now to be changed to just winter opening times as the pod/van section is deemed to be different rather than a variation. A new application would therefore be submitted to allow 5 very small camper vans (T5 type) instead of 5 of the tented pitches. It was stressed that they were very much a part of the community of Bassenthwaite and wished to work with the council and the villagers, they did not want overdevelopment, and they were renowned for being a small site where walkers could enjoy the natural habitat and environment.

Louise & Susie Smith left the meeting – 7.45pm.

- 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; There have been 2 incidents of note since your last meeting.

On the 28th of January 2019, there was a one vehicle road traffic collision on the A591 near Bassenthwaite. The road was icy due to surface water freezing. The road had to be closed to recover the vehicle and remained closed until Highways managed to get it gritted and re-opened.

On the 31st of January 2019, police received another report of a one vehicle road traffic collision due to ice on the A591 near to Bassenthwaite. The road was closed until Highways managed to get it gritted and reopened.

7) **Chairman's Announcements**

- a) The approved 2019/20 Council Tax Base for Bassenthwaite is £204.44. The estimated Band D council tax charge for Bassenthwaite Parish is therefore £35.95.
- b) Keswick Mountain Festival have the following events planned; Sat 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019 a Cycle & Triathlon Event, a road cycling event on Saturday 18th May – Tour of Skiddaw (Road Cycling), a short triathlon on the Saturday 18th May & on Sunday 19th May – Cocker Hoop Sportive.
- c) Allerdale Borough Council are holding the following election briefings for candidates, agents and clerks; Monday 25 February 6pm at Cockermouth Town Hall, Monday 11 February 6pm at Wigton Market Hall, Tuesday 12 February 6pm at Allerdale House, Wednesday 13 February

6pm at Keswick Quaker Meeting Rooms. Email electoralservices@allderdale.gov.uk or call 01900 702550 to register your attendance.

- d) An email from Above Derwent Parish Council advised that further to the meeting they held in December, a meeting with Steve Ratcliffe from LDNPA has been arranged for Wednesday 6th March at 7pm at the Church Hall in Braithwaite.

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

The following payments were considered & approved for payment;

(a) The Great North Air Ambulance	£ 50.00
(b) E.on – Xmas Tree Lights	£ 0.69
(c) Cllr James – Laminating Pouches	£ 7.47
(d) D L Electrical Services – testing tree lights	£ 25.00
(e) Steve Sowerby – 2018 Grass Cutting	£340.00

A request for a donation from Amy's Care to be deferred to the March meeting.

- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 31st of January 2019 is £16,028.17 on all three PC accounts, the bank reconciliation as at the 31st of January 2019 and a review of the 2018/19 budget were all approved.

- 10) **Grass Cutting Tender** – tender to be advertised in the Binsey Link and the current contractors Tivoli to be asked to quote.

11) **Planning**

A devolved decision by the clerk of 'No Objection' after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning application;

- a) **Ref No: 7/2108/2330** – use of caravan site not in compliance with of condition 5 of planning permission reference 7/2017/2030 – extension of opening season to 8 January – 8 February in any year – High Moss, Bassenthwaite - ***Approved by LDNPA 11/01/19***
- 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) – ***Approved with Conditions by LDNPA 18/01/19.***
- 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 – ***Approved by LDNPA 17/12/18***
- d) **Ref No: 7/2018/2299** – (Notification of Intention) - Steel portal framed building – Highmoss, Bassenthwaite – ***Approved by LDNPA 04/12/18***
- e) **Ref No: 7/2018/2304** – Siting of two shepherds huts to diversify the existing farm business into tourism – Barkbeth, Bassenthwaite – ***Approved by LDNPA 30/01/19***

- 12) **Highways** – the mirror had been cleaned at the chapel. Potholes are throughout the village, the Castle Inn to Ouse Bridge road and on the Scarness road. The North Row End road is rough with the North Road End road junction (A591) sinking. The drain at the North Road End & Bassenfell entrance needs cleaning, standing water is deteriorating the road surface. Between Castle Inn & Ravenstone, water is freezing on the road and causing hazardous driving conditions/accidents - the drains & catch pits need cleaning out. A shattered shade on lamp no.18 outside Orchard Cottage has been reported and the road sweeper has been requested.

The boundary marker stone at Mirehouse was fully discussed and it was agreed that highways be asked if they would grant permission and erect a new marker if the parish council decided to purchase & replace the stone. A parishioner advised that reference to the stone had been tracked down on the internet and it was not unique but was still a part of history and should not have been lost. Costings for a new stone would be approximately £187 for lettering and a plaque (£7.50 per letter) and a donated stone (gate stoop?)

13) **Reports** – no reports received.

14) **Hearse House** – it was reported that the purchaser, had suffered a serious accident and no longer wished to buy. For this non-sale the solicitor has billed £850 plus VAT. This is in addition to a previous bill for previous non-sales of over £1,000.

The PC has a liability for a tenth of these bills but excluding the part relating to proving that the Church Room actually belongs to the church.

Smeatons are now pursuing anyone who may have made offers in the past.

15) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 27th of February 2019.

16) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 7th of March 2019.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.