

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence received & accepted from Cllr Langcake
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th June 2018.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present.
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Stephens declared an interest in item 11 planning application no. 7/2018/2140.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** – PCSO 5356 Smith emailed the following report; the next 10 Weekly Parish Council Engagement Meeting will be held at Cockermouth Station on Friday 7th September 2018 at 7pm. On the 26/06/2018 – police received a report of poorly parked work vans on the A591 near the Bassenthwaite junction. Police attended and words of advice given. All vehicles were moved. On the 01/07/2018 – police received a report of cows on the road near to the Castle Inn. Police attended and the animals were secured back in a field. There were no other reportable incidents of note relevant to the council. Patrols are being regularly carried out along the A591 to assist with site security and prevent theft of plant.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) From 1 August the Lake District National Park Planning Department will notify all Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings of planning applications in their area by an email with a link to their website on the day the application is processed. If necessary, paper drawings can be received by post for a limited period but this will cease from the 1st of January 2019.
 - b) Grey squirrels can be reported to Jane Dallimore, a volunteer with the Allerdale Red Squirrel Group, her telephone number is 0746397926 and she is happy to come out and see any resident who has spotted a grey squirrel. Her role is to catch greys and kill them humanely.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payments were considered & approved for payment;

(a) Allerdale Borough Council – Annual Play Area Inspection	£ 67.20
(b) ISS – Grounds Maintenance (June)	£182.86
(c) Bassenthwaite PCC – Grasscutting 1 st Instalment	£500.00
- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 30th of June 2018 is £16,171.00 on all three PC accounts was approved. The bank reconciliation as at the 31st May 2018 was considered & approved.
- 10) **Cumberland Building Society** - the change of clerk's address for all future correspondence and authorisation to allow the clerk to request statements as and when required was approved.
- 11) **Planning**
 - a) **App Ref No: 7/2018/2124** - Removal of storm damaged shed & construction of replacement agricultural building – Sandhills Farm, Bassenthwaite. – **NO OBJECTION.**

The following applications were received after the issue of the agenda;
 - b) **App Ref No: 7/2018/2016** – Disabled access alterations to include new external & internal ramps & wc - Bassenthwaite Methodist Chapel, Bassenthwaite – **SUPPORT APPLICATION.**

Cllr Stephens was not party to the following discussion & subsequent decision;

c) **App Ref No: 7/2018/2140** – Alterations & extensions to dwelling - Trusmadoor, The Rake, Bassenthwaite – **NO OBJECTION.**

12) **Highways** – an email from the highways technician advised that he would add the pot holes in the village to the list and get them repaired as soon as possible following a site visit. He would also deal with the overhanging hedge.

It was noted that Burthwaite & High Side to Park Wood required attention. Tar spray had been carried out on one half of School Road and it was questioned whether it was finished or the other half would be done? The Castle Inn sign still requires attention (urgent). On the footpath in Burns field, just below the Parish Room a stile is broken. The bus stop sign still hasn't been repaired.

13) **Reports** – no reports received from councillors attending meetings of other organisations.

14) **Wayleaves & Rents** – it was agreed that the wayleaves & rents remain unchanged.

15) **Parish Benches** – currently no tenders had been received for the painting of the three benches, item to be re-addressed at the August meeting.

16) **Parish Play Area** – Cllr Harrop to replace the swings shackles and lift the swings by 4". A quote of £56.00 plus vat was considered for two new foot rests for the Springer - no action at the moment.

17) **Hearse House** – the following update report was received from the church warden; *the lawyers at Carlisle are in correspondence with the purchasers solicitors in regard to the lack of deeds and are producing statements for Mary Fell and me giving the best information as to the ownership in that like most properties that are church owned there are no deeds we are nearly there with this I hope. There would then follow the registration. Do I take it that the Parish Council have deeds? Various people have looked at the bier but no one knows its origin although it is believed it was given to the church by a member of Billy Craigs family when asked they suggested it was sold, I know nothing further. As and when I hear more I will come back to you.*

Cllr Stephens advised that he would visit the archives with regards to records/deeds for Hearse House. It was agreed that the bier be photographed and advertised for sale (ebay?).

18) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 25th of July 2018.

19) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 2nd of August 2018.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.15pm.