

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 7th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr Bowness (County Councillor)

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr McMillan & Cllr Grainger (Borough Councillor)
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd May 2018.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present.
- 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 5356 Smith.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) The Local Plan Review consultation opened on the 8 May & closes on the 29th of June 2018. The review is an opportunity to help shape the Lake District for the next 15 years. Consultation events will take place on Thursday the 14th of June from 3-7pm in Moot Hall, Keswick & on Thursday the 21st of June from 3-7pm in Bassenthwaite Village Hall. Join the events to find out more about the policies, development sites, to ask questions and find out how they might affect you.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payments were considered & approved for payment;

(a) Mr T G Moore (Signpost Restoration)	£ 990.00
(b) ISS (Grounds Maintenance – May)	£ 182.86
(c) Bassenthwaite Parish Room – Water Rates 01/04/18 -31/03/19	£ 116.71
(d) Bassenthwaite Parish Room – Rates 05/09/2017 – 31/03/18	£ 188.35
(e) Bassenthwaite Parish Room – Rates 01/04/18 – 31/03/19	£ 340.17
(f) Clerk's Salary (01/04/18 – 30/06/18)	£ 424.36
(g) Clerk's Expenses (Postage 27.55, Phone 1.28, Ink 25.86, Env 1.00)	£ 55.69
(h) HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 106.00
- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 31st of May 2018 is £18,120.25 on all three PC accounts was approved. The bank reconciliation as at the 31st May 2018 was considered & approved.
- 10) **Clerk's Salary** - The NALC recommended clerk's salary increase from the 1st of April 2018 was authorised. (New hourly rate of £10.301)
- 11) **Planning**
 - a) **App Ref No: 7/2018/2071** – Extension & internal alterations – Green Hill, Bassenthwaite – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS BY LDNPA 11/05/18.**
 - b) **App Ref No: 7/2017/2340** – Removal of 2 no holiday caravans and erection of clubhouse and boat/water sports storage building – Bassenthwaite Lakeside Lodges. – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS BY LDNPA 02/05/18.**

The following planning application was received after the issue of the agenda;

- c) **App Ref No: 7/2018/2055** – The pigeon House, Mire House, Underskiddaw – Fix outdoor clock to north face of Pigeon House – **NO OBJECTION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

- 12) **Highways** – Cllr Bowness advised that there was now a small fund available for the refurbishment of the Traditional direction signs & Milestones. Highways to be advised of any eligible signs including location & condition – clerk to action. Once an inventory is produced Cumbria Highways propose to commence restoration works gradually around the West area of the County. It was noted that should the parish council employ any contractors to cut the road side verges etc, they should ensure they are fully insured as the council would be liable if an accident were to occur. The removal of temporary direction/road work signs was becoming a major issue as contractors erect the signs but fail to remove them once the work is complete. The ‘HIMS’ system now shows how long a road is to be closed, how it is progressing etc. Cllr James requested that highways be thanked for resolving the pot holes at Winding Gate. There are numerous pot holes in the village that require urgent attention and in front of Rose Cottage (the one opposite Orchard Garth) the hedge has overgrown the footpath making it impassable. Dog fouling is still a major issue in the village, especially in the area of Cooper Dub, the Village Green & children’s play area, it was noted that loose/unaccompanied dogs were the problem. The sign post at Castle Inn requires attention (fingers move around in the wind).
- 13) **Reports** – no reports received from councillors attending meetings of other organisations.
- 14) **Cast Iron Fingerposts** – as discussed at item 12 and it was noted that a further donation of £200 had kindly been donated towards the refurbishment of the Chapel fingerpost. In total £900 had now been received.
- 15) **Parish Benches** – Mr Moore advised that if the bench made by the blacksmith could be removed and put in Mr Moore’s trailer he would restore it at home but if it was unable to be removed then he would have to decline to restore it. It was agreed that three benches required rubbing down & painting in situ; one at the Castle Inn, one at North Row and the Coronation Bench which overlooks the lake. It was agreed that the work be put out to tender.
- 16) **Parish Play Area** – the annual play inspection report had been circulated by email and it was noted that the top timber on the south beck swings was rotten and required replacing. The feet on the little springer were missing and required replacing. The swings were exceptionally low and the shackles holding the chains were rusty and required replacing. Other low risk areas noted concerning the swings to the north of the beck were the fixing pins in the mats need to be removed & there were no covers over the bolt heads. Work to be progressed.
- 17) **Hearse House** – Correspondence from Cartmell Shepherd regarding the sale of Hearse House was considered and it was agreed that a possible request from the buyer for a contribution towards a title indemnity insurance policy to cover the risk that the possessory titles are ever challenged in the next 12 years should not affect the council’s percentage share of the sale. It was also questioned what would happen to the bier that was currently stored there? The Chairman to contact the church on both points.
- 18) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 27th of June 2018.
- 19) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 5th of July 2018.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.