

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Bass meeting 128 **Draft minutes to be ratified at the Dec 2017 Parish Council Meeting**

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

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

It was noted that United Utilities had cancelled their planned attendance at the meeting and re-scheduled for the next meeting on December the 7th.

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr McMillan, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & PCSO 5356 Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2017.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present. An email from a parishioner regarding the replacement of the cast iron sign at the chapel advised that he felt it would be a real shame for the village to lose such an iconic item and asked if it would be possible for the parish council to ask if the County Council would be willing to gift it to the parish council, when replaced, or if it would be at all possible to keep it? He also advised that he would be very happy to look into funding options to restore the sign and then report back to the Parish Council. It was agreed to accept the offer of looking into funding, to confirm the finger post was still obtainable and ask highways to hold off making the new sign for the time being.
- 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 was not present at the meeting. An email from Inspector Gale advised that PCSO Smith was to hold a regular meeting every 10 weeks to which all the parish councils within her area of responsibility would be invited. This would mean regular contact with the officer and information would be provided on a real-time basis, providing the opportunity to ask any questions regarding specific incidents of note of concern. These meetings would be held on a trial period for 12 months. It was noted that the first meeting was to be held on Tuesday the 7th of November at 19.30hrs in the meeting room at Cockermouth Police Station.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) There is a Cyber awareness training session being held in Workington on Monday 20th November, in St Michaels Parish Church conference rooms. Places are limited and on a first come first serve basis so if you are interested in attending, then please let Lisa Elder know on: lisa.elder@cumbria.pnn.police.uk
 - b) UU have now commissioned Alba Travel to provide a shuttle bus service along the A591 during the Dodd Wood closure as the Stagecoach Bus service A591 will be suspended for the duration of the works. The current plan for the Stagecoach services is the 554 service from Carlisle would divert at Castle Inn via Wythop and the A66 to Keswick. Service X4 would divert at Ouse Bridge on the same route. Therefore UU will provide a service for a small number of passengers affected in the area from Mirehouse to Bassenthwaite with a regular shuttle bus service taking passengers from Mirehouse via Bassenthwaite village along the A591 to meet the 10.22am and 13.02pm, 554 buses at Castle Inn on Mondays to Saturdays to Keswick and meeting them on buses arriving back at Castle Inn at 13.48pm and 17.53pm.

- c) Cumbria County Council's Allerdale Local Committee has recently introduced an Inclusive Mobility Budget, which is used to improve accessibility on the highway to aid people with disabilities or mobility issues. Improvements are usually made by lowering kerbs at junctions and other appropriate points and/or the installation of tactile paving, to aid pedestrians crossing the road. The Committee would like to hear of any areas that the Parish feel would benefit from these types of improvements. Whilst timescales for each location specified cannot be guaranteed, all requests will be held on file and will be prioritised accordingly.
- d) The parliamentary Boundary Commission are consulting on their proposals for new constituency boundaries in Cumbria (6 constituencies go down to 5). The report includes specific comments about areas in Cumbria that will be potentially affected by the proposed changes. For further information and details on how to respond please see www.bce2018.org.uk.

8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payments were considered & approved for payment;

(a) ISS – Grounds Maintenance	£ 177.36
(b) Bassenthwaite PCC – Grasscutting 2 nd Instalment	£ 500.00
(c) Poppy Appeal	£ 25.00
(d) Senior Citizens 2017 Christmas Lunch	£ 200.00

9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 2nd of November 2017 is £17372.20 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. The 2017/18 budget was reviewed and approved.

10) **Planning**

- a) **App Ref No: 7/2017/2248** – Removal of existing farm building & proposed replacement cattle loose house – Low House Farm, Bassenthwaite – **No Objection**.
- b) **App Ref No. 7/2017/2042** - Engineering operation for the installation of a new sewage treatment plant and maintenance lorry pull in - Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite to Junction with A591 Kilnhill – **Approved LDNPA**.

11) **Highways** – the following highway issues were noted; there is standing water (1ft deep at times) across the Scarness road, there are two blocked catch pits at the bottom of The Rake on North Row, between North Row End and the Bassenfell entrance water in running onto the road, at the bottom of Winding Gate (Cockermouth side of the junction) the drain floods onto the A591 (different inlet required – open gutter rather than a grill) & in the area of Armathwaite Hall below the iron footbridge, towards Ouse bridge the drain floods onto the road. It was noted that the dog bin still hadn't been installed on the Scarness road. It was agreed that a request be made for the temporary 30mph speed limit at the chapel crossroads be made permanent.

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

13) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – the large oak chest belonging to the parish council was now situated in the Parish Room. Grateful thanks were given to Andrew Nicholls who has meticulously sanded and waxed the chest, restoring it to its former glory.

14) **Village Green** – following a full discussion on concrete/stone blocks being used to protect a drain on the village green outside the Methodist Chapel it was agreed that highways be asked for a solution to the problem or for them to position wooden posts as before.

15) **2017 Christmas Tree** – Cllr James advised that after 47 years he was to retire from his role of organising the Christmas tree and thanked everyone who had been involved in the supplying, transporting and erecting the tree etc over this time. Thanks were given to Cllr James and it was agreed that an item be put on the parish noticeboard asking for help with arranging this year's tree.

16) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 29th of November 2017.

- 17) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 7th of December 2017.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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