

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

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

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk) & two parishioners.

- 1) **Apologies** – Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor). Councillor Ewart forwarded his resignation which was accepted by the council.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd of October 2019.

- 3) **Public Participation** – a member of the parish room management committee joined the meeting to clarify the arrangement of the room hire charges to the Bassenthwaite Youth Club. It was advised that the youth club had had a year's free room hire and were now being offered reasonable rates which would take into consideration low/high attendances, with no charges when the group didn't meet.

A parishioner joined the meeting to discuss the village's road safety issues and the lack of clarity in respect of speed limits. Speeding vehicles on North Row were a problem as the nature of the road changes dramatically and a 60mph limit on School Road puts children at risk especially when they walk from the school to the Village Green. It was asked that there could be more clarity throughout the village.

Parishioners 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** – PCSO 5214 Crome reported that there had been the following four incidents reported to the police for area of Bassenthwaite since the last meeting; 1 theft of fuel, 1 fail to stop road traffic collision, 1 assault and 1 theft from an unattended motor vehicle.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) Keswick Town Council have advised that following a unanimous decision at a special meeting, they have sent a letter to the board of the LDNPA of no confidence in their chief officers. The no confidence was in view of their complete intransigence and disregard of the overwhelming views of the local population and wider community in respect of the Keswick and Threlkeld railway path.

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

The following payments were considered & approved for payment:

(a) Bassenthwaite PCC – Grasscutting 2 nd Instalment	£500.00
(b) Poppy Appeal	£ 25.00
(c) Senior Citizens 2019 Christmas Lunch	£200.00
(d) Cllr James – Laminator & Laminating Pouches	£ 22.98
(e) Tivoli - Replacement for lost chq no. 077	£191.99

The following receipts received were noted;

(a) Skipton Building Society – Annual Interest	£ 76.60
(b) Allerdale Borough Council – Precept	£3675.00

- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 31st of October 2019 is £18,035.98 on all three PC accounts. The bank reconciliation as at the 31st of October 2019 was considered & approved.

10) **Planning**

(a) **Ref No: 7/2019/2254** – Installation of sewage treatment package to replace old brick septic tank – Birks Hill, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection.***

(b) **Ref No: 7/2019/2275** – Installation of sewage treatment plant replacing old septic tank – Ravenstone Lodge, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection.***

(c) **Ref No: 7/2019/2218** – Change of use of traditional building to compromise 2no. holiday let units. (Resubmission of application 7/2018/2237) – Field Barn, Dower House, Scarness – ***Granted 23/10/19 by LDNPA.***

(d) **Ref No: 7/2019/2231** – The full electrical rewiring of Mirehouse & replacement of selective light & electrical fittings – Mirehouse, Underskiddaw – ***Granted 25/10/19 by LDNPA.***

11) **Highways** – Cllr James asked that a letter of thanks be sent for the renewed white lines at Scarness, repaired footpaths outside Orchard & Rose Cottage & the repairs at Burthwaite Bridge. It was noted that there were still potholes at Scarness and running water between Bewaldeth & Burthwaite Bridge and at the entrance of Bassenfell Manor. It was agreed that road signs/30mph areas throughout the village should be looked at, with special emphasis on School Road & North Row - Clerk to write to highways.

12) **Reports** – no reports received from councillors who have attended meetings of other organisations.

13) **Bassenthwaite Youth Club** – the council agreed to support the Bassenthwaite Youth Club by way of a donation. The club would need to be an organised group with its helpers being CRB checked and have a club bank account to which the council could make payments. Clerk to send a letter to the club organiser outlining these stipulations.

14) **Hearse House** – an offer of £40,000 for the Hearse House/Church Room was received and accepted by the council for the Hearse House part of the sale. It is now up to the DCC (District Church Council) to progress as they are the primary sellers.

15) **2019 Christmas Tree** – the council agreed to pay for the electricity costs, replacement tree lights (if required) and Pat testing for the 2019 Christmas tree.

16) **The Village Green** – an estimate of £850.00 was received for pruning the Lime trees on the Village Green. Further estimate to be gained from Tivoli.

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

18) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Thursday the 5th of December 2019.

The chair closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.