

# Bassenthwaite Parish Council

## Minutes of a virtual meeting of Bassenthwaite Parish Council held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm.

Bass meeting 156 **Draft minutes to be ratified at the March Parish Council Meeting**

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**Councillors Present:** J Stephens (Chairman), H Reb, N Harrop, R James, J Mattinson,  
K Armstrong & E Trafford.

**Also Present:** E Clark (clerk), Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor) & Cllr Grainger  
(Allerdale Borough Councillor)

- 1) **Apologies** – No apologies for absence were received.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st of October 2020.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no comments and representations from members of the public received.
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** – the monthly police newsletter was circulated by email.
- 7) **Chairman’s Announcements**
  - a) The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner & Cumbria Constabulary have launched their joint annual consultation survey. The survey can be found at;  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MROW5H/>.
  - b) Local Government Reform In Cumbria – Have Your Say.  
The campaign believes in replacing the seven local authorities in Cumbria with two unitary authorities, mindful of local communities, history and connections. The interests of Cumbria would be best served by having an Elected Mayor for Cumbria - providing a strong voice for our county at a National Level, where it is needed.  
If you would like to participate in the consultation see; [www.futurecumbria.com/have-your-say](http://www.futurecumbria.com/have-your-say).
  - c) The Lake District Local Plan is undergoing an independent public examination following its submission to the Government in August 2019. There is an opportunity to comment on the proposed Main Modifications during the consultation period commencing on **29 October 2020** and concluding at 5pm on **11 December 2020**. (full details circulated by email)
  - d) Following consultation, Allerdale Borough Council has decided to make a further Order to address the issue of dog fouling in the Borough. On 14 October 2020 the Executive concluded that there was sufficient evidence to make an order in the terms outlined in the original consultation, this included utilising the full available term of 3 years and the maximum fine available. Any instances of dog fouling can continue to be reported to Allerdale Borough Council using the MyAllerdale app, which will allow them to undertake effective enforcement.
  - e) A letter from the Keswick & District Community First Responders ask if the parish council would be willing to again help them with a donation of £60 which helps towards the cost of pagers for responders covering the area.

## 8) Payment of Accounts & Receipts Received

The following payments were considered & approved for payment:

a) Clerks Salary (01.10.20 – 31.12.20)	£451.18
b) Clerks Expenses (Postage 9.18, Zoom 14.39)	£ 23.57
c) HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£112.80
d) Bassenthwaite PCC – Grasscutting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	£500.00
e) Poppy Appeal	£ 25.00
f) Mr G Oliver – Cutting/Maintenance at Beck Edge 2020	£ 350.00
g) Waterplus Ltd – Water Trough	£ 155.01

Cockermouth Mechanics Brass Band - No donation approved.

The following receipts received were noted:

(i) Skipton Building Society (Interest)	£ 39.37
(ii) Allerdale Borough Council (Precept)	£3675.00

9) Financial Report - The balance as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 is £21,323.55 on all three PC accounts. The bank reconciliation as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2020 was considered & approved.

10) Budget & Precept for 2021/2022 – the budget for 2021/22 was considered and approved. It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 2021/22 be kept at £7350.00 as per the 2020/21 precept.

11) Planning – a devolved decision by the clerk after consultation with chairman & councillors on the following application was noted;

(a) **Ref No: 7/2020/2215** – proposed detached dwelling house – land adjacent to the Old Smithy, Bassenthwaite – *no objection from the pc*

The following planning application (for information only and not consultation) was noted;

(b) **Ref No: 7/2020/2257** – steel framed agricultural building – North Row, Bassenthwaite.

The following planning application was considered;

(c) **Ref No: 7/2020/2259** – replacement of existing window with timber framed double glazed unit, to match the existing style and design of the present window frame – Chapel House, Bassenthwaite – *no objection from the pc*.

The following refused planning applications were noted;

(d) **Ref No: 7/2020/2183** – Erection of an agricultural steel portal framed building – North Row Bassenthwaite.

(e) **Ref No: 7/2020/2198** – Conversion of former milking parlour to form local needs dwelling – Mireside, Bassenthwaite.

(f) **Ref No: 7/2020/2215** – proposed detached dwelling house – land adjacent to the Old Smithy, Bassenthwaite.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

(g) **Ref No: 7/2020/2211** - Proposed dormer windows & conversion of garage first floor to self-contained annexed accommodation – Mandalay, Bassenthwaite.

12) Highways – thanks to be forward to highways for all the excellent re-surfacing work that's been carried out in the village. The following highway issues were reported; there is a catch pit blocked outside Rose Lea on Cooper Dub. Water is running across the road at North Row farm and the drain is blocked on that side of the road. Park Wood & Burthwaite (Past Burthwaite Farm) are in a terrible state and require urgent repairs. A drain on the Rake (up from Sunny Brae) has sunk and all catch pits and drains require cleaning out. Low trees on the Ireby road still require attention. A few residents on the Orchard have voiced their concerns about the new resurfaced road possibly causing their gardens to flood in heavy rain. An email from Luke Charlton (Highways Dept) confirmed that

the re-surfacing works had been designed in a way which reduces the ability of water to stand on the carriageway; this involved raising the tarmac on the kerblin, which reduces the risk of flooding. If at any point this does become an issue, which hopefully it won't, the parish council should inform Highways.

- 13) **Ash Trees in the Parish** - it was discussed that a young ash tree near the wooden bridge was suffering from Ash Dieback. As the tree is small it could be easily cut down. It was agreed that Cllr Stephens cut down the said tree.
- 14) **Working Together Service** – due to covid the working together scheme was currently on hold.
- 15) **2020 Christmas Tree** – this year's Christmas tree to go ahead as normal. Clerk to complete the relevant E.on form; dates being from the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2021. Usual PAT test required.
- 16) **Bassenthwaite Sign** – currently awaiting further comments from the Parish Room Committee.
- 17) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2021.
- 18) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

*The chair closed the meeting at 8.02pm*