

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** – Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr Stephens, Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor) & Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor)
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th of December 2019.
- 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** – An email from Inspector Gale of Cumbria Constabulary advised that in the future the parish council would be provided with a Newsletter update for the meeting, which will keep the parish council up to date with engagements undertaken in the community as well as any relevant crime prevention advice. The Newsletters will provide information from the relevant Neighbourhood Policing Teams as well as the Local Focus Hubs, including updates from their partners. This new format will be rolled out across the County and it is hoped that the parish council will find it useful and informative. This change means less administration for the PCSO's and Problem Solving team, meaning they can spend more time in the community.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) The approved 2020/21 Council Tax Base for Bassenthwaite is £205.77. The estimated Band D council tax charge for Bassenthwaite Parish is therefore £35.72.
 - b) Allerdale Borough Council are in the process of developing a four year Delivery Plan that sets out how they will deliver against the priorities set out in their Council Strategy 2020-2030. This consultation provides everyone an opportunity to review and comment on an early draft of the plan consultation on <https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/allerdale-borough-council/council-strategy-delivery-plan-2020-24/>. The consultation closes on the 3rd of March 2020.
 - c) Police & Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall is asking the people of Cumbria to help maintain and improve policing services through supporting his consultation, which proposes an increase in the policing part of the council tax. The proposal is that the policing part of the council tax is increased by 3.5% which would equate to just over 74p a month increase for a Band D property. For further information and a link to the survey please see; <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7T1GF/>
 - d) Thanks were given to Edward and Thomas Trafford for the Christmas tree and to all those who helped set up the tree, it is very much appreciated.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts & Receipts Received**

The following payments were considered & approved for payment:

a) The Great North Air Ambulance – Donation	£ 50.00
b) Tivoli – Trimming of Lime Trees	£780.00
c) Steve Sowerby – Grass Cutting	£360.00
d) D L Electrical Services – Xmas Lights Tested	£ 30.00

- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 31st of December 2019 is £16,593.23 on all three PC accounts. The bank reconciliation & the 2019/20 budget as at the 31st of December 2019 was considered & approved.
- 10) **Planning**
- a) **Ref No: 7/2020/2008** – Replacing small lean-to the front of the manor house with a two storey extension, to allow for a private access and stairwell to the first floor staff apartment – Alterations to the existing landscaping drive and parking to create more parking spaces – Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection***
 - b) **Ref No: 7/2020/2011** – Rear & front single storey extensions to provide additional living – Dalton Cottage, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection***
 - c) **Ref No: 7/2020/2014** – Replacement of a single-storey conservatory on the south east elevation of the property – Yew Tree, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection***
 - d) **Ref No: 7/2020/2010** – Installation of sewage treatment package to replace old brick septic tank – Birks Hill, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection***
 - e) **Ref No: 7/2020/2017** – Conversion of existing barn to dwelling and new detached garage and workshop – North Row Old Barn, Bassenthwaite – ***No Objection***
 - f) **Ref No: 7/2020/2009** – The proposals are to convert the existing boathouse into a reception and office space for staff on the ground floor and an apartment on the first floor. The proposals also seek to extend the boathouse to create lavatories, and a kit store and a carport below – Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite, to Junction with A591 at Kilnhill – ***No Objection***
 - g) **Ref No: 7/2019/2275** – Installation of sewage treatment plant replacing old septic tank – Ravenstone Lodge, Bassenthwaite – ***Approved by LDNPA 28/11/19***
 - h) **Ref No: 7/2019/2113** – Proposed relocated access road – Bassenfell Lodge, Bassenthwaite – ***Approved by LDNPA 18/12/19.***
- 11) **Highways** – the following highway issues were noted; Park Wood was in need of urgent repairs, North Row End is rough, water is still running at the entrance of Bassenfell Manor. Water running across North Row at the bottom of The Rake has been investigated by highways and it has been determined that there is a collapsed pipe which requires replacing. A works ticket will be made in preparation for installation of a new section of drain at the start of the new financial year. There are pot holes from Mandalay to High Side, Armathwaite Hall to Ouse Bridge, on the Robin Hood Road and throughout the village.
- 12) **Reports** – no reports received from councillors who have attended meetings of other organisations.
- 13) **Hearse House** – an email from Cartmell Shepherd advised that the sale of the Church Room & Hearse House had been completed on the 23rd of December. The parish council authorised Cllr Harrop to sign the Land Registry consent form to transfer ownership of the Hearse House.
- 14) **VE Day Celebration** – it was noted that the parish councils insurance policy would automatically cover the proposed VE Day event at no additional fee.
- 15) **Grass Cutting Tender** – it was agreed that the 2020 grass cutting tender be advertised in the Binsey Link & on the Parish Noticeboards.
- 16) **Councillor Vacancy** – Allerdale Borough Council advised that no request to hold an election had been received so the council should as soon as practicable co-opt to fill the vacancy. Position to be advertised on the parish noticeboards and in the Binsey Link.

- 17) **Cumberland Parish Historic Books** – it was noted that two historic books that contribute to the history of the parish had been donated to the parish council by a parishioner. It was agreed that a loan system be set up to allow the books to be borrowed and studied.
- 18) **Parish Room Car Park** – following a full discussion on the prospect of the owners of the land opposite the parish room constructing a new dwelling for their use, and a car park for the parish room, the council agreed that they would like to enter into talks in respect of this proposal.
- 19) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 26th of February 2020.
- 20) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Thursday the 5th of March 2020.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.05pm