

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room on Thursday 2nd June 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor) Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor) & PCSO Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2016.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present.
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** - No interests were declared.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5356 Smith forwarded the following report; there have been 2 incidents reported to the Police for the area of Bassenthwaite since the last meeting. An overview of one of the incidents is; it was reported that a vehicle was being driven erratically on the A66 near Bassenthwaite. Patrols stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver about their behaviour. Appropriate action was taken. It was also noted that a new web-site was up and running where you can find general advice and information on how to deal with some situations, and who would be best to contact to assist with them. www.cumbria.police.uk/services. Crime prevention advice over the summer months, advised the following; please be vigilant where you park your vehicle, ideally park in well used car parks and try to avoid parking in laybys in isolated locations. Please remove all belongings including tell-tale signs such as satellite navigation / iPod cables. Keep an eye on your oil storage tank, make regular checks on the level of oil and make sure any filling caps are secure. There are specialist alarms that can be fitted to alert the householder of any tampering to the tank or a sudden drop in the level of oil. Cyclists are advised to secure their cycle at all times to an immovable object. There have been instances where cyclists have popped into toilets or into a café and on returning to where they left their cycle, it has been stolen. Think about registering your bike through the Bike Register scheme, ask your local PCSO for details.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) An update on the United Utilities Legacy list, the future management of the fund, some thoughts around what the key criteria for the legacy fund could be were discussed and the initial thoughts were; The fund will target projects that deliver long term social / economic benefits to the area (which can also indirectly benefit the environment). Provision to unlock capital investment from other providers such as grant funding. A decision making panel – made up of a cross section of representatives from the area affected. The fund will be active and open from April 2017. The Steering Group is due to reconvene post the planning decision for the West Cumbria pipeline project, which is programmed to be September 2016.
 - b) A pilot event of the Mighty Corinthian longest vintage cycling event in the world will be passing through the area on the 26th of June. As this is a pilot year, the riders will be highly dispersed so no disruption is expected.

c) Cumbria County Council & the Environment Agency will be holding a public meeting to deliver their draft report and proposals for future flood resilience in Cockermouth on the 6th of June 2016 at 5pm in Christ Church, Cockermouth.

8) Payment of Accounts – the following payments were approved for payment:

- a) E Clark Salary 01.04.16 – 30.06.16
- b) E Clark Expenses (calls 1.34, Postage 22.87, Stationary 23.49) £ 47.70
- c) E Bell – Internal Auditor £ 25.00
- d) HM Revenue & Customs –PAYE £106.00

On behalf of the Parish Room Committee, Cllr Reb thanked the parish council for the payment of the Business & Water Rates.

9) Receipts Received - the following receipt received was noted;

HM Revenue & Customs – Vat Repayment £207.70

10) Financial Report - The balance as at the 2nd of June 2016 is £17,654.25 on all three PC accounts – *Approved.*

11) Planning

- a) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2125** – Conservatory & garage extension to existing detached bungalow – North Downs, Bassenthwaite, CA12 4RL. – **No Objection.**
- b) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2070** – Provision of agricultural shelter - Land to the North of Mireside, Bassenthwaite - **Granted by LDNPA on 11/05/16.**

The following was received from the LDNPA after the issue of the agenda & it was noted that it was for information only as the parish council were not required to consult on this type of application;

- c) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2140** – Lawful Development Certificate – use of single dwelling house as self-catering holiday cottage.

12) Reports – no meetings attended by councillors since the last parish council meeting.

13) Annual Parish Meeting – it was noted that items raised at the meeting were the deterioration of the beck side, the damaged wooden bridge and a parish defibrillator. Adrian Bacon of the Environment Agency advised that he could offer a price for the repair of the Beck side as it could be carried out when the beck was dredged, price to follow. The wooden bridge was to be repaired but it was unsure when. Clerk to question when it would be rectified and if it had been checked for safety.

14) Telephone Box Defibrillators – an update from Allerdale Borough Council outlining the council's decision following consultation on the telephone box was unclear. It was noted that the clerk had contacted John Sherlock of BT and Allerdale to clarify the matter but had not received a reply from either. Clerk to progress for next meeting.

15) Highways – Cllr James advised that highways had been carrying out patching at Park Wood, Scarness and Winding Gate and they were aware of The Rake. It was thought that the mirror had been cleaned at Bass Chapel, there was no update on the finger sign and around five or six more parishioners had raised concerns about the parked cars at the junction. It was agreed that Cllr Stephens draft a letter to the residents concerned and PCSO Smith be re-notified of the problem and asked to supply an update.

16) Signage at Kestral Lodge - an email from Kestral Lodge asked if the parish council had removed a slate sign from a private wall (put there with the owner's permission) as it had mysteriously disappeared. It was also advised that a new sign had now been erected inside the owner's property.

All councillors stated they were unaware of what had happened to the missing sign with the majority not knowing the sign was even there.

- 17) **Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan** – no comment required.
- 18) **LDNPA Local Plan** – no comment required.
- 19) **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – confirmation from Allerdale’s Democratic Services advised that the parish council could now co-opt to fill the vacancy. Vacancy to be advertised on the parish noticeboards & website.
- 20) **Wayleaves & Rents** – the list of wayleaves were approved and it was agreed that there would be no rent increase.
- 21) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – Cllr Stephens reported that the grant application had been passed at the BIG Lottery regional level and was now at the national level for the final decision, with the conclusion being notified in July. Zurich Insurance advised the following with regards to the period between demolishing & re-build of the parish room; *the contractor will advise or arrange any cover that is required. Normally, there is a need for a work in progress policy under a JCT reference and this policy can be arranged either by the contractor or yourselves. From the period of demolition to rebuild, we would not need to insure the building in its current format. The decision over who takes out the policy would be dependent on the JCT reference and the contractor would advise.*
- 22) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 20th June 2016.
- 23) **Date of Next Meeting** - it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 7th of July 2016.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm