

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 6th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: J Stephens, N Harrop, R James, H Reb & E Trafford.

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

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Armstrong.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th of May 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** – No report received.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) The next CALC three-tier meeting will be the summer meeting held on the 11th of July in Cockermouth Town Hall, agenda to follow.
 - b) Geoff Davies was the only nomination received for the election of a parish member to the Northern District of the LDNPA. There will therefore be no need for an election as Geoff will go forward to the Secretary of State for appointment.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts**

The following payments were considered & approved for payment;

(a) Tivoli (Grounds Maintenance – May)	£191.99
(b) Cllr R James (A4 Laminating Pouches)	£ 3.87
(c) Clerk's Salary (01/04/19 – 30/06/19)	£451.38
(d) Clerk's Expenses (Postage 24.25, 1&1 23.98 Ink 15.67, auditor mileage 2.70)	£ 66.60
(e) HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£112.60
- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 31st of May 2019 is £16941.90 on all three PC accounts and the bank reconciliation as at the 31st of May 2019 was reviewed & approved.
- 10) **Planning**
 - a) **Ref No: 7/2019/2031** – Proposed single storey porch extension & dormer extension – Brookfield, Bassenthwaite – *Approved with Conditions by LDNPA 09/05/19*
- 11) **Highways** – it was advised that the farm gateways on School Road where being utilised as parking places when the parish room car park was full, this was causing problems as they were passing places. It was agreed that signs be displayed in these areas stating: 'No Parking, Passing Place'. Cllr Bowness advised that County Councillors were to be asked to vote on a 50mph speed limit from Thursby to Peter Lane roundabout. This would be very expensive and to what gain? It was suggest that Orton Grange to Peter Lane would be a better plan. Two highway engineers have been in the village marking up the roads for repairs. Clerk to enquire when these repairs are to be carried out and request urgent, dangerous pot holes be repaired as soon as possible. North Row End is in a terrible state and the old cast 'Bassenthwaite Village' sign requires maintenance. The branches on the Beech tree on The Green require trimming – Cllr James to complete. High grass at the Castle Inn junction is causing poor visibility.

- 12) **Reports** – no report received
- 13) **Councillor Vacancy** – it was noted that there was currently one parish councillor vacancy. Vacancy to be advertised on the parish noticeboards.
- 14) **Parish Play Area** – the annual play inspection report advised that the cross beam on the swings by the ford was starting to rot and the two swings were too close together by modern regulations. It was agreed that the cross bar be replaced. The mats need raised, cleaned and re-laid and the fixing pins are to be removed. The nuts on the swings at Beck Side were reported to be loose – to be tightened. It was noted and agreed that the play area should be inspected every month (by a councillor) and then reported on at the next meeting.
- 15) **Hearse House** – there have been three offers for Hearse House/ Church Room and following advice from Smeatons a cash offer has been verbally accepted.
- 16) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 26th of June 2019.
- 17) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Thursday the 4th of July 2019.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.05pm.