

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr James, Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor) & PCSO 5356 Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2017.
- 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** - PCSO 5356 Smith was not present at the meeting. The clerk advised that the police crime website was still not up to date (only up to July) so could not yet be utilised.
- 7) **Chairman’s Announcements**
 - a) The next Lake District National Park Parish Forum will be held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Brathay Room, Ambleside Parish Centre, Ambleside, LA22 9DH.
 - b) The West Cumbria Bus Users Group Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday the 31st October 2017 at the Bradbury Independent Living Centre Workington. The AGM is particularly looking at community transport and current funding opportunities. The group would be pleased if parishes were able to send a representative and share ideas.
 - c) The CALC Executive is pleased to invite all parish and town councils to send delegates to the 43rd AGM of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils on Saturday 18th November 2017 at the Carlisle Race Course at 10.30 a.m. This year the guest speaker is Mr Peter McCall, Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner. Mr McCall will set out his plans and priorities for policing in Cumbria, including community policing and what he sees as the role of communities in this process.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payment was considered & approved for payment;

ISS – Grounds Maintenance	£ 177.36
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- 9) **Receipts Received** - the following receipts received were noted;

Allerdale Borough Council - Precept 2 nd Instalment	£3704.33
Chestnuts – Wayleave	£ 10.00
- 10) **HSBC ‘BIG’ Account** – it was resolved that the HSBC ‘BIG’ Account be closed and the Skipton Building Society interest be transferred from that account into the Cumberland Building Society current account. Skipton Building Society to be advised in writing that any future interest should be transferred into the Cumberland Building Society current account. The clerk advised that Allerdale Borough Council had mistakenly credited the PC’s account with Aikton Parish Council’s precept – transfer form signed to resolve the error.
- 11) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 5th of October 2017 is £18274.33 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. The bank reconciliation as at the 30th September 2017 – *Approved*.

12) Planning

App Ref No: 7/2017/2217 - Amendments to an approved water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria (ref 7/2016/2027): Bridge End, Thirlmere - revised water connection, including extended compensation flow channel, revised layout and extension of working area. St. John's Beck – extension of working area. Smaithwaite – realignment of pipeline and extension of working area. Naddle Valley – realignment of pipeline. Castlerigg – proposed tunnel, tunnel shafts, contractors' compound and temporary access tracks. Chestnut Hill - realignment of approved pipeline to the east of A591. Chestnut Hill – amendments to temporary construction accesses from the A591 onto the working area. Sheepdog Field, Keswick – extension of working area. Bassenthwaite – realignment of pipeline. Isel, Blindcrake – extension of working area. – Bridge End Water Treatment Works, Keswick – **Cllrs unanimously agreed to support this application.**

13) Highways – the following highway issues were noted; there is a hole outside the Sun Inn (where the stop tap is), at Pooley Beck on the low side of the second bridge there is a large hole on the grass verge and on the Scarness road the road side verges are deteriorating due to the increase in the 2-way traffic and vehicles are at risk of becoming stuck when pulling onto them. It was questioned if/when the planned one way system would be implemented. Cllr Harrop advised that resolving the uneven flagstones issue was ongoing. A number of flags had been lifted and re-bedded, with a few more to complete. It was noted that tree roots had lifted the flagstones so these roots had now been removed. An email from United Utilities stated that as the A591 at Dodd Wood is to be closed, Stagecoach have confirmed that they will be suspending the bus services along the route for the duration of the closure. United Utilities however, intend to fund a replacement shuttle service and the details are; the Service 554 from Carlisle would divert at Castle Inn via Wythop and the A66 to Keswick. Service X4 would divert at Ouse Bridge on the same route. Therefore UU would like to provide a solution from a local company for a small number of passengers affected in the area from Mirehouse to Bassenthwaite with a regular taxi/shuttle bus service taking passengers from Mirehouse via Bassenthwaite village along the A591 to meet the 10.22am and 13.02pm, 554 buses at Castle Inn on Mondays to Saturdays to Keswick and meeting them on buses arriving back at Castle Inn at 1348 and 1753.

Councillors agreed that United Utilities proposal was acceptable.

14) Reports – Cllr Stephens reported that he was unable to attend the last Derwent 7 meeting; it had not been quorate so did not go ahead. Given the very low attendance at recent meetings, the future of the group was uncertain and at this stage no future meeting dates had been set.

15) Parish Room Refurbishment – Cllr McMillan reported that tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery etc were being purchased and a table tennis table, badminton and a new bowls mat were being looked at. The drinks licence had been applied for & a grand opening had been planned for the 14th of October.

16) Village Green – concrete/stone blocks being used to protect a drain on the village green outside the Methodist Chapel were considered and it was agreed that the legality/responsibility be looked into before a decision be made.

17) 2017 Christmas Tree – it was unanimously agreed that this year's parish Christmas tree should go ahead as customary.

18) Senior Citizens Lunch – Cllr Stephens proposed, Cllr Harrop seconded with all other councillors unanimously in favour that £200 be donated towards the senior citizens' lunch.

19) Items for next Agenda - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 25th of October 2017.

20) Date of Next Meeting – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 2nd of November 2017.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.